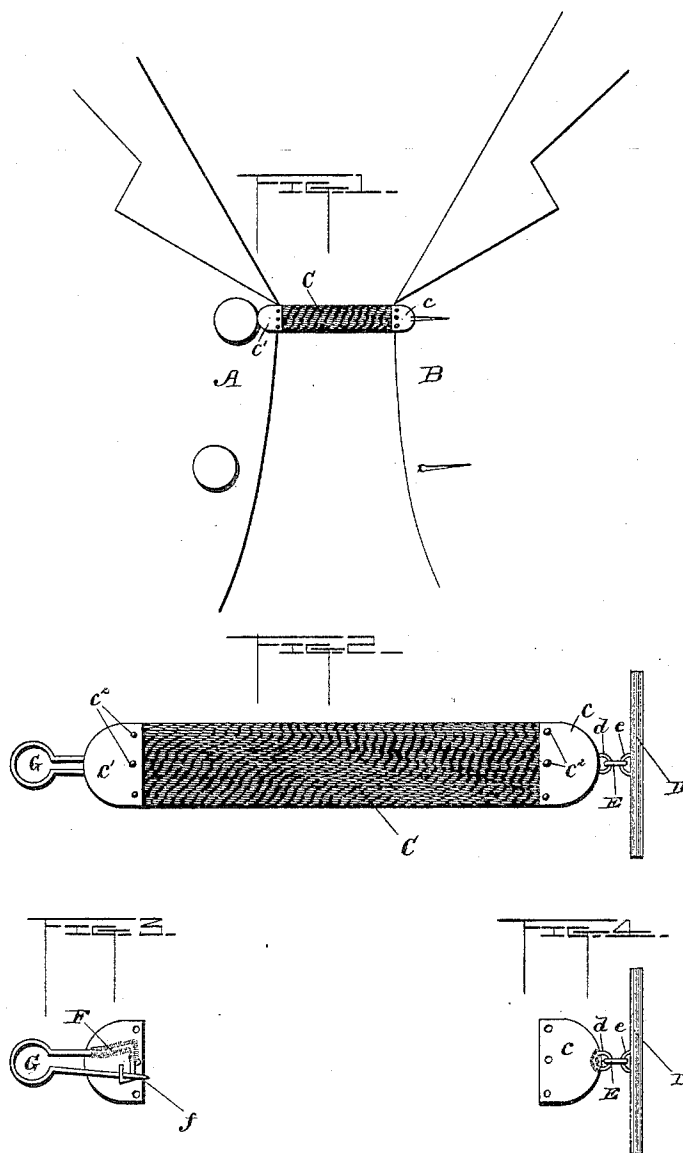


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FERDINAND WOLKOW, of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in coat-fasteners.

The object is to provide a simple, neat, and effective device for holding a gentleman's coat from flying open when left unbuttoned.

With this end in view my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the fastener in position for use, holding the two front edges of the coat. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the fastener, and Figs. 3 and 4 represent the ends of the fastener in detail.

A represents that part of the front of the coat on which the buttons are commonly placed, and B represents that portion of the front of the coat in which the button-holes are formed, corresponding to the buttons on the part A.

The body of the fastener consists of an elastic strip, preferably a piece of flat silk elastic C, the ends of which are secured in end caps *c c'*. The end caps are preferably formed of thin metal, and the ends of the elastic are conveniently secured therein by means of small rivets *c²*. The said caps are also preferably rounded or made in any well-known neat or ornamental shape. A bar D is secured to the end cap *c* conveniently by means of a small link E, which loosely engages an eye *d*, secured to the cap *c*, and the staple or eye *e*, secured to the central portion of the bar D. The opposite cap *c'* has fixed thereto a pin of the safety-pin type, the guard-bar and back of the pin F being fixed conveniently by soldering to the cap *c'*, while the pin portion *f* is free to be thrown into and out of engage-

ment with the guard. A portion of the pin G, between its back and pin portion proper, is made in circular or curved form, and is adapted to embrace the central fastening of the coat-button, and when in such position will rest concealed beneath the button.

The bar D is intended to be inserted from the front through the button-hole and to rest concealed beneath the lapel of the coat, so that when the fastener is in position for use, as shown in Fig. 1, it presents the appearance of a pair of neatly-finished caps connected by a band of elastic material.

As thus constructed, the fastener becomes a convenient and useful article to prevent the front portions of the coat from flying open in the wind, and at the same time admitting sufficient air to render the coat less oppressive than when tightly buttoned. The elastic section will also permit the insertion of the hand into either the vest or coat pockets without unfastening the fastener, and the outward curl of the front edges of the coat will be avoided.

It is evident that slight changes might be resorted to in the forms and arrangements of the several parts without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself strictly to the construction herein set forth; but,

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described coat-fastener, consisting of an elastic strip provided with end caps, a bar loosely connected with one of the caps, and a pin having a back portion fixed to the opposite cap, a point free to swing into and out of engagement with a guard, and a curved portion adapted to receive a button, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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