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Fig 1

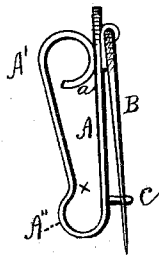
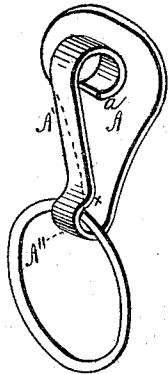


Fig 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY WATCH-FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY GEORGE BRACE and VICTOR C. KLOBASSA, of Washington, in the county of Washington and in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch-Fasteners; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of our invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a device for fastening watches, to obviate the liability of having them stolen or damaged by falling out of the pocket, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which our invention appertains to make and use the same, we will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents an end view; and Fig. 2, a front perspective view, showing a ring attached to the device.

Our invention is made of thin metal, in one piece. The metal is cut out the desired shape, with one part narrower than the other. The broad part A forms the main plate, to the back of which are attached a pin, B, and a keeper, C, therefor. The narrow part of the metal is bent upward from the bottom of the part A, to form at this point a rounded swell, A'; from thence the metal is bent inward, forming an interior shoulder or checking-point, *x*. From this point the spring part A' extends upward and outward on a slight incline to near the top of the part A, where it is rounded inward to form a roll, *a*, so that it bears against the outer part A, as shown in Fig. 1. The spring of the metal will hold the roll *a* always against the front of the part A. The ring of the watch is forced in between these parts, *a* and A, and then carried down

past the point *x* and into the rounded swell A', so that the watch-ring must be first drawn above the spring-point *x*, and afterward between the roll *a* and front of the part A, before it can be extracted from the device.

This device is for the purpose of offering some security against the risk of having watches stolen, and also as a protection from getting damaged by falling from the pocket by any accident. For ladies it is specially of use, from its being a general habit to simply fix the watch between a band, and often it will slip from between, and run great risk of being either stolen, lost, or damaged to a great extent. It is to be attached to the pocket or other place, with the opening of the spring uppermost, by the pin at the back, and just so low as to be out of sight. By holding the ring of the watch in putting it into the pocket, it is to be pressed between the spring and the plate. On requiring to withdraw the watch, the spring is pressed back ever so little with one finger, and at the same time the watch withdrawn, which will open the spring to such greater distance as is required to set the watch free.

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

The within-described safety watch-fastener, consisting of the part A, with swell A' and interior point *x*, the part A', with roll *a*, bearing against the front of the part A at the top, and the pin B on the back of the part A, all substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands this 29th day of January, 1874.

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