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CLASP FOR GARMENTS.

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Fig. 1.

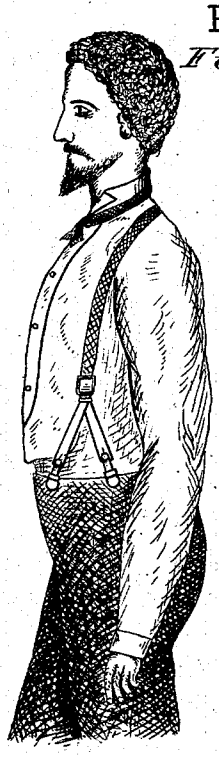


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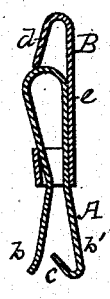


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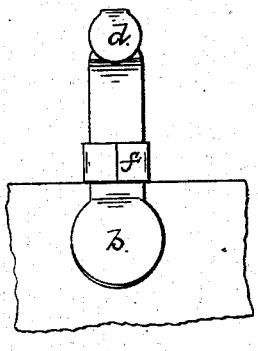


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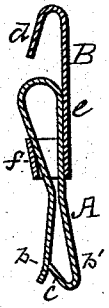


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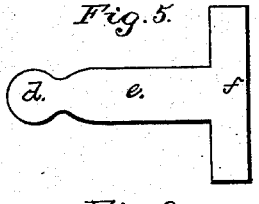
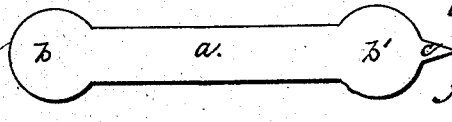


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CLASP FOR GARMENTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ULIC R. STANTON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Richmond, in the county of Wayne and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clasps for Garments; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in clasps for attaching pants and drawers to suspenders, and also for holding pants and drawers of the person up at the same time and together; and its object is to dispense with the ordinary buttons used for these purposes, and substitute, as a secure and ready means of fastening, my improved clasp.

My invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts, as will hereinafter be more fully set forth and specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, Figure 1 shows my improved clasps attached to the pants and suspender. Fig. 2 is a vertical central sectional view, showing the loop open. Fig. 3 is a front view, showing a section of material clamped in the clasp. Fig. 4 is a central vertical sectional view, and showing the loop ends engaging and the clamp pressing them in that position. Fig. 5 is a view of the blank which forms the clamping-sleeve, and Fig. 6 is a view of the blank which forms the clasping loop and hook.

In making my improved clasp the following course of manufacture may be pursued: I strike out from a piece of malleable and elastic metal a blank substantially of the form as shown in Fig. 6 of the drawings, and having the central straight bar piece, *a*, the enlarged circular terminations *b* and *b'*, and the projection *c*. I then strike the projection *c* up in the shape of a hook, and then bend the blank over, so that the other end shall cover the face of the hook and register with each other, thus making a spring-loop, A, with means for sustaining by positive means and holding by compression an article between the ends. I then strike out the blank for forming the clamp, substantially of the form as seen in Fig. 5 of the drawings, having the button end *d*, the straight shank *e*, and the transverse section *f*. The button part or end *d* is now bent outward over and on the shank, and then the ends of the transverse section are bent in the form of a square sleeve around the loop-shank, forming a sliding clamp, B, substantially as seen in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings. The clasp is then ready for application and use, which may be effected by putting the button end of the clasp in the button-hole of the suspender or band, and then inserting the band of the pants or drawers, or the bands of both, between the ends of the loop, and then drawing up on the clamp the sleeve ascends the loop and compresses the garments between the ends and on the hook, and securely retains them in that position. To release the garment the clamp is slid down, and the compression being relieved the garment is lifted from the hook and withdrawn.

It will be seen that the pants or drawers may be alone attached, or both, as suits the convenience of the wearer; also, that the clasp may be attached to a suspender; and, in case where the pants are sustained by other means, the clasp may be employed to hold up the drawers.

It is also observed that the device may be used to hold in position the skirts of a woman by attaching them to the bands and thence to suspenders; or, should no suspenders be worn, the pants and drawers can be held together by the clasp, or the skirts can be held together by the bands being clasped together, thus holding them up evenly; also, skirts may be held together around the waist by inserting the button of the clasp in the button-hole of the band and then clasping the band at any point to suit.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A set or pair of blanks one of which is formed with circular terminations and projections *b*, *b'*, and *c*, and the other formed with a button or hook end, *d*, and a transverse section, *f*, substantially as shown, and adapted when united, to form an operative clasp for garments.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, the garment-clasp consisting of the folded metal loop A, having the enlarged terminations *b b'*

and the projecting hook *c*, and the metal slide B, having the button *d*, said parts being arranged for operation as set forth.

3. The combination, substantially as described, of the flat metallic clamping-plate formed at its upper end with a button or hook, and at the lower end a clamping-sleeve engaging and sliding on the folded metallic loop, and operating as a locking device for the lower ends of the folded loop.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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