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Fig. 1.

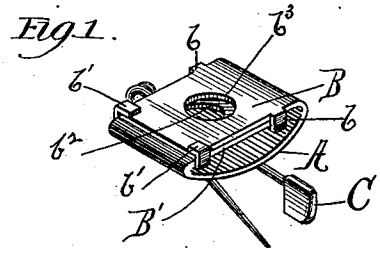
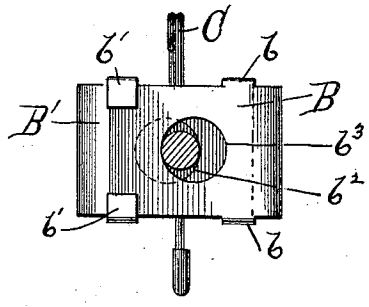


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. MEAD, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and Improved Cuff-Fastener, of which the following is a description.

The fastener to which my invention relates is designed, primarily, to secure a cuff to the coat-sleeve by means of the rear or inward button-holes. Certain features of the invention are, however, applicable to devices such as cuff-buttons of the class known as "separable buttons."

The object of my invention is to attain greater simplicity, durability, and cheapness of manufacture; and said invention consists in certain improvements embodied in the construction described below, the essential features of which are closely defined in the claim appended to this specification.

My preferred construction is shown in the two figures of the drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a perspective under view of the head of the fastener; and Fig. 2 is a rear view of same, showing the shank of the button in section.

The fastening consists of a single strip of spring metal bent to form a spring-back A and two flat overlapping plates B B′, each of said plates bearing ears b b b' b', bent over the other plate, so as to hold the two plates together and allow them to slide back and forth, the one over the other. In the plates B B′ round holes b^2 b^3 are seen, which are normally held out of register by the spring-back A, but which can be placed in line by compressing the latter longitudinally. Upon the back A is soldered a pin C, here of the common form known as "safety-pin." It is of course obvious that any other pinning device might be substituted.

In use the fastening is placed within the coat-sleeve and secured by means of the pin C to the inside thereof, where it will be concealed. An ordinary bone or pearl button, such as is seen below in Fig. 2, is inserted in the rear button-holes of the cuff, and the fastener then pressed together until the holes b^2 b^3 register, when it is slipped over the head of the button and released to clasp the shank of the button, as seen in Fig. 2.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As an improved article of manufacture, a fastener constructed from a strip of spring metal bent to form the spring-back A and the flat plates B B′, loosely held together by the ears b b' and containing the holes b^2 b^3, normally held out of register by the spring-back, but which may be brought into line against the force of said spring, and having a pin device secured to the back A, substantially as described.

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