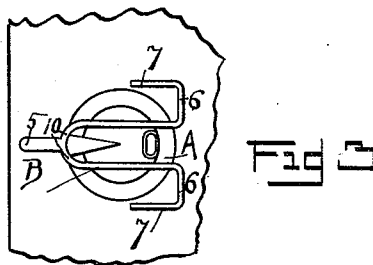
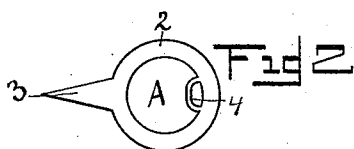
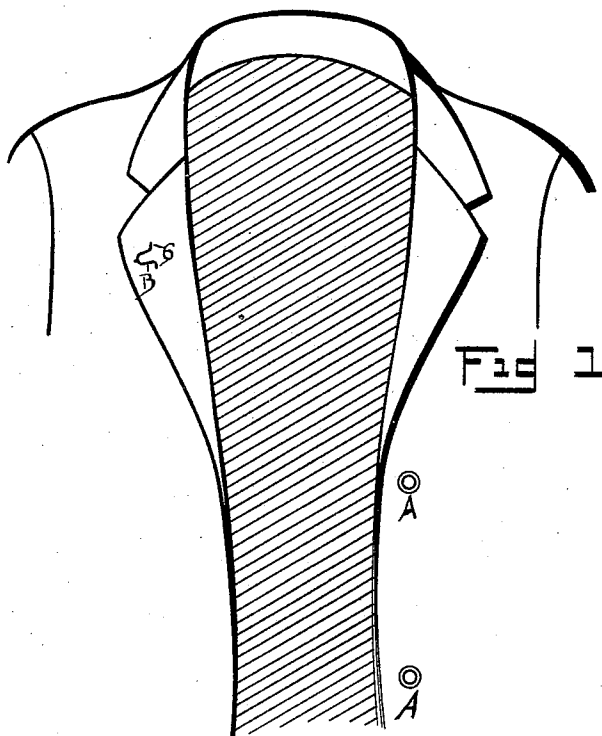


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR L. CADY, of Lincoln, in the county of Lancaster and State of Nebraska, have invented certain useful Improvements in Garment-Fastening Devices; and I do hereby declare that the following is 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, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has relation to a new and improved method for fastening garments and is more particularly adapted to replace the ordinary button and buttonhole, as commonly used in securing garments.

The device is adapted to be used in connection with any article of wearing-apparel.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown, in Figure 1, a gentleman's coat as provided with my improvement. In Fig. 2 I have shown a top view of one of the blanks slightly enlarged. Fig. 3 shows the button and eye blanks as used in retaining the overlapping edges of the garment, while Fig. 4 shows a side elevation of the button-blank.

The garments when to be supplied with my improvement are provided upon one side—the button side, for instance—with a suitable number of my button-blanks A, which comprise, essentially, the circular rim portion 2, which is provided at one point with the retaining nib-pin 3 and in front with the thread-eye 4, as shown more clearly in Fig. 2. The pin-nib 3 is adapted to be recurved, and lies between the two sections of the cloth, passing through the one to which it is attached to aid in securing this blank. In front I provide the thread-eye 4, which further assists in securing this pin-blank to the material. This blank forms the under part of the device, and when secured has the appearance of an ordinary button, the pin-nib 3 being entirely hidden, while the thread-eye is upon the inside and partially hidden by means of the retaining-thread. In place of cutting the garment upon the other side to form the usual slit serving as a buttonhole I provide the approximately trident-shaped blank B, of wire or any other suitable material.

It is a well-known fact that most garments

are worn and become unsightly and useless because of the wear at the points of the buttonhole. In using my device this objection is overcome, as there is no wear upon the material but upon the blank B. Centrally the blank B is also provided with the pin-nib 5, the outwardly-extending arms being recurved to form the transverse sections 6 6, said sections extending from this portion rearward to form the pin-stems 7 7. This blank is adapted to be partially hidden, the stems 5 and 7 7 being within the garments to aid in securing the same. This device is secured by means of the thread which is made to pass through the cloth and around the hidden sections 5 and 7. This blank B, which takes the place of the button-hole, in no way detracts from the appearance of the garment as it can be colored to harmonize with the color of the material of the garment, and further is nicely adapted to act in the capacity of a flower-holder or a fastening device for a lodge or club souvenir. These blanks B are hidden in the garment ordinarily, as they are on the under side. It would only be when the edges of the garment are overlapped, as in the lapel of a coat, that this blank could be seen, as will be noticed by referring to Fig. 1.

The device can be made of any suitable material and can be readily attached or detached from the garment without injuring the same, as no openings are made excepting three small pin-openings to accommodate the stems 5 and 7. So, also, in arranging the blank A the pin-nib 3 can be made long and slender so as to form but a pin-opening within the material to which it is attached. It will be noticed that the strain on the blank B is toward the edge so that the round portion 10 of this blank as well as the portions 6 6, work against the cloth to aid in distributing the strain. So, also, is the strain of the cloth upon the button side distributed, being taken up by means of the pin-nib 3 and the thread-eye 4.

Now, having thus described my said invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the blank, A, comprising, essentially, a circular ring and being provided with the integral retaining nib, 3, and, at a point opposite, with the thread eye, 4, said device being adapted to be attached

to a garment upon one side; said nib and thread eye being re-curved and extending outward; in combination with the approximately double L shaped blank, B, preferably of wire,
5 provided with the recurved portions, 10, and the extending stems, 5, the straight portions, 6, 6, and the terminations, 7, 7, said terminations, 7, and stems, 5, being adapted to be hidden within the fabric and acting to retain said
10 blank, B, said recurved portion being adapted

to ride below said blank, A, and engage said nib, 3, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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