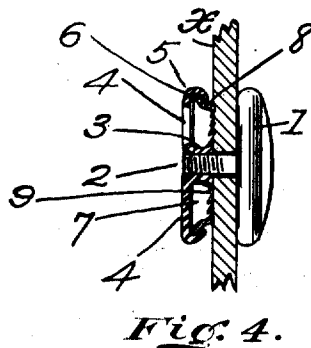
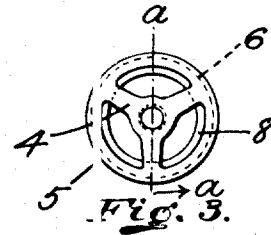
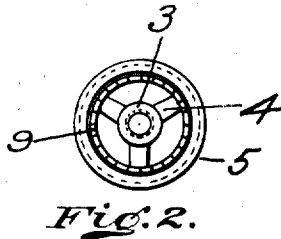
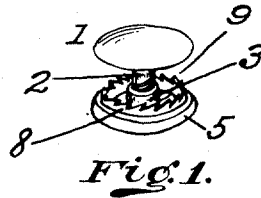


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER H. WILKENING, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lapel-Buttons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to lapel-buttons, or, more particularly speaking, to the means of fastening lapel-buttons or, for that matter, other separable two-part buttons in place where they are to be worn, and the object of the invention is to provide a fastening means that will enable the secure anchoring in place of all kinds of separable two-part buttons and especially those that are of considerable value when made of gold and other high-grade material and containing jewels of various kinds.

The invention herein consists of an outside or exposed member having a threaded rear shank centrally-extending therefrom and a rear or hidden member having a central internally-threaded nut or socket part for the reception of said threaded shank and, also, having a grooved girdle concentrically-extending from said nut or socket part with a continuously-toothed ring engaging the grooved portion of said girdle, the rear or hidden member being adapted to be clamped or screwed into place on the back of the lapel or other portion of a garment to contain the button and with the nut or socket portion duly engaged by the threaded shank of the outer or exposed member that has been placed in engagement with a hole or opening made in the garment or object to contain the button.

The details of the invention will be fully hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a perpendicular perspective view of the device; Fig. 2, a plan view of the inner face of the back or hidden member; Fig. 3, a plan view of the outer face of said back or hidden member; and Fig. 4, a view of the device, showing the front or exposed member in elevation and the back or rear member in section, such section being taken on the dotted-line *a, a* of said back-member seen in Fig. 3, and a section of a strip of goods being shown between the two said

members ready for closing or clamping engagement.

1 indicates a disk or body portion of the outer or exposed display member of the device herein or, in fact, it indicates the button proper, and 2 indicates a centrally-extending screw-threaded shank on the back or rear face of said disk. The front face of the disk may be plain or embellished in any suitable manner to meet the purposes of the various forms of buttons to which my invention herein is adapted.

3 indicates a central, internally-threaded nut having a number of radially-extending arms 4 and adapted to engage the screw-shank 2 when the button is in place over the lapel of a garment or the part *x* to be provided with a button.

5 indicates a circular ring or girdle, carried by the radial arms 4, and concentric to the nut 3. The rim of this girdle is flanged so as to provide a circular walled seat or groove 6 facing inwardly toward the button 1 when the two members of the device are brought together for use.

7 indicates a ring adapted to freely engage within the said circular seat or groove 6 of the girdle 5 and provided along its inner edge with a forwardly-extending flaring flange 8. The outer edge of said flange 8 is preferably continuously indented or toothed, as shown at 9, such teeth being best made on the undercut plan so that they readily enter the goods when the back-member of the button is clamped into place by rotating the girdle 5 and the central nut 3 coöperating therewith in clamping or drawing relation with the screw-shank 2. I have found, in practice, that the continuous array of undercut teeth forms the best anchorage and is less likely to become accidentally released from place.

In use, it will be very readily seen that the clamping of the two main members of the button is effected along the outer edge or girdle portion of the rear member, which is the best part of the device adapted for the proper clamping-engagement and for duly seating the back-member against any accidental release from the exposed display member. The radial arms 4 of the rear-member lie preferably on the same plane as the outer face of the central nut 3 and the outer face of the girdle 5, there being suffi-

cient length of said central nut for due engagement with the threaded shank of the exposed display member 1 of the button and said threaded shank is made of such length that
5 it does not extend beyond the rear face of said nut when the back-member is in clamping engagement. When the toothed edge 9 becomes seated or engaged in the garment and the nut 3 is drawn up tightly, the ring
10 7 then clings or binds in the seat 6 of the girdle 5 and serves as a jam or lock device, which is one of the essential features of my invention herein and provides an extremely safe fastening for buttons of all values.

15 I claim:—

A lapel-button or the like comprising an outer or exposed display-member, an inner or hidden fastening-member, said outer member having a body portion or disk with
20 a centrally-projecting rear screw-shank and

said inner member having a central internally-threaded nut adapted for engagement by said screw-shank, radial arms extending from said central nut, an inwardly-grooved rim or hollow girdle carried by said radial arms, a thin open ring carried by said hollow girdle free to rotate therein, an integral outwardly-projecting toothed flange provided on said thin open ring and both said
2 outer and inner members being adapted to be connected in fastening relation over the
3 part carrying the lapel-button with the said screw-shank engaging the said central nut and the said outwardly-projecting toothed flange of the thin open ring engaging the
3 inner face of the said button-carrying part.

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