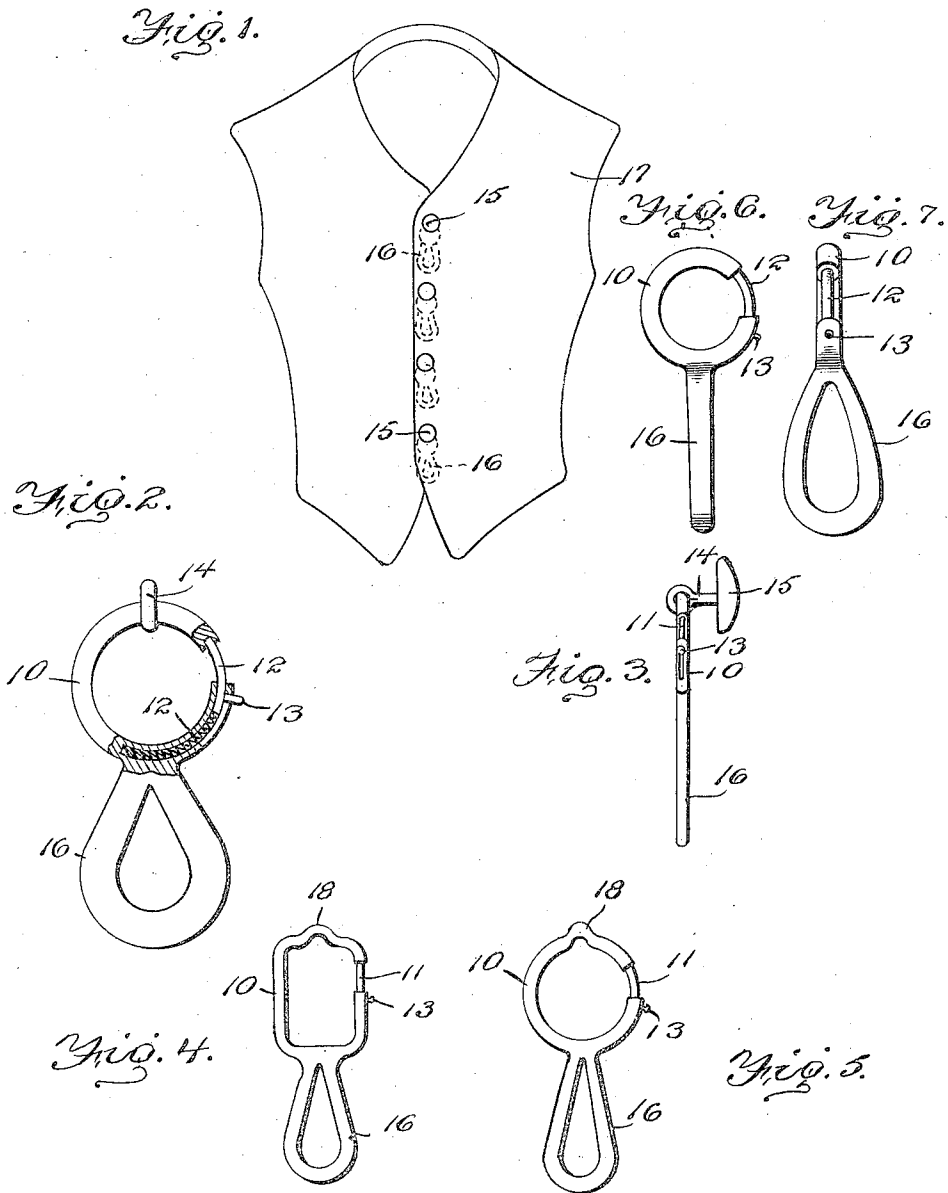


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB J. ELLIOTT, citizen of the United States, residing at Denver, in the county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Button-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for holding buttons upon garments, more particularly for holding the removable buttons upon vests and like garments, and has for one of its objects to provide a simply constructed device which may be readily applied and detached and which effectually secures the button from displacement when in use.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character including a weighted pendant which operates to hold the button in position when in use.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereafter shown and described, and then specifically pointed out in the claims, and in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention.

Figure 1 is a front view of a portion of a vest with the improvement applied; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the improved device applied and partly in section; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the parts shown in Fig. 2; Figs. 4 and 5 are views similar to Fig. 2 illustrating slight modifications in the construction. Figs. 6 and 7 are side elevations of a slightly modified form of the invention.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The improved device comprises a divided tubular body 10, the terminals being separated for a considerable distance and with a plunger 11 operating in the tubular body and extending across the opening between its ends when in one position, and adapted to be withdrawn wholly within the tubular body when in another position to form an opening or gap between the terminals of the body. A spring 12 is located within the body 10 and bears constantly against the member 11 and maintains the latter normally and yieldably across the gap between the terminals of the body and thus

closing the gap. The member 11 is provided with a small push button or knob 13 which serves the twofold function of a thumb lug to enable the member 11 to be manipulated and likewise as a stop to limit the movement of the same. The member 10 is designed to engage the eye 14 of a button 15, and is provided with a pendant 16 extending therefrom at one side, preferably at the side opposite to the eye 14. By this simple means it will be obvious that after the eye portion 14 of the button has been inserted through an eyelet or button-hole in the vest or other garment, the latter being represented conventionally at 17, the body 10 may be connected with the eye of the button at the inner face of the garment and locked in position therewith by releasing the member 11. When thus arranged the pendant 16 serves as a weight to maintain the member 10—11 in a vertical downwardly directed position, and thus effectually prevent any tendency to displacement between the body and the button.

The improved device is simple in construction, can be inexpensively manufactured of any required size and with any required size or shape of the pendant portion.

In Fig. 4 the body 10 is shown in substantially rectangular form and with a small loop 18 at one end opposite to the pendant 16 with the gap between the parts of the body 10 extending horizontally of the device at one side.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4, the slidable member 11 is straight and operates in the divided side of the body.

In Fig. 5 another slight modification is shown which consists in forming the body 10 in circular shape as shown in Fig. 1, and with the extension 18 located therein in the same manner as shown in Fig. 4. By this means the body is prevented from swaying laterally in the eye 14, so that no danger exists of the smaller or reduced portion 11 coming in contact with the eye while the device is in use.

In the form of the invention shown in Figs. 6 and 7 of the drawing the pendant is located in a plane at right angles to the plane occupied by the ring 10.

The improved device is simple in construction, can be inexpensively manufactured in any required size and of any suitable material.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

5 1. In a device of the class described, an attaching annulus, and a weighted pendant carried thereby, the said pendant being of substantially elliptical form and having a major and a minor end and having its minor end integral with the annulus, the pendant lying in a common plane with the annulus.

10 2. In a device of the class described, an attaching annulus, a weighted pendant integral therewith and extending from the under side thereof, the pendant lying in the same plane with the annulus and being in-

creased in width in the direction of its lower end, the said annulus being notched at its top to receive the eye-shank of a button connected therewith, the annulus being open at one side, and a spring-pressed latch slidable upon the annulus for closing the said side thereof, the latch being slidable in the direction of the pendant, to open position.

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

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