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Fastening for Garments.

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Fig. 1.



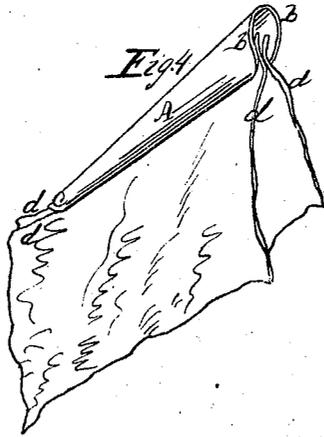
Fig. 3.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR GARMENTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. COOK, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Fastening for Garments and other Articles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is an end view of same; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view, showing the application of my fastening.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists in a novel construction of a fastening for garments and other articles of cloth or flexible fabric whereby two parts or edges are held together by the compressive force of the instrument without the aid of any pins and without puncturing the fabric.

To enable others skilled in the art to construct my invention and apply it to use, I will proceed to describe it, having reference to the drawings.

The instrument A is formed of one piece of brass or other strong and elastic sheet metal into the shape of the frustum of a cone, the longitudinal edges *b b* being left apart, so as to form a tapered longitudinal opening, *e*, the wider part of the opening being at the base of the cone. The edges *b b* at the base are rounded off to meet the longitudinal edges *b b* and form a taper, so as to present a gradual mouth

or entrance to the longitudinal opening. The smaller end, *c*, of the instrument is also rounded off, as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

The following operation is necessary to secure two parts of a garment or pieces of a fabric together by this instrument. The two edges *d d* of the garment or fabric are brought together by the hand, and the longitudinal opening *e* of the instrument is pressed over the same, wide end first, and pushed along the inclosed edges of the fabric until the entire length of the longitudinal opening in the instrument confines an equal length of the two edges of the fabric. In this operation the elasticity of the metal allows the longitudinal opening *e* to adapt itself to the thickness of the garment or fabric.

This fastening will be found very convenient for securing dresses, shawls, and children's diapers, and in all cases where a pin is considered injurious to the fabric, and, from its peculiar construction, it is not liable to become loosened or disengaged from the clothing by rubbing or working of the parts, as is often the case in the use of pins.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, as a new article of manufacture, is—

A fastening for garments and other articles, constructed and operating substantially as herein described.

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