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Fig. 1.

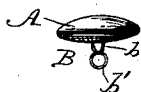


Fig. 2.

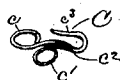
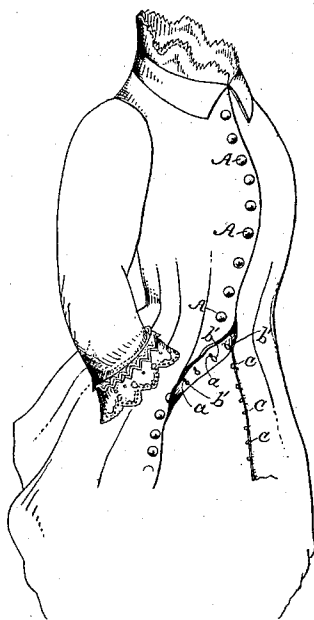


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ANNIE WALTHER and MATHIAS SUPPLE, citizens of the United States, residing at Fond du Lac, in the county of Fond du Lac and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Button-Fastenings for Ladies' Dresses, Basques, Polonaises, or other Garments; and we do hereby declare the following to be 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.

This invention relates to shank-buttons used for ladies' dresses, basques, polonaises, or other garments.

The principal object of our invention is to render it unnecessary to make button-holes where buttons are used to fasten the meeting edges of garments together.

To make the numerous button holes now required in dresses and other garments is very tedious work and takes a great amount of time. It is the most irksome part of the dress-maker's art.

Another object of our invention is to keep the buttons from standing above the cloth.

These objects we accomplish by making the shank of the button about twice the usual length and twisting it so as to form two contiguous eyes rigidly attached to each other and formed of one piece of wire, as shown in Figure 1.

An ordinary hook may be used with our improved button; but we prefer to use a hook constructed with a downward curve near its point, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a button, showing one feature of our invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of our improved hook, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of part of a lady's dress, showing the application of our invention.

A is the button, provided with a shank, B, of twice the usual length, having two eyes, *b b'*, constructed by twisting the shank at about its middle part, the upper eye, *b*, being

used to sew the button to the garment in the following manner: A small slit, *a*, is cut in the garment where the button is to be secured, the shank of the button is inserted into said slit *a*, and the button is securely fastened to the garment by sewing the eye *b* to the garment in the usual well-known manner. This leaves the lower eye, *b'*, free to be engaged by the hook C.

C is the hook used with our improved button. It is formed with two eyes, *c c'*, by which it is attached near the edge of the garment next to the button edge and on the inner face of the garment, as shown in Fig. 3.

Hook C is formed with a downwardly-curved neck, *c''*, between the eyes *c c'* and the nose *c''*, as shown in Fig. 2.

By avoiding the usual button-holes we not only save much valuable time, but we do not weaken the dress by cutting the long slits near its edge, required for the usual button-holes. It will be understood that the meeting edges of the garment will have either a wide hem or be finished by a facing, as may be desired.

By making the hook C with a descending curved portion, *c''*, the button when engaged therewith will hold the two meeting edges of the garment close together, and not gapping apart, as is too often the case where hooks and eyes of the common construction are used.

We are aware of Letters Patent No. 230,959, and therefore do not claim a separate auxiliary eye or loop linked to the shank of a button as our invention.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A button-fastener consisting of a button provided with two rigidly-attached eyes, one above the other, and a hook having a downwardly-projecting curved portion near its free end, as herein shown and described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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