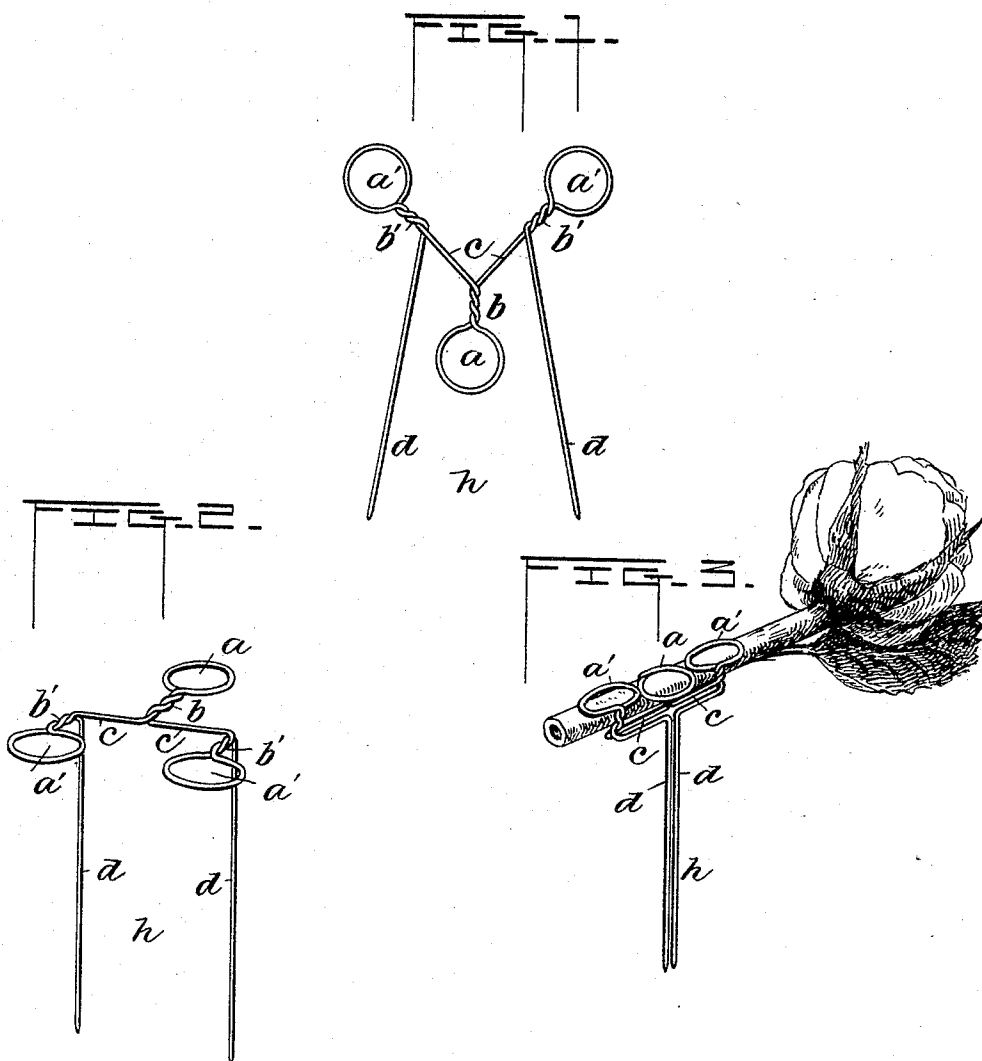


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIA SAMSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Salt Lake City, in the county of Salt Lake and Territory of Utah, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fasteners, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention is an improved clasp or pin consisting in the various matters hereinafter described and referred to in the appended claim, and its object is to provide an extremely simple and inexpensive means for fastening samples to card-board, flowers, rosettes, badges, &c., to clothing, as well as for attaching feathers and other trimmings to hats and bonnets.

In the accompanying drawings in which the invention is illustrated, Figure 1 is a view showing the method of making this clasp; Fig. 2, a view of the clasp ready for use; and Fig. 3, a flower with the clasp attached.

The form of my device is as follows: A piece of wire or other flexible material is bent to form a loop *a*, the ends immediately below this loop being twisted, as at *b*, to hold the loop firmly in position as well as to afford a straight shank. For a distance to be determined upon by the space which the maker wishes to leave between loops, the wire is left perfectly straight, as at *c*, when another loop *a'* is formed, the wire immediately adjacent to which, *b'*, is bent as at *b*. This is continued until the desired number of loops are formed, the ends of the wire *d* being left to project and form prongs *h*. The series of loops thus formed are then bent substantially as shown in Fig. 2, the parts *c, c*, being in the same straight line with which the shanks *b, b'*, form right angles, these shanks, the loops and the parts *c, c*, being in the same plane. The ends *d, d*, are next bent down-

wardly in a plane at right angles to the one containing the loops (as shown in Fig. 2) or they may be bent as shown in Fig. 3, back in a plane below and parallel with the parts *c, c*, and, at the point at which they meet in the center of the device, downwardly in a plane at right angles with these parts, forming a projection like that upon the well known McGill fastener.

To illustrate the use of my invention, suppose that it is desired to attach a flower to a hat or bonnet. Instead of sewing it to the material, thus consuming considerable time, producing a great number of needle holes in the fabric, and making it necessary to rip out the stitches before the flower can be removed or its position changed, the stem is simply placed along the parts *c, c*, and the loops *a, a'*, are clamped to the stem. The prongs can then be passed through the material (making punctures no larger than those ordinarily made by needles) and clamped upon the under side. In this way all sewing is avoided and, when it is desired to remove the flower from its position, the prongs have simply to be unclamped.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fastener comprising a body portion, prongs extending downwardly at right angles to said body portion and in a continuous vertical plane therewith, and arms also extending from said body portion at right angles thereto and in the same horizontal plane therewith, said arms being adapted to be folded over upon the article and hold it upon the body portion; substantially as described.

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

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