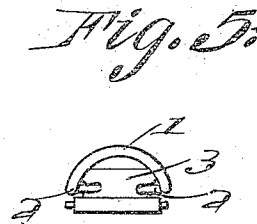
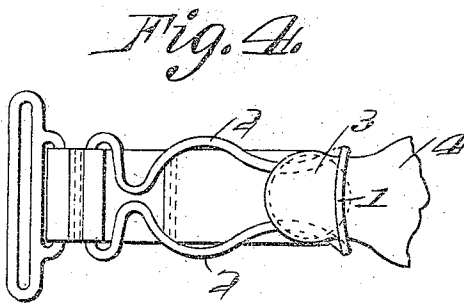
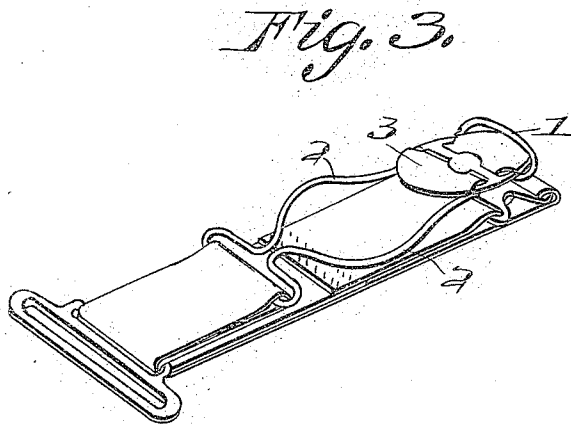
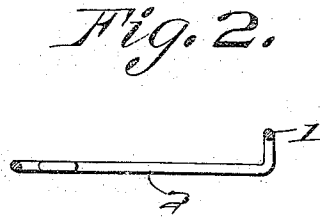
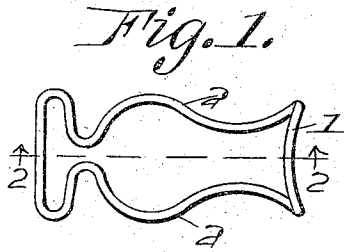


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH LEMAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Clasps; and I 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.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in garment clasps, but more particularly relates to the loop element of clasps of the nature and style shown and described in my pending application filed in the Patent Office, April 26, 1909, Serial No. 492,102, of which the present application is a division.

The object of my present improvement is to provide a loop element which shall be open and free at the lower extremity so that the fabric may be drawn freely and will not become wedged between the button and the lower end of said element, while at the same time the latter is strengthened by an arch connecting the extremities of the same and extending directly upward and above the horizontal plane of the button element when the latter is engaged with the loop.

With these ends in view my invention consists in the details of construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described and then particularly pointed out in the claims which conclude this description.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a detail plan view of my improved loop. Fig. 2 a section at the line *x, x*, of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 a detail perspective view of my improved loop. Fig. 4 a plan view showing my improved loop with a fabric clasped between the same and a suitable button element, the latter appearing in dotted lines, and Fig. 5 an outer end view of the button and loop elements in engaged condition.

Similar numbers of reference denote like parts in the several figures of the drawing.

My present invention has nothing to do with any particular form or construction of button, but the style of button which I prefer to use is shown, described and claimed in my pending application above referred to.

In Letters Patent No. 886,709, issued to

me May 5, 1908, I showed and described a loop element which was open at the bottom so that the fabric could not be bound in plaits or folds and wedged in this condition against the confines of the loop, but I have ascertained that a loop of this sort, under severe strain, will yield somewhat so as to spread away from the shank of the button element, this of course being due to the fact that the lower end of the loop had no cross connection.

In my present improvement I have formed the lower end of the loop from a continuous piece of metal bent upwardly so as to form an arch 1, which latter is of course integral with the sides 2 of the loop and which is above the plane of the button 3 when the latter is engaged by the loop, but it will be observed that, for all practical purposes, the lower end of the loop is open so that the fabric 4 held by the clasp may not only be held firmly but will spread or "fan" out smoothly and in diverging lines, as shown at Fig. 4, the arch merely serving as a cross strengthening connection between the side wires of the loop and in no wise cooperating with the button element in grasping the goods.

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

In a garment clasp of the button and loop type, a loop element having an opening for the introduction of the button, a contracted neck for clamping the fabric against the neck of the button; and a head formed on the end of said neck, said head comprising continuations of said neck, diverged and joined by an arched transverse bridge element turned upwardly at right angles to said neck, said bridge element extending above and across the intermediate space to be spaced from the fabric and the button, whereby said fabric is prevented from binding between said button and said loop element except at the sides of the neck of the button.

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

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