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Fig. 1.

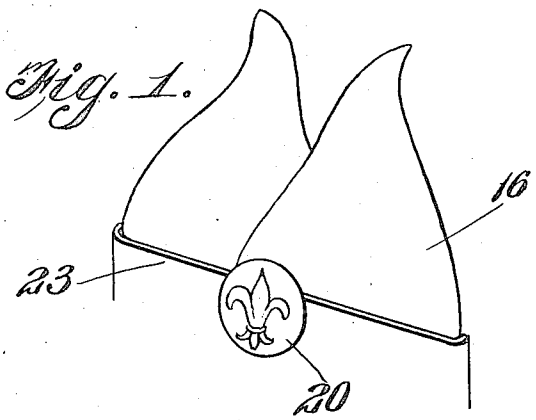


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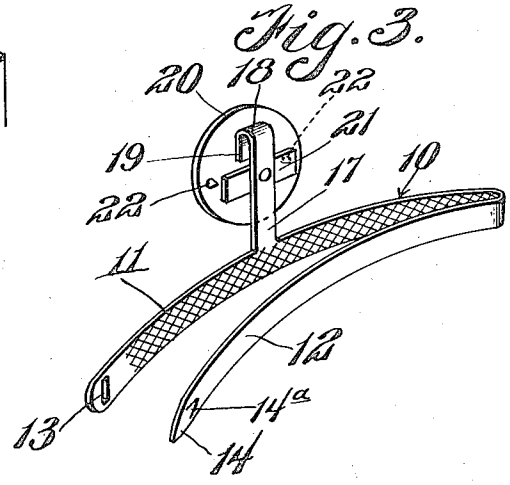


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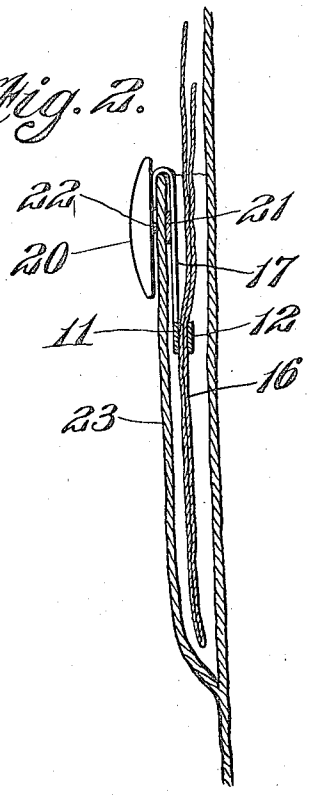


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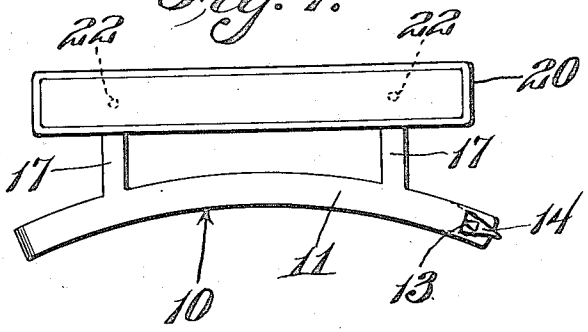
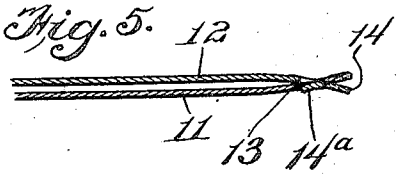


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA J. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at West Brownsville, in the county of Washington and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to supports and more particularly to a support maintaining a handkerchief or the like properly in position in the pocket, a portion thereof protruding from the pocket.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of this character in which the only portion of the support visible will be an ornamental button, bar or the like.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is simple in its construction, which may be readily and cheaply produced, and which may be readily applied to the handkerchief or other article to be supported and to the pocket in which it is to be supported.

These and other objects I attain by the construction shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of my invention and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a support constructed in accordance with my invention in use to hold a handkerchief in position in a pocket;

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view through the pocket and support;

Figure 3 is a perspective of the support removed;

Figure 4 is a front elevation of a slightly modified construction.

Figure 5 is a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 10 generally designates a clasp which is preferably arcuately curved throughout its length and formed from a strip of resilient sheet metal such as spring steel, or from some composition having inherent resiliency as celluloid. The clasp is formed with two arms 11 and 12 integrally joined at one end and having the same degree of curvature. The opposite ends of the arms are provided with means whereby they may be secured together, in the present instance the arm 11 being shown as provided with a slot 13 receiving a tapered end 14 on the arm 12, this slot 13 being located a distance spaced from the point of connection between the arms, as indicated at 15, less than the length of the arm 12, so that the arm 12 must be flexed to permit its engagement in the slot or for removal therefrom. The tapered end 14 has struck out therefrom a tang 14^a, this tang extending longitudinally of the arm 12 and having its attached end arranged adjacent the free end of the arm 12. The angle of the tang to the arm is but slight so that the free edge of the tang projects from the inner surface of the arm 12 as indicated in Figure 5. When the tapered portion is engaged in the slot, the free end of this tang comes against the inner end wall of the slot and prevents separation of the arms until the tang is forced into the plane of the arm 12, thus further preventing any accidental disengagement. The arms 11 and 12 are preferably corrugated, as indicated, so that they will take a firm grip on the handkerchief or article 16 to be supported.

The arm 11, or what might be termed a forward arm since it is arranged forwardly in the pocket, has extending upwardly therefrom and preferably integrally formed therewith a vertical support 17, the upper end of which is reverted, as indicated at 18, and has its terminal portion 19 downwardly extending in spaced relation to the main body of the support. To this terminal portion is secured an ornamental button, bar or the like, indicated at 20, the upper edge of the button extending above the point of reversion 18 so that this is concealed. In alignment with the rear face of the bar, the support 17 is preferably widened, as at 21, and the rear face of the ornamental button or bar 20 has extending rearwardly therefrom lugs or projections 22 which normally engage against this enlargement. The enlargement may be provided in any suitable manner as by fastening a cross bar to the support 17.

In the use of the device, the handkerchief is first placed in position in the clasp pin and the handkerchief and clasp inserted in the pocket, the button being passed over the upper edge of the outer wall 23 of the pocket. In order to accomplish this it is necessary that the button be sprung outwardly slightly from the support 17 and when released it will cause the projections 22 to engage in the material of the outer wall of the

pocket, forcing the same into engagement with the enlargement 21 and maintain the button and accordingly the clasp against movement with relation to the pocket wall. Since the handkerchief or other article will be firmly held within the clasp, it will be obvious that movement of the handkerchief with relation to the pocket is thus prevented.

It will, of course, be obvious that if desired in employing the bar construction more than one support 17 can be employed, this construction being illustrated in Figure 4. In this construction the projections 22 of the bar can be placed in alignment with their respective supports 17, thus doing away with the necessity for providing the enlargement 21.

Many other changes being possible in the construction described without in any manner departing from the spirit of my invention, I do not limit myself to such specific structure as hereinbefore set forth except as hereinafter claimed.

I claim:—

1. In a handkerchief holder or the like, a clasp embodying spaced arms adapted to receive and hold therebetween a handkerchief, one of said arms having secured thereto a support, the upper end of the support being reverted and having attached thereto an ornamental button or the like, the button covering the point of reversion, the arms of said clasp being integrally connected at one end, the end of one arm having a slot, the end of the other arm having a tapered portion adapted to enter the slot, said slot being spaced from the point of connection of the arms a distance less than the length of the other arm.

2. In a handkerchief holder or the like, a clasp embodying spaced arms adapted to receive and hold therebetween a handkerchief, one of said arms having secured thereto a support, the upper end of the support being reverted and having attached thereto an ornamental button or the like, the button covering the point of reversion, the arms of said clasp being integrally connected at one end, the end of one arm having a slot, the end of the other arm having a tapered portion adapted to enter the slot, said slot being spaced from the point of connection of the arms a distance less than the length of the other arm, the tapered portion of the last named arm having struck out therefrom a tang extending longitudinally of the arm and having its attached portion adjacent the free end of the arm, the free end of the tang being offset inwardly a slight distance from the inner face of the arm to thereby engage the other of the arms at the side of the slot to prevent disengagement of the arms until said tang is deformed.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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