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CLASP.

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Fig. 1

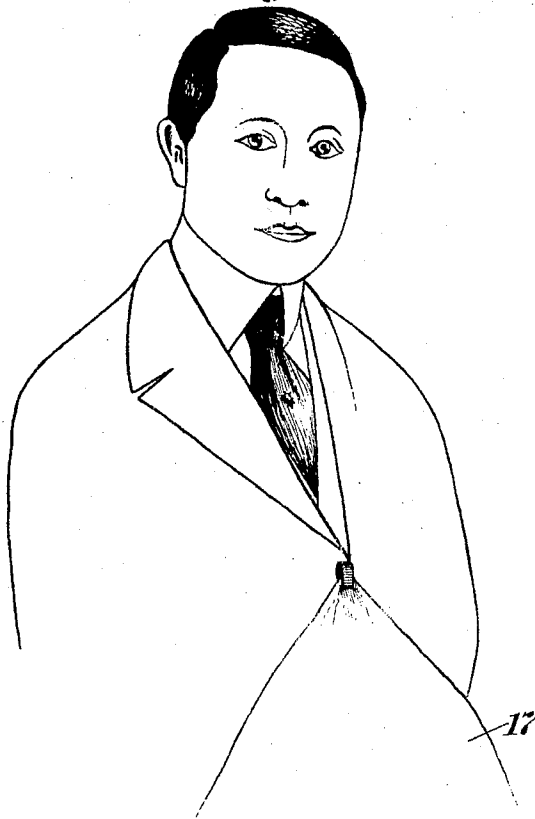


Fig. 2

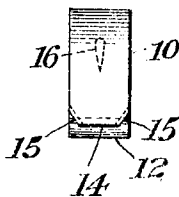


Fig. 3

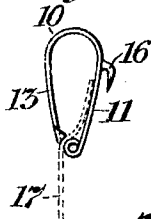


Fig. 4

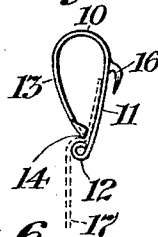


Fig. 5

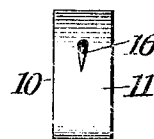


Fig. 6



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KONSTANTIN STAJANOVITZ, a Serbian, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a clasp and particularly to that type of clasp adapted to engage a napkin or other similar article so that the same may be secured in position by either attaching the clasped article to the clothing of the user, or so engaging the different edges of the article as to secure the same around the neck of the user. As will be readily appreciated, in the common use of napkins whether they are merely placed in the lap of the user or tucked in the pockets or the collar or otherwise placed for use, they readily lose position and are caused to fall, sometimes reaching the floor, and otherwise, under some circumstances making it inconvenient.

The object of my present invention is to overcome these difficulties so that as hereinbefore stated, in the use of my improved clasp, a napkin for example, may be gripped adjacent one of its edge portions and by the use of the clasp, secured permanently in position either by attaching the clasp in a suitable position to the clothing of the user, or by gripping different edges of the napkin for example, after the same has been placed around the neck of the user.

In carrying out my invention the improved clasp preferably comprises a band or strip of resilient metal or other material in the form of an ellipse flattened at one end so that it is provided with an obverse side and a reverse side. At the extremity of the reverse side, means are provided for engaging the edge of the obverse side, which latter is also adapted at the corners to assist in gripping the napkin or other article placed between the gripping members of the clasp before the same is closed. Associated preferably with the reverse side of the clasp, I also employ a pin or hook by which after the napkin has been secured in the clasp, the same with the napkin may be secured in position by being attached to the clothing of the user.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the use of my present invention.

Fig. 2 is an elevation of the obverse side of the clasp.

Fig. 3 is an end elevation, the parts of the clasp being shown as open in both Figs. 2 and 3.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3, showing the clasp closed.

Fig. 5 is an elevation of the reverse side of the clasp, and

Fig. 6 is a plan of the same.

By referring to the drawing, it will be seen that the improved clasp preferably comprises a strip of resilient metal or other material indicated at 10, and bent into an ellipse which is rounded at one end and flattened at the other, at which latter the parts are separated so that when formed, the clasp has a reverse side 11 and an obverse side 13. At its extremity, the reverse side 11 is rolled as indicated at 12, or otherwise constructed so as to provide a latch to be engaged by the edge 14 of the obverse side 13. Manifestly, by a slight pressure of the finger of the user, the edge 14 may be snapped to position under the rolled extremity 12 and the parts thus maintained with the napkin or other article intervening to hold the same in place. Also as shown in the drawing, the corners at the extremity of the obverse side 13 are preferably intumed as indicated at 15 so as to provide additional or auxiliary gripping edges or points for the article to be maintained in position in the clasp. Also as indicated in the drawing, I prefer to employ a pin or hook 16 which is suitably attached in a convenient position to the face of the reverse side 11.

Now, as will be obvious, a napkin or other similar article indicated at 17 may be secured between the gripping edges of the clasp and the clasp attached to the coat of the wearer as indicated in Fig. 1 by simply catching the pin 16 to that part of the clothing to which it is desired to secure the same to have the napkin or other article in position wanted. Still furthermore as will also be apparent, the napkin or other article at the corners thereof for example, might be engaged by the gripping edges of the clasp to secure the napkin in position around the neck of the user.

I claim as my invention:

1. A clasp comprising a resilient member bent on itself and having an intumed extremity at one end thereof, and an edge with

gripping means at its ends at the other extremity thereof adapted to snap into engagement with the said inturned extremity.

2. A clasp comprising a resilient member bent on itself and having an inturned extremity at one end thereof, and a gripping edge with inturned corners at the other extremity thereof adapted to snap into engagement with the said inturned extremity.

3. A clasp comprising a member of resilient material bent on itself and having a rolled extremity at one end thereof, and a gripping edge with inturned corners at the other extremity thereof adapted to snap into engagement with the said rolled extremity.

Signed by me this 13th day of February, 1919.

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