

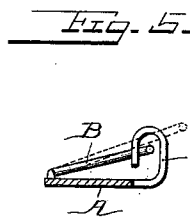
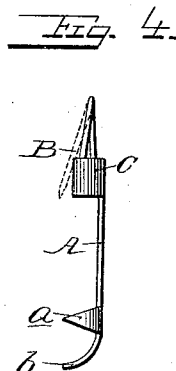
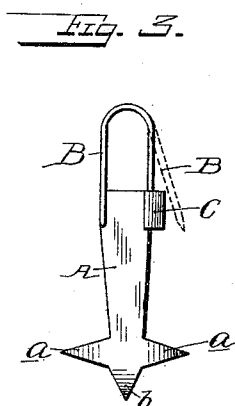
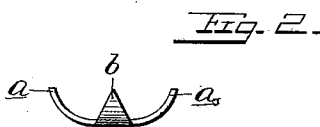
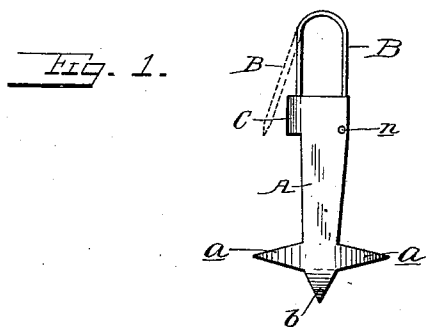
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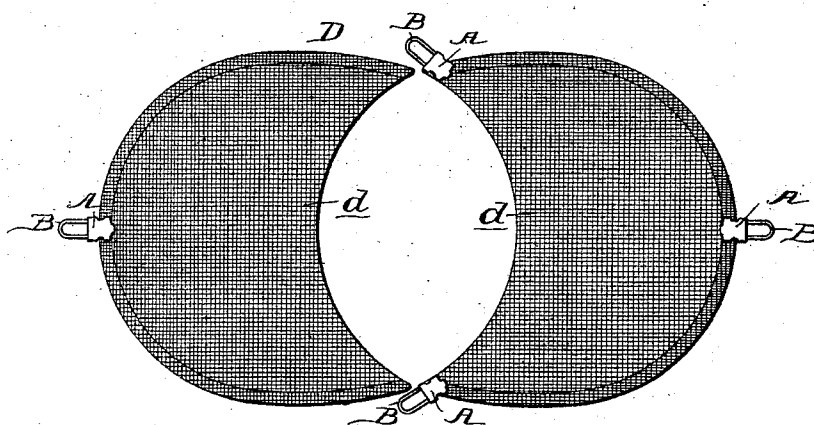
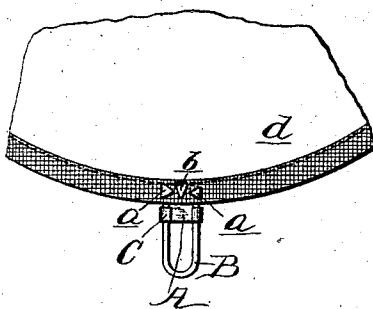


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMA F. WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Wayne and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Dress-Shields; 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 has relation to that class of fastenings used to connect garments or parts of garments temporarily, and its object is to provide an extremely simple device especially adapted removably to secure dress shields to dresses.

To this end the invention consists in the novel form of the device substantially as hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the subjoined claim.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved device, showing in full lines the curved pin locked and in dotted lines the same unlocked. Fig. 2 is an end view in cross section showing the teeth or claws. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1 of the underside of the device. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of my improved device. Fig. 5 is an enlarged vertical section. Fig. 6 is a plan view of a dress shield provided with my improved fasteners, the halves or flaps of said shield being separated and laid side by side, and Fig. 7 is an inverted plan view of a portion of a dress shield with a fastener attached thereto.

The body of my improved fastener consists of a single flat plate A formed at one end with three teeth or claws *a a* and *b*, said teeth *a a* extending outward from the side of plate A at an angle thereto, and said tooth *b* extending from the extreme end of said plate. Each of these teeth are curved from base to point. At the other end of the plate A, at one side thereof, is a keeper C, which may be formed integral with said plate A, or may be suitably fastened thereto, and consists of a curved lip or plate, which preferably projects over the side of the plate A and has an opening through it to receive the free end of the

hook or pin B, the opposite end of which end or pin is permanently secured to the plate A, as seen at *n*.

A prime object, as above stated, of my invention, is to cheapen the cost of fasteners, and therefore instead of having the hook or pin B extending slightly beyond the end of the body of the fastening, then coiled and extending laterally, which necessitates forming the keeper on an arm extending beyond the body of the keeper a distance corresponding with the amount of projection of the hook beyond the body with its opening parallel with the upper edge of the body, I so arrange the hook that its sides will be parallel with the lateral edges of the plate A, as shown, whereby the opening through the keeper will be in the direction of the length of said body and the necessity for forming the same on an arm extending from the body, is thereby obviated.

My novel fastener is permanently fastened to the dress shield D by inserting the claws *a, a* and *b* into the semi-circular edge of the half or flap *d* thereof and then bending them down against the same, the plate thereby engaging but one side of said flap or half and the bent portion of the claws or teeth engaging the opposite side thereof, and the dress shield provided with my improved device is secured to the dress by inserting the curved pins B in the dress sleeve one on each side of the arm and one under the arm immediately between them. By this device, three or more of which will be effective for each shield, the shield may be readily detached from one sleeve and attached to another sleeve, with much less trouble than with the common way of sewing them fast to the dress and one pair of shields is made to do service with several dresses instead of each dress requiring shields for itself.

As will be readily seen I have provided a fastener which can be quickly and cheaply manufactured and is of extreme simplicity of construction.

Having now described my invention, I claim—

The herein described fastener, consisting of a body part made of a single imperforate

flat plate A, formed at one end with curved
teeth *a*, *a* and *b*, adapted to be inserted
through and bent into engagement with the
article to be fastened, and having at its other
5 end a keeper C projecting slightly over its
side and having its opening extending in the
direction of the length of said body, and a
pin B having one end secured to said plate
A and its opposite end adapted to engage

said keeper, all substantially as shown and 10
described.

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

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