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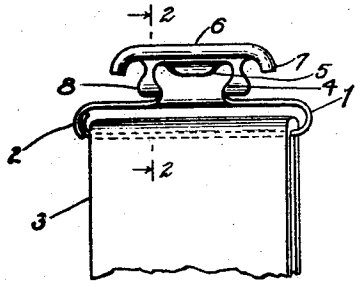



Fig. 1.

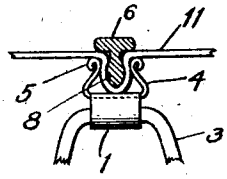



Fig. 2.

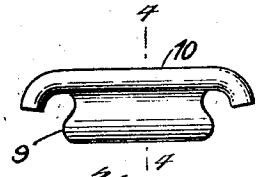



Fig. 3.




Fig. 4.

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## FASTENER FOR FABRICS.

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This invention relates to fasteners or clasps used to hold pieces of fabric together, and more particularly to fasteners adapted to hold articles of lingerie to women's dresses.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient fastener adapted to hold such articles securely without danger of injuring the fabrics of which they are made and without discomfort to the person of the wearer.

A further object is to provide a fastener for the purpose specified which is capable of being attractively ornamented. My invention will be fully understood from the following description taking in connection with the accompanying drawing and its scope will be pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing, Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of a device embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a side elevational view of a modified form of one member of my device, and

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

The numeral 1 indicates an elongated, resilient, metallic member bent into the form of a loop and having its two ends overlapping as illustrated at 2. The resiliency of this member enables the overlapping ends to be separated and permits the fabric 3 to be inserted within the loop formed by the member 1. If desirable, the ends of the member 1 may be brazed or otherwise fastened together and the fabric inserted endwise into the loop. The upper surface of the member 1 is provided with opposite resilient wings or fingers 4, preferably formed integral with the member 1 and having a double curvature as shown in the drawing. The upper ends of the wings 4 are preferably rolled downward as illustrated at 5 to prevent injury to the fabric.

The other member of the fastener or clasp consists of an elongated portion 6 having its ends turned down as shown at 7. The lower surface of the member 6 is provided with a thickened projection or tongue 8 forming a shallow depression on each side thereof into which the fabric is forced by the upper ends of the members 4. These depressions also serve to prevent the tongue 8 from being easily withdrawn from between the wings 4. In the modification of the device shown in Figs. 3 and 4, this member consists of a portion 9 bent into the desired shape and an upper portion 10 corresponding to the portion 6 shown in Figs. 1 and 2, fastened thereto.

The dress or other fabric 11 to be held in position with respect to the fabric 3 is interposed between the wings 4 and the projection 8 as illustrated in Fig. 2. The size and shape of the projections 8 and 4 are such that the fabric 11 is firmly held in position by reason of the resiliency of the wings 4.

The projection 8 is free to slide longitudinally between the wings 4 but is prevented from sliding therefrom by the turned down portions 7.

Having thus described this form of my invention I wish it to be understood that various changes may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

What I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A fastener adapted to hold two pieces of fabric together comprising, a member adapted to engage one piece of fabric and provided with a plurality of lateral resilient wings and a separate member provided with a projection having a terminal enlargement, said wings and projection adapted to have the second piece of fabric interposed between them and to hold the same in position by the resiliency of said parts.

2. A fastener adapted to hold two pieces of fabric together comprising, a member adapted to engage one piece of fabric at its lower surface and provided with two opposite resilient wings on its upper surface and a separate member provided on its lower surface with a projection having a terminal enlargement, said wings and projection adapted to have the second piece of fabric interposed between them and to hold the same in position by the resiliency of said wings.

3. A fastener adapted to hold two pieces of fabric together comprising, a member adapted to encircle one piece of fabric and provided with two opposite resilient fingers on its upper surface and a member pro-

vided with a thickened tongue projecting from its lower surface and adapted to be positioned between said portions, said fingers and tongue being adapted to have the second piece of fabric interposed between them and to hold the latter in position by the resiliency of said fingers, said second member having portions to prevent said tongue from sliding longitudinally and disengaging said resilient fingers.

Signed at New York, N. Y., this 20th day of October, 1926.

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