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Fig. 1,

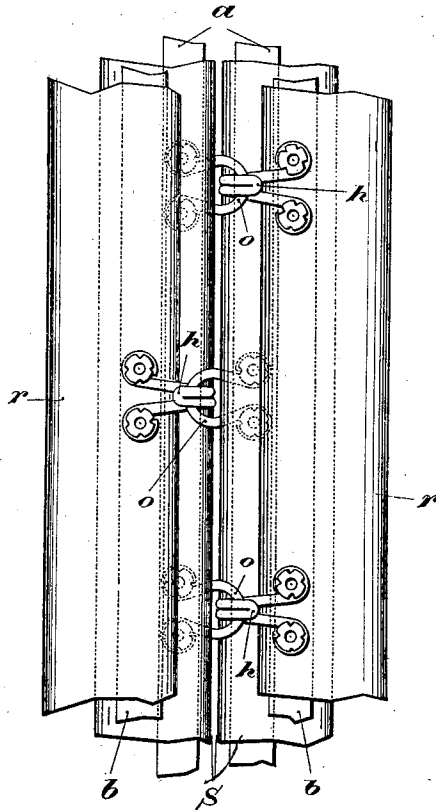


Fig. 2,

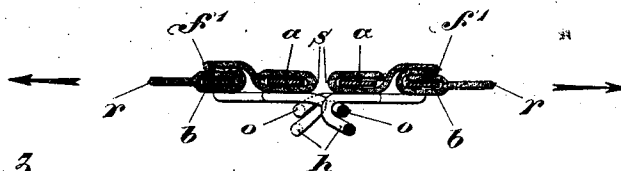
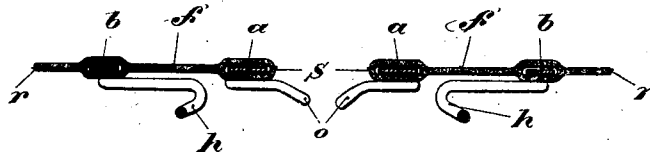


Fig. 3,



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GUSTAV KLEINSCHMIDT and LUDWIG KREUDER, gentlemen, subjects of the King of Prussia, German Emperor, residing at Mühlhausen Thuringia, in the Kingdom of Prussia and German Empire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Articles of Dress, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to improvements in fastenings for articles of dress, and is especially applicable to use in places where the least motion of the body causes the closing edges to separate, disclosing the dress under-
15 neath or the lining or skirt and after a while becomes loose-fitting.

20 The object of the present invention is to remedy these drawbacks by a construction which will cause a pull on the fastening occasioned by the movements of the body to act to keep the edges securely closed without overlapping.

25 In the accompanying drawings we have illustrated one example of carrying out our invention.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 is a partial front view. Fig. 2 is a cross-section when the fastener is closed. Fig. 3 is a similar view when the fastener is opened.

30 Like letters of reference indicate like parts in the different views.

35 As seen from the drawings, at each edge of the fastener we arrange two stiff bands *a* and *b*, which are disposed, preferably, in pockets in the flexible band or material *r*, there being arranged between the pockets an intermediate piece of fabric, as seen at *f*, which forms a fold *f'* when the device is closed. Hooks *h* and eyes *o* are arranged on either
40 side, the hooks *h* being secured to the band *r*, connected to or containing the strip *b*, while the eyes *o* are fixed to the part containing the strip *a*, said hooks and eyes alternating on each side, the hook of the outer strips *b* engaging with the eyes of the inner strips *a*. The
45 effect of this arrangement is that when the

outer edges of the band *r* separate in the direction of the arrows in Fig. 2 the inner edges *s* are drawn together without overlapping, since the hooks *h* in moving outwardly draw 50 the edges *s*, and with them the strips, together, which will readily move toward each other, owing to the folds *f'*, which unfold, but do not disclose what lies back of the space they formerly occupied. 55

What is claimed as new is—

1. A fastening for the purpose described, comprising interengaging parts having unfolding portions constructed and arranged to keep the adjacent edges of the fastening together without overlapping when strain is 60 placed upon the outer portions, as set forth.

2. A fastening for articles of dress, comprising two pieces of fabric having bands affixed thereto with a fold between the two bands of 65 each piece of fabric, and hooks and eyes secured to the alternately opposite inner and outer bands, whereby when the outer edges of said pieces of fabric are separated the adjacent bands are drawn together and the folds 70 unfolded without disclosing the parts between the bands, as set forth.

3. A fastening for articles of dress consisting of two stiff bands having an intermediate piece of fabric between them which becomes 75 folded when the article of dress is fastened, a series of hooks attached to the material along one of the strips and a series of eyes attached along the other strip on each side whereby when the fastener is closed the hooks 80 (or eyes) on the outer strip engage with the eyes (or hooks) on the inner strip on the other side, as set forth.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in presence of two subscribing wit- 85 nesses.

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