SEPARABLE FASTENING DEVICE HAVING A 
FACING BUTTON AND RETAINER MEMBER
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This invention relates to a separable fastening device, 
particularly to one that enables a person to make a 
quick change in an outer or facing button.

One object of my invention is to provide a fastening 
device in two separable but cooperating parts, the fac-
ing button of which can instantly be attached or re-
moved from a retainer member attached to clothing or
other material, by use of the fingers alone, being es-
pecially useful, for instance, when it is desired to place 
decorative buttons on garments.

Another object is to provide such a fastening device 
that can be manufactured in large quantities at a low 
cost, and in a variety of sizes, colors and shapes.

The foregoing and other objects which will appear as the 
nature of the invention is better understood, may be ac-
complished by a construction, combination and arrange-
ment of parts such as is disclosed by the drawings and 
specification. The nature of the invention is such as to 
render it susceptible to various changes and modifi-
cations, and, therefore, I am not to be limited to said 
disclosure; but am entitled to all such changes therefrom 
as fall within the scope of my claims.

In the drawings:
Figure 1 is an enlarged top plan view of the facing 
button of my fastening device. Figure 2 is a side elva-

tional view thereof, and Figure 3 is a side elevational 
view thereof taken from a different position than 
shown in Figure 2.

Figures 4 and 5 are sectional views taken on the 
lines 4—4 and 5—5 of Figure 1. Figure 6 is an enlarged, 
top plan view of my retainer member.

As illustrated, my device has a facing button 10 hav-
ing a main body 12, the outer, exposable face of which 
may be decorative. At the periphery of said body is an 
outer rim 14, which projects beyond the remainder of
said body 12 forming part of the inner surface of said
button. Inwardly thereof, in position of use, and at-
tached to said body, is a stud which has a projecting end
portion 16 of oblong shape having a hole 18 extend-
ing laterally therefrom. This hole 18 enables the 
user to attach said button 10 alone to a garment by means
of thread. Said stud has an intermediate portion 20 ex-
tending from said body 12 towards said stud end portion
16. It is of general oblong shape in plan view, the lon-
gitudinal axis of which extends at an angle of 90 degrees
to that of said stud portion 16. Both said stud portions
16 and 20 have a common center where they cross and join
said body 12, preferably being integral with the latter.
Between them and said rim 14 is a recess 22.

A retainer member 24 is adapted to engage said fac-
ing button 10 and serves to hold it in place. It has a
main body 26 having an outer flange portion 27 taper-
ing inwardly from the outer edge and which is adapted
to enter said facing button recess 22. Said retainer mem-
ber 24 has a central opening therethrough that includes
an oblong-shaped slot 28 extending therethrough of a
size to receive said intermediate stud portion 20 by a
press fit. Said opening also includes an oblong-shaped
slot 30 that is shorter than said slot 28 and extends in
angular relationship thereto, being of a size to receive
said projecting stud portion 16 by a press fit.

Outside of said main opening slots 28 and 30 are
holes 32 through which thread may be passed to sew this
retainer member 24 to a garment or the like. The inner
face of this retainer member 24 preferably has a recess
34 therein extending from said outer flange 27 inwards.

In use, said retainer member 24 may be attached
to a garment or other article, as by sewing, and said fac-
ing button 10 is attached thereto by inserting said stud
portions 16 and 20 through said slots 30 and 28 respec-
tively, in which position said retainer member flange
27 extends into said facing member recess 22. Since
my device is made of a yielding material such as plastic,
metal, fiber, or the like, it yields somewhat when said
stud portions are forced through said slots 30 and 28
hence said facing button and retainer member will not
separate unless purposely drawn apart.

What I claim is:

1. A fastening device comprising a facing button and
a retainer member adapted to cooperatively engage there-
with, said facing button embodying a main body
having an outer face, an outer projecting rim form-
ning part of the inner surface of said button, an inter-
mediate stud portion projecting from said body and an
end stud portion projecting therefrom farther than said
intermediate stud portion, both said stud portions be-
ing of oblong shape in plan view and extending an-
gularly to each other in plan view, said body having a
recess between said outer rim and said stud portions,
said retainer member embodying a main body having two
slots extending therethrough in angular relation to each
other and having a common center opening, said retainer
member body embodying an outer flange portion, said
intermediate stud portion and said stud end portion
being adapted to enter a press fit into said slots,
said flange portion being adapted to extend into said
facing button recess when said facing button and re-
tainer are in cooperative engagement.

2. A fastening device comprising a facing button and
a retainer member adapted to cooperatively engage there-
with, said facing button embodying a main body having
an outer face, an outer projecting rim forming part of
the inner surface of said button, an intermediate stud
portion projecting from said body and an end stud
portion projecting therefrom farther than said inter-
mediate stud portion, both said stud portions being
of oblong shape in plan view and extending angularly
to each other in plan view, said body having a recess be-
tween said outer rim and said stud portions, said inter-
mediate stud portion being of greater length in plan
view than said end stud portion, said retainer member
embodiying a main body having a relatively long slot
and a relatively short slot both extending therefrom in
angular relation to each other in plan view and hav-
ing a common center opening, said retainer member
body embodying an outer flange portion, said inter-
mediate stud portion and said stud end portion being
adapted to enter by a press fit into said slots, and said flange
portion being adapted to extend into said facing button
recess when said facing button and retainer member
are in cooperative engagement.

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