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Fig. 1

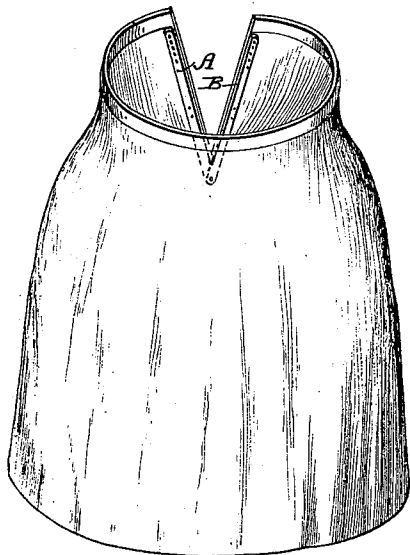
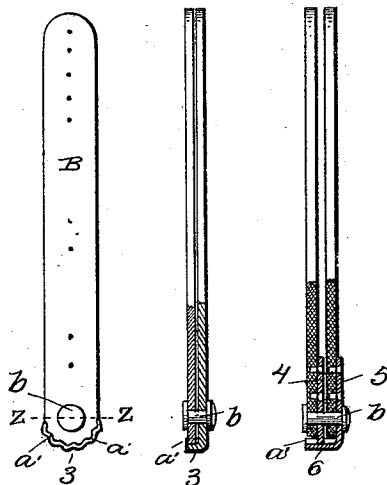


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP FABISCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Placket-Guards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to fastenings for garments and wearing apparel which have a slit leading from one edge to facilitate their proper adjustment to the person and the ready removal therefrom.

The object of the improvement is the provision of a simple and efficient contrivance to secure together the edges of the garment bordering upon the slit and prevent the same from separating. In ladies' garments having plackets it is very desirable to secure the same after the garment is properly set in such a manner so as to prevent the opening of the placket.

The invention will be used as a fastening generally in the manner herein set forth, but it is especially designed as a placket guard or fastening for ladies' dresses.

The improvement consists essentially of the novel features which hereinafter will be more fully described and claimed, and which are shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a detail view of a lady's dress showing the application of the invention. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the fastening, the members being formed of strips of sheet metal which have the interlocking corrugations or projections and depressions formed therein by stamping or pressing. Fig. 3 is a section on the line Z Z of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a view showing the application of the invention to members of whalebone or similar material.

Similar letters and numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The fastening comprises members A and B of metal, whalebone, celluloid and like materials used as stiffeners and stays in crinoline and garments. These members are pivotally connected at one end and overlap or come opposite each other when closed. A series of corrugations or interlocking projections and depressions α is provided and disposed

in a circle or arc of a circle concentric with the pivotal connection b between the said members. These corrugations or projections and depressions are preferably formed by being stamped, pressed or otherwise provided in the members or the reinforcing plates applied thereto. The end of one member, as A, is curved on the arc of a circle whose center is coincident with the axis of the pivot b , and the corresponding end of the member B has a flange 3 which overlaps the curved end of the other member. The opposing faces of the said curved end and the flange 3 are corrugated or provided with corresponding interlocking projections and depressions α . The flange is sufficiently elastic to yield, when the members are opened on the application of proper force, to permit the interlocking projections or corrugations to ride past one another.

The construction shown in Fig. 4 is substantially the same as that shown in Figs. 2 and 3 but is applied to members of whalebone or similar material, plates 4 and 5 being applied to the said members. The plate 4 is corrugated on its curved end and the plate 5 has a flange 6 to extend over the curved end of the plate 4 and is corrugated on its inner side to match with the corrugations on the curved end of the plate 5.

The form of the corrugations is immaterial so long as they match and form positive interlocking projections and depressions.

It will be understood that the members are sufficiently elastic surrounding the pivot b to permit of the projections riding out of the corresponding depressions on the application of sufficient force to the free ends of the said members when it is desired to open or close the device. The projections or corrugations must be so constructed and related that they will ride past one another and mesh at every step in the movement so as to secure the members by a positive action in the required position. A slight force will not move the members from the located position. Hence the device is sufficient for the purpose designed. The device if solely constructed of strips of metal, may be japanned or otherwise rendered proof against moisture and may be incased or not as preferred. If the members are incased by fabric the latter will afford

means for attachment of the fastening to the garment, but should no casing be provided openings will occur in the members at convenient points in their length to receive the stitching by means of which the device is secured to the garment. The fastening is placed in the placket and one member extends along each edge of the garment bordering upon the slit. The members being stiff retain the placket in closed relation and themselves remain closed by reason of the positive engagement of the interlocking corrugations or projections and depressions.

By having the pivoted end of one member provided with a flange that extends over the end of the opposite member a snug and close fitting joint is obtained which will exclude lint, dust and any other foreign substance tending to lodge between the pivoted ends of the members. Moreover, the ends of the members are protected and not likely to catch the goods between them.

Having thus described my invention, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent, and claim as new, is—

A garment fastening composed of two members placed opposite each other and pivotally connected together at one end, the pivotal end of a member being round or formed on the arc of a circle whose center is concentric with the said pivot, and the corresponding end of the other member having a flange to overlap the curved end of the first mentioned member, the opposing faces of the flange and curved end being provided with meshing corrugations, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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