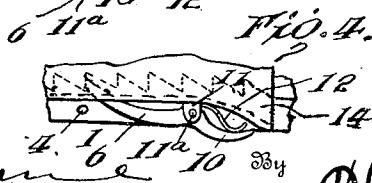
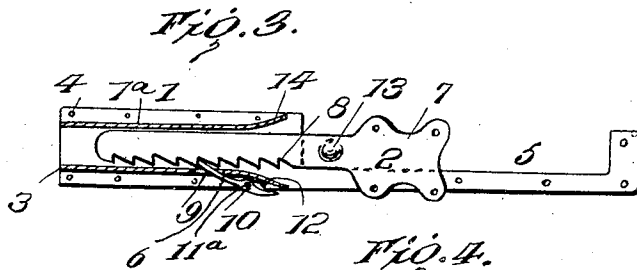
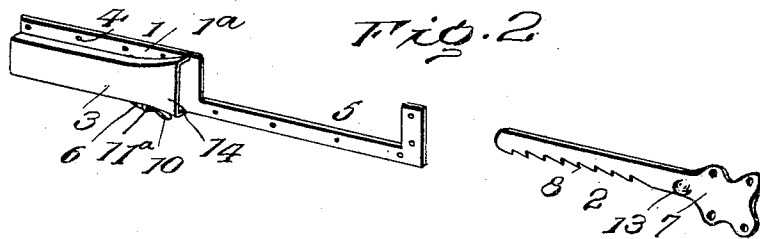
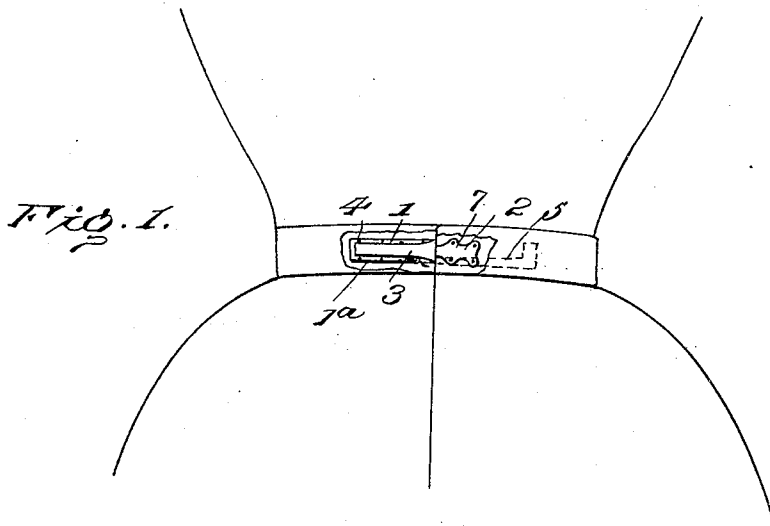


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM D. ROY and EDWARD H. ROY, citizens of the United States, residing at Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention comprises a simple form of fastener particularly designed for attachment to garments and in its preferred application as a skirt-fastening device. The invention may be used, however, upon corsets, hunting-coats, trousers, and in any other similar way where it may be desirable to use an attaching means which may be quickly and easily operated and which will afford a positive securing device.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation, showing the invention applied to a skirt. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the members comprising the device separated. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view through the fastener. Fig. 4 is a broken side view bringing out more clearly the mounting of the pawl.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The fastener embodying the invention consists, essentially, of two members and is shown applied to a skirt for holding the placket closed, one of the members being attached at one side of the placket-opening, the other at the opposite side.

The members of the device are designated 1 and 2, the member 1 comprising a plate 1^a, carrying a keeper 3, the member 2 consisting of a lock-plate adapted to be received in the keeper 3 in securing parts together. The plate 1^a is provided at its edge portions with a plurality of small openings 4, admitting of stitching the plate to a garment in order to fasten the same thereto. The plate 1^a is also cut away between its ends, as shown at 5, to conduce to lightness and economy of material. The keeper 3 is an open-ended socket or housing extending longitudinally of the plate 1^a from one end of the latter, and the lock-plate 2 is adapted to be forced into the

keeper to be engaged by a pawl 6, pivoted at one end of the keeper. The lock-plate is enlarged at one end, as shown at 7, and this portion is formed with openings admitting of stitching the plate to the part of the lock-plate 2 extending from the enlarged part 7, being provided at one edge with a plurality of teeth 8, with which the engaging end of the pawl 6 cooperates to prevent displacement of the lock-plate 2 from the keeper 3. The keeper 3 is formed with an opening 9 in one side of the same, through which the engaging end of the pawl 6 passes, the opposite end of this pawl being disposed at one side of the keeper, so as to form a finger-piece 10, which may be readily depressed, so as to disengage the pawl from the lock-plate and permit separation of the members 1 and 2. A pivot-lug 11 projects from the keeper 3, and a pin 11^a forms the pivot of the pawl 6 in a manner which will be apparent. A small flat spring 12 is interposed between a side of the keeper and normally forces the pawl into engagement with the lock-plate as the latter is introduced into the socket or keeper 3. The finger-piece 10, forming a part of the pawl 6, is curved, so as not to greatly project from the member 1 in such a manner as to form a projecting element which might catch in the clothes or be of other disadvantage. A projection 13 is pressed outwardly from the lock-plate near the enlarged portion 7 and is adapted to engage the socket 3 at its mouth to limit the movement of the lock-plate when the latter is forced into the same. The end portion of the keeper 3 into which the lock-plate 2 is forced, or its mouth, is transversely enlarged or flared, as shown at 14, to facilitate entrance of the lock-plate.

The provision of the plurality of teeth 8 admits of securing of parts at adjusted positions, or, in other words, the parts may be held tightly or loosely, dependent upon the wish of the user of the device, this being of no small convenience in a fastener for garments, for reasons which will be obvious.

— Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A garment-fastener comprising a plate adapted to be secured to the garment part and provided upon its outer side with a longitudinal open-ended socket or housing forming a keeper, one of the open end portions of the keeper being transversely enlarged to provide a flared mouth, a lock-plate adapted for attachment to a second garment part and

coöperating with the keeper aforesaid when
forced into the mouth of the latter, teeth ar-
ranged longitudinally of the lock-plate, a side
of the keeper being provided with an opening,
5 a lock-pawl disposed exterior of the keeper
at a side thereof and pivoted to the outer side
of the plate carrying said keeper, said lock-
pawl having one end passing through the
opening in the side of the keeper to engage
10 the teeth of the lock-plate, a finger-piece for
the pawl, a spring between the pawl and the
adjacent outer side of the keeper to normally

hold the pawl in engagement with the teeth
of the lock-plate, and a projection extended
from the lock-plate near an end thereof to 15
limit the movement of the same in introduc-
ing it into the keeper or socket.

In testimony whereof we affix our signa-
tures in presence of two witnesses.

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