

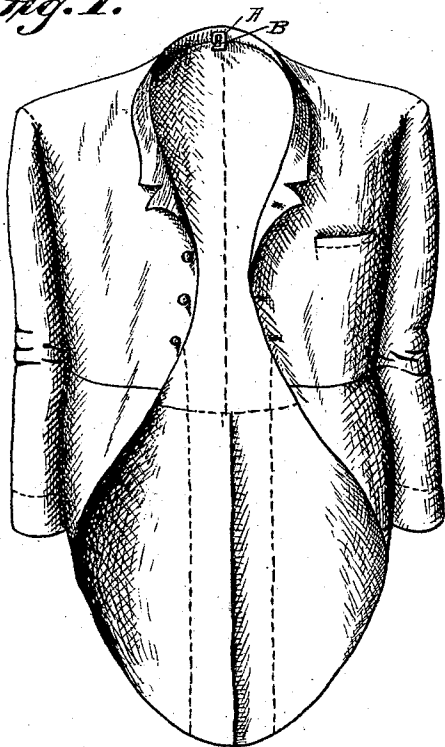
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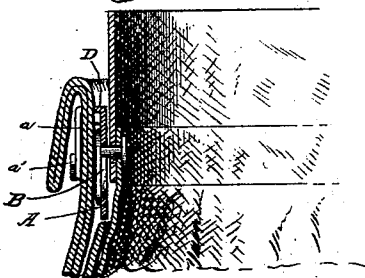
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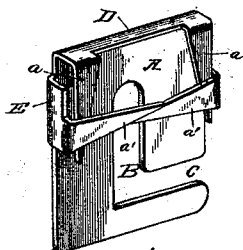
*Fig. 1.*



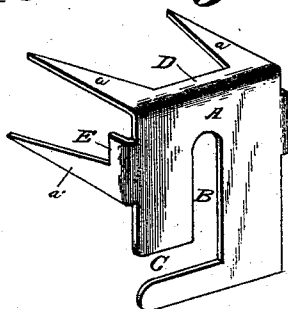
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## COAT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES ADAMS STALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greenville, in the county of Greenville and State of South Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coat-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of coat supporters which are affixed to the inner side of the coat collar, and at the back thereof, and which are provided with means whereby they may be connected to the collar button, or to a corresponding projection on the collar of the shirt. By such means the coat collar is held snugly against the linen collar and kept at the proper elevation.

The special object of this invention is to improve the structure of this class of inventions and to make the device capable of providing a space for the head of the collar button, so that this head will be conveniently disposed of and prevented from giving the coat collar a cumbersome and uneasy appearance. This object I attain by certain specific improvements in the construction of the device, all of which will be fully described hereinafter and finally embodied in the claim.

In the drawings: Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a coat, showing the invention applied. Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken through the coat collar, shirt collar, and supporter, and showing the relative arrangement of the parts. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the supporter, the view being taken from the rear side. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the supporter, showing it detached from the coat.

The reference letter A indicates the main plate, which is constructed of sheet metal, and approximately square in shape. Formed in the plate A is the slot B, which comprises a vertical portion extending for the greater portion of the length of the plate, and a horizontally-extending portion C, in communication with the vertical portion and projecting to the side of the plate.

Formed integral with the upper edge of the plate A, and projecting inwardly and hori-

zontally, is a flange D, which extends the entire length of the said upper edge. Integral with the ends of the flange D are the spurs *a*, which are two in number, one for each end; and these spurs are made with pointed ends so as to be capable of being passed through the cloth of the coat and of being bent to clinch the plate A in place.

The sides of the plate A, and at the upper portions thereof, are formed with flanges E, similar to the flange D, and the flanges E are one for each side and have their lower halves formed integral with additional spurs *a'*. These spurs *a'* are similar to the spurs *a*, at the upper edge of the plate, and are capable of being passed through the cloth and of being clinched against the same.

Fig. 3 shows the relative arrangement of the spurs when bent, and shows how the flanges D and E operate to project the spurs away from the plate and leave a space between the spurs and the inner side of the plate.

Now, by reference to Fig. 2, it may be seen how the supporter is applied and what functions its several elements perform. Thus, in applying the supporter the spurs *a* and *a'* are passed through the cloth at the inner side of the coat collar, and then clinched so as to hold the edges of the flanges D and E securely against the inner side of the collar. This results in a secure holding of the plate A, so that a space will be left between it and the collar. It will be understood that the plate A will be held rigidly in place, or rather immovable on the collar, and incapable of all movement except such as will be in unison with the movements of the collar.

The use of the invention may be understood without very much additional description, it being understood that the collar button at the back of the user's neck is inserted into the slot B, by way of the horizontal portion C, so that its head will lie in the space between the plate and coat collar, while the neck or shank of the button is received in the slot B. This holds the coat collar from all unnecessary movement, and keeps it snug against the shirt band. Fig. 2 clearly illustrates this, and shows how the head of the button lies easily within the space formed by the flanges D and E.

Having described the invention, what is claimed is—

5 A coat supporter consisting of a metallic plate formed with a slot therein, the same comprising a vertical portion in communication with a horizontal part extending to and opening at one edge of the plate, the plate being also formed with a flange D, extending horizontally from its upper edge, and with flanges  
10 E projecting from the upper portions of the sides of the plate, and in the same direction as the flange D, the flanges having formed in-

tegral with their outer edges, a series of spurs pointed and pliable and capable of being passed through the cloth of the coat and 15 clinched against the same, substantially as described.

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

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