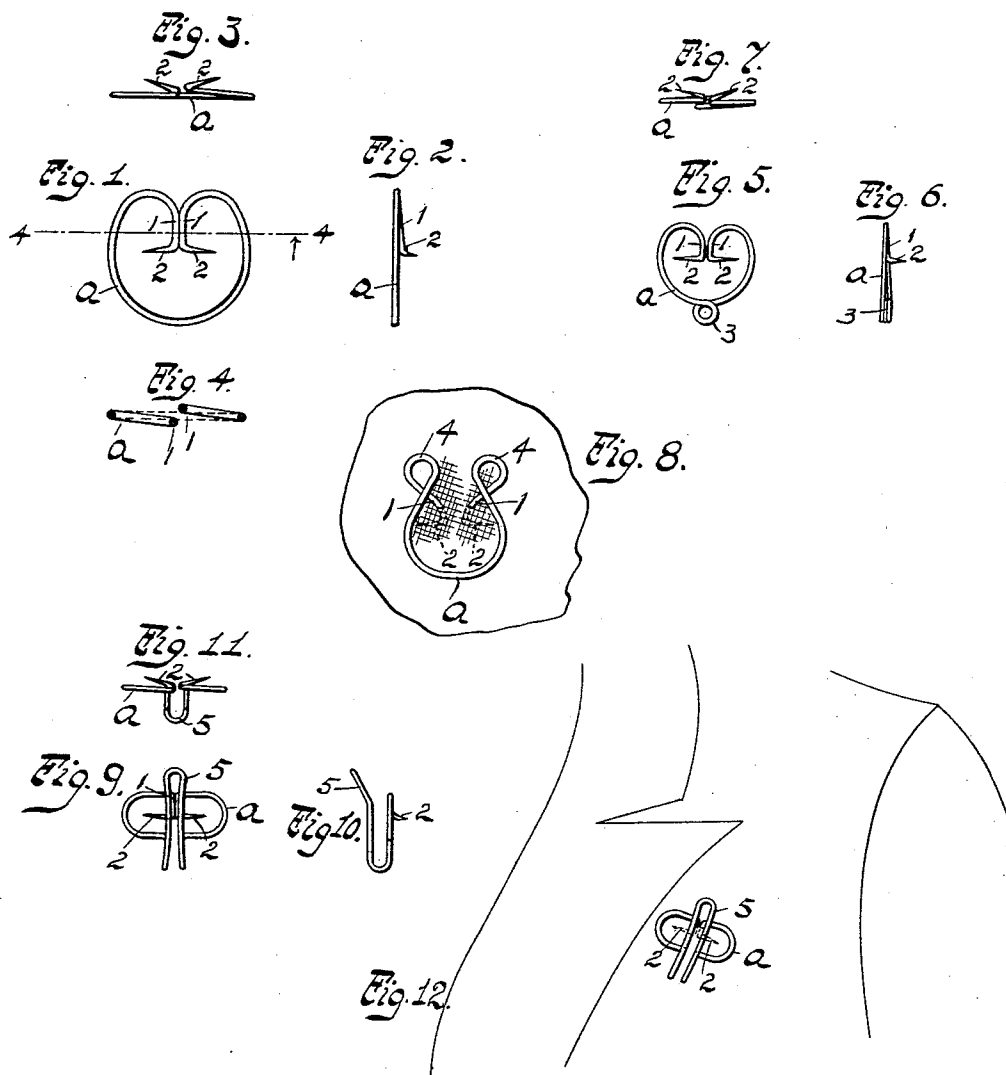


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. BECHTOLD, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has reference to a fastening device which may be readily attached by means of projecting prongs and used for holding or suspending articles, such as spectacles, bouquets, napkins, neckties, &c.

The object of my present invention is to provide a simple device which can be cheaply manufactured and which will remain tightly attached when applied, while at the same time it can be readily removed when its removal is desired.

To this end my invention consists, essentially, in a fastener composed of a wire loop provided with reëntrant members terminating in lateral prongs, which latter are adapted to be inserted into the fabric and lie wholly within the body of the loop.

The nature of my invention will best be understood when described in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a face view of a fastener adapted for use as a bouquet-holder. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a top view. Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4 4, Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a face view of a modified form. Fig. 6 is a side view. Fig. 7 is a top view. Fig. 8 is a face view of another modified form, showing the same applied to the fabric. Fig. 9 is a face view of the fastener formed as a spectacle-holder. Fig. 10 is a side view. Fig. 11 is a top view. Fig. 12 is a face view showing the fastener applied.

Similar letters and numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

Referring at present to Figs. 1 to 4, the letter *a* designates the fastener, which is composed of a loop made of spring-wire and having reëntrant members 1 1, which terminate in laterally-extending prongs 2 2. The loop may be circular, elliptical, or polygonal in form. To facilitate the insertion into and the removal of the prongs from the fabric, the two

terminal members 1 1 of the loop may be arranged in different planes, as shown in Fig. 4, so that on the compression of the loop by hand the prongs are moved over each other. If when in this condition of the fastener the prongs are pressed against the fabric and the loop released, the prongs enter the fabric and hold the fastener. It will be noticed that the prongs are also inclined in planes forming angles with the plane of the loop, so that on the expansion of the loop they pass at an angle through the fabric. The fastener may also be applied by first inserting one prong into the fabric, then compressing the loop and permitting the same to again extend, whereupon the second prong will pass through the fabric.

In Figs. 5 to 7 I have shown the fastener provided with an eye 3, so that it may be used as a suspension device for tags, &c.

In Fig. 8 I have shown a bouquet-holder formed with an open loop *a* and with members 1 1, bent outwardly and inwardly to form auxiliary loops 4 4, which will permit the loop *a* to be swung outwardly and inwardly with slight pressure, so as to facilitate the introduction of the bouquet or other object into the loop.

In Figs. 9 to 12 I have shown the lower portion of the loop extended downwardly, outwardly, and upwardly to form a hook 5, which enables the fastener to be used as a spectacle-holder or the like.

It is evident that the device can be used as a neckwear-retainer and for many other purposes not herein described. Therefore I do not wish to restrict myself to the precise constructions shown, the essential feature of my invention being the reëntrant members of the loop, which terminate in lateral prongs all lying within the loop. It is also evident that the device may be stamped up from sheet metal.

What I claim as new is—

1. A fastening device composed of a loop having reëntrant members terminating in laterally-extending prongs lying wholly within the body of the loop, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A fastening device composed of an elastic loop having reëntrant members located in different planes and terminating in lateral, pointed prongs extending at angles to the

plane of the loop, and lying wholly within the loop, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. A fastening device composed of a loop
5 having reëntrant members terminating in laterally-extending prongs lying wholly within the body of the loop, and a suspension device formed on said loop, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 23d day of May, 1896.

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