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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

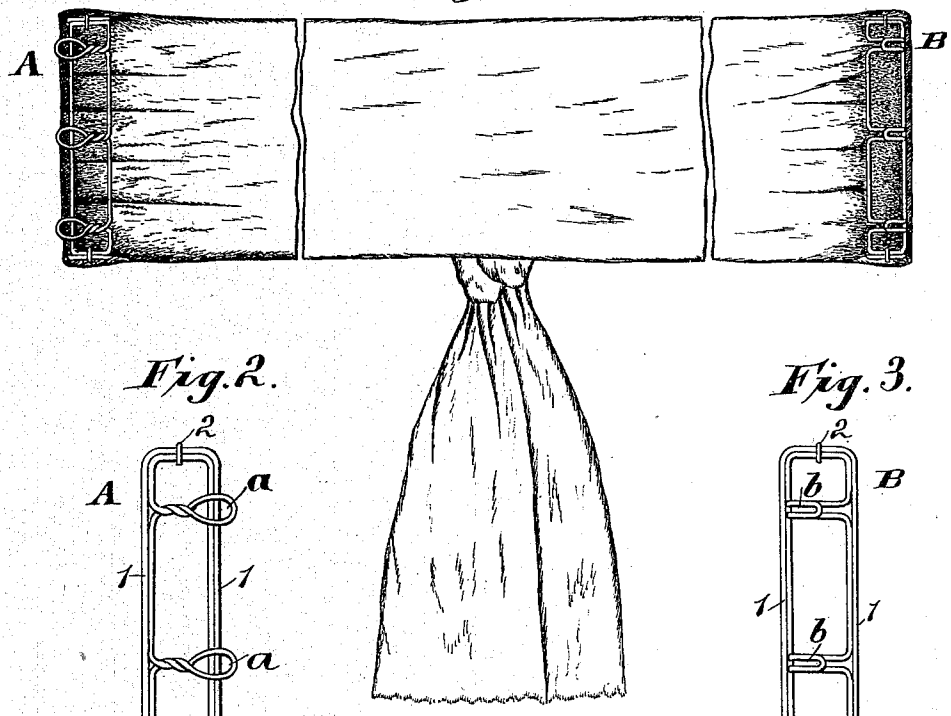


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

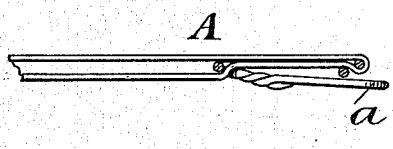
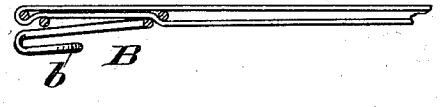


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA ROEHM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Clasp, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention has relation to clasps; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts, as hereinafter shown and described.

The object of this invention is to provide a clasp especially adapted to be used on neckwear, such as stocks.

The clasp consists of two members, each of which is made of a continuous single piece of wire, one member being provided with hooks bent in the wire and the other member being provided with eyes, also bent in the wire, the wire in each being bent against itself in such manner that the fabric constituting the stock may be concealed between parallel portions of the wire, the said portion offering sufficient friction to the fabric to hold the member in proper place. The hooks and eyes are so located that when the members of the clasp engage each other the entire clasp is concealed by the fabric.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of the stock having the clasp attached thereto. Fig. 2 is an elevation of one member of the clasp. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the other member of the clasp. Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view of the member of the clasp as shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view of the member of the clasp as shown in Fig. 3.

The clasp consists of the members A and B, the only difference in the construction of which is that the clasp A is provided with a series of eyes *a*, bent in the wire, while the clasp B is provided with a series of hooks *b*, bent in the wire. Each member of the clasp consists of a continuous wire folded against itself at the longitudinal portions 1, the wire being bound together at the ends at the points 2 2. The body portion of each member is in the same plane, and the wire is folded substantially in the form of an elongated rectangular scroll. The eyes *a* and the hooks *b* are formed in the inner fold of the wire, the said hooks and eyes extending out of the plane of the body portion of the member. The members are attached to the fabric by passing the end of the fabric over the member and then down and between the parallel portions of the wire constituting the longitudinal edges in the manner as illustrated in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5. Thus sufficient friction is created between the members of the clasp and the fabric to hold the said clasp members in their proper positions. It is obvious that the said clasp members may be detached along the stock to make the same fit the neck of the wearer. When the members engage each other, the stock fabric covers and conceals them from view. With such a clasp it is a very easy matter for the wearer to remove the members when the stock is soiled and place them on another stock. This can be done without sewing and in a very short period of time, and the stock will maintain its shape much longer, for the reason that it does not require tying and untying every time it is put on or taken off.

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

A clasp comprising members, each member consisting of a continuous single wire folded upon itself in a plane in substantially rectangular scroll form, the portions of the wire constituting the ends of the members being secured together, the portions of the wire constituting the edges of the members being adapted to receive and retain between them a flexible material, hooks bent in the wire of one member and extending out of the plane of the body portion thereof and under said body portion, and corresponding eyes bent in the wire of the opposite member, and extending out of the plane of the body portion thereof and under said body portion, whereby when the said members are attached to flexible material and the said hooks and eyes are in engagement the members of the clasp including the hooks and eyes are concealed by the said flexible material.

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

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