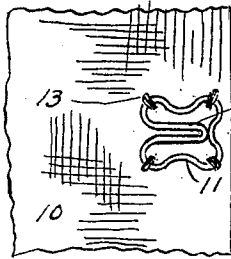


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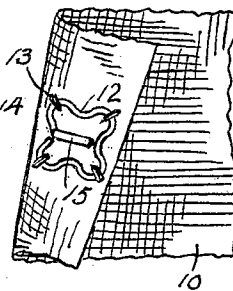
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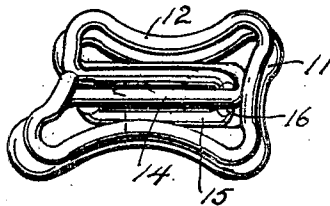
*Fig. 1.*



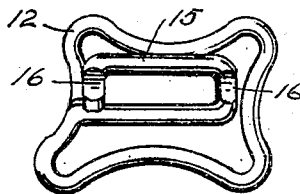
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LESLIE D. PIERCE, of Indianapolis, county of Marion, and State of Indiana, have invented a certain new and useful Fastener for Clothing and the Like; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals refer to like parts.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved fastener for clothing and the like.

The chief features of the invention consist in the idea of one member of the fastener having an elongated slot and the other member of the fastener having an elongated projection adapted to slide longitudinally into the slot, the shanks of said projection being preferably contracted. This results in giving a firm union and hold between the two members.

Another feature of the invention consists in arranging all parts of one member and all parts of the other member, excepting the projection referred to, so that they are in single planes and will fit closely together and in both members being free from hooks or the like adapted to catch or entangle the hair, lace, or clothing of a person when such fastener is used on the person's clothing.

The full nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawings and the following description and claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a piece of clothing with one member of the fastener secured thereto. Fig. 2 is a plan view of a piece of clothing with one edge turned back and having on its under side the other member of the fastener secured thereto. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the two members of the fasteners united. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the member having the elongated projection.

In the drawings, 10 represents a piece of clothing to which the member 11 of the fastener is secured. The member 12 of the fastener is secured to another piece of clothing. Said members are secured to the clothing by stitches 13.

Both members of the fastener are made of small wire bent into the desired shape. Each member is substantially rectangular and is substantially semicircular at each corner with an inwardly-projecting curve between

each pair of corners, so that the member of the fastener cannot move in the stitches 13, but will be securely held in place thereby.

The member 11 is formed all in one plane and of a single piece of wire and has a loop 14 centrally located with an elongated slot in it. The member 12 is formed all of one wire and has a loop or projection 15 centrally located with one side of the loop in the same plane as the rest of the member and the other side of the loop projecting at a right angle to the remainder of the member, as shown in Fig. 4. This loop or projection 15 is elongated, its length being substantially the same as the loop 14 in the other member. Each end of the loop 15 is flattened somewhat at 16 or reduced in thickness, so that the thickness of said reduced portion is about the same as the width of the slot in the loop 14 of the other member.

The two members are fastened together by being brought into juxtaposition and slidably moved with relation to each other. When united, as seen in Fig. 3, the loop or projection 15 is within the slot of the loop 14, both being elongated, and the two sides of the loop 14 fit in the reduced portions 16 of the loop 15 in the other member. The entrance to the slot in the loop 14 should preferably be slightly contracted and narrower than the main portion of the slot.

It is obvious from the foregoing description that the hair of the person wearing the garments with such fasteners cannot catch upon any part of the fasteners. An elongated loop or projection slips into an elongated slot, so that there is a long hold and bearing that makes the union more permanent and prevents any independent movement or play of the members of the fastener. Both members of the fastener are held tightly against each other. Likewise, the fastener may be made simply of wire, so as to be light and cheap, yet strong, and will not cut the thread or stitches 13.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A fastener consisting of two members adapted to fit one upon the other when united, one being provided with an elongated slot in substantially the middle thereof and closed at one end, and the other member provided at its middle portion with a projection elongated parallel with and reduced in width

near the body thereof, whereby it is longitudinally slidable into said slot for uniting the two members.

2. A fastener consisting of two members, made of wire bent into the desired form, one member having a centrally-located elongated slot formed by a loop of the wire in substantially the same plane as the body of the member, and the other member of the fastener having an elongated projection formed by the wire being looped at a right angle to the plane of the body of said member, whereby said projection may be longitudinally moved into said slot.

3. The combination with cloth and the like, of a fastener consisting of two members made of wires bent into the desired form, the body portion of each member being substantially rectangular with outwardly-projecting

curved corners, one member having a centrally-located elongated slot formed by looping the wire in substantially the same plane as the body of the member, and the other member having a centrally-located elongated projection formed by looping the wire substantially at a right angle to the plane of the body portion of said member and reduced in width at each end so that it may be slipped longitudinally into said slot in the other member, and stitches for securing the corners of said members to the cloth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of the witnesses herein named.

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