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GARMENT FASTENER.

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Fig. 1.



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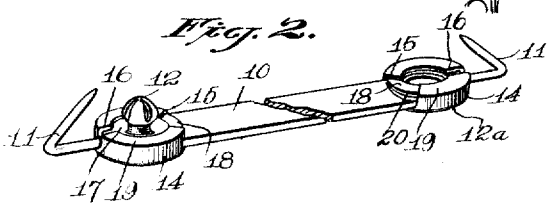


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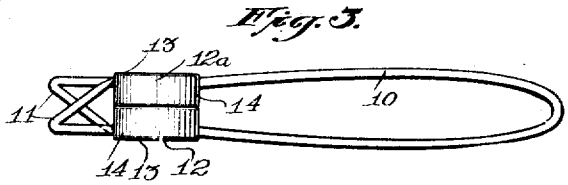


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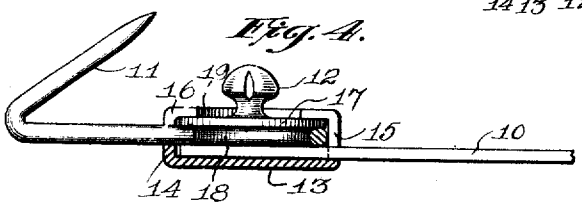
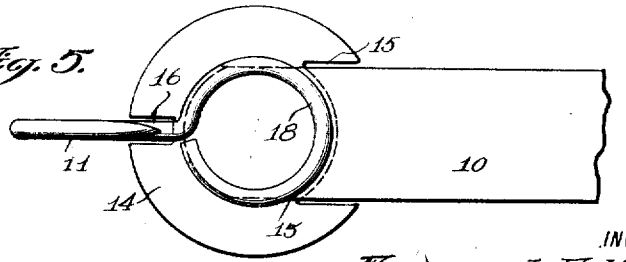


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST J. F. WEIG, a citizen of Germany, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Garment-Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a device for fastening a turned-up collar of a coat or overcoat to maintain it tightly closed; or the device is adapted to be used about the sleeves at the cuffs, or for tightening trouser legs at the bottom. More particularly the invention relates to a device for the indicated purposes in which a strip of material, usually elastic, is employed provided with pointed hooks at the ends for penetrating the garment.

The general object of my invention is to provide a device of the indicated character having means to hold the article doubled on itself when not in use, and in a manner that the hooks will serve to guard each other.

The above and other objects as will appear, are attained by a garment fastener having novel features hereinafter particularly described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, it being understood that the drawings are merely illustrative of one example of the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment fastener embodying my invention showing the same in use on a turned up collar of an overcoat.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the fastener ready to be applied to a garment.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the fastener doubled on itself and fastened.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail in longitudinal vertical section of one end of the garment fastener.

Fig. 5 is a plan view at an end of the garment showing certain features thereof in the assembling of the members.

In carrying out my invention in practice, a strip 10 of elastic fabric and of suitable length is provided and, at the ends of the device hooks 11 are provided thereon, the pointed ends of the hooks being disposed toward each other, and the hooks generally being at right angles to the plane of the strip. The hooks are secured to the fabric ends in a manner hereinafter explained. In order that when the device is not in use it may be held in a form doubled or returned on itself and with the hooks 11 oppositely disposed adjacent to each other and one guarding the point of the other, I provide co-acting fastener elements adjacent to the hooks, ball and socket fastener elements being preferably employed for the purpose. The numeral 12 indicates the ball element of the fastener. 13 indicates a disk or base having an edge flange 14 bent forwardly at a right angle. The flange 14 is turned over at the top and overlies the base 17 of the ball element 12. The shank of the adjacent hook 11 terminates in an eye 18 and lies beneath the base 17 between the same and the end of the fabric strip 10, said strip lying on the base plate 13. The flange 14 is formed at diametrically opposite sides with openings 15, 16 the latter accommodating the shank of the adjacent hook 11, which shank extends parallel with that of the strip 10. The arrangement is such that the turning over of the edge portion 19 of the flange 14 on to the base 17 clamps the end of the fabric 10, the eye or ring 18 of the hook, and the base 17 of the fastener element 12 tightly in position, and maintains the parts against displacement. The socket element 12^a of the ball and socket fastener is similarly secured there being a base plate 13 having a flange 14 turned over as described, said flange lying on top of the eye 18 of the adjacent hook 11, the parts being clamped by the turned over flange 19 the same as at the opposite end of the device.

In assembling the parts at an end of the strip 10, said strip is placed on adjacent base plate 13. The adjacent eye or ring 18 is placed on top of the fabric and the base 17 or the flange of socket element 20 is placed on top of the ring 18 and the edge portion 19 turned over to clamp the parts in position.

The hooks 11, it will be observed, are disposed at the ends of the device beyond the fastener elements so that the latter to engage each other clear said hooks, the fastening of said elements serving to dispose the hooks with the points of one adjacent to the shanks of the other and thereby guarding it.

I would state in conclusion that while the illustrated example constitutes a practical embodiment of my invention, I do not limit myself strictly to the mechanical details herein illustrated since manifestly the same can be considerably varied without depar-

ture from the spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A device of the class described, including a strip, hooks at the end of the strip, and means inward from the hooks to fasten the strip in a form folded on itself, and with the bells of the hooks lying beyond the fastening means in protective relation to each other.

2. A device of the class described including a strip of elastic fabric, hooks at the ends of said strip and disposed toward each other, and ball and socket fastener elements at a face of the strip adjacent to the hooks for holding the device in a form folded on itself and with the hooks in protective relation to each other, the bills of said hooks lying at the ends of the device beyond said fastener elements and disposed in opposite directions to and alongside of each other in the fastened position of said fastener elements.

3. A device of the class described, including a strip of elastic fabric, hooks disposed toward each other, the shanks of said hooks having eyes positioned at the ends of the strip, ball and socket fastener elements disposed on said eyes, and base plates on which the ends of the strip are positioned, said base plates having flanges turned over and serving to clamp the ball and socket fastener elements and said eyes to said strip.

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Correction in Letters Patent No. 1,384,685.

It is hereby certified that in Letters Patent No. 1,384,685, granted July 12, 1921, upon the application of Ernest J. F. Weig, of New York, N. Y., for an improvement in "Garment-Fasteners," an error appears in the printed specification requiring correction as follows: Page 2, line 8, claim 1, for the word "bells" read *bills;* and that the said Letters Patent should be read with this correction therein that the same may conform to the record of the case in the Patent Office.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of October, A. D., 1921.

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