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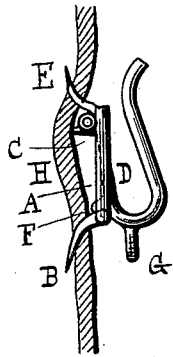
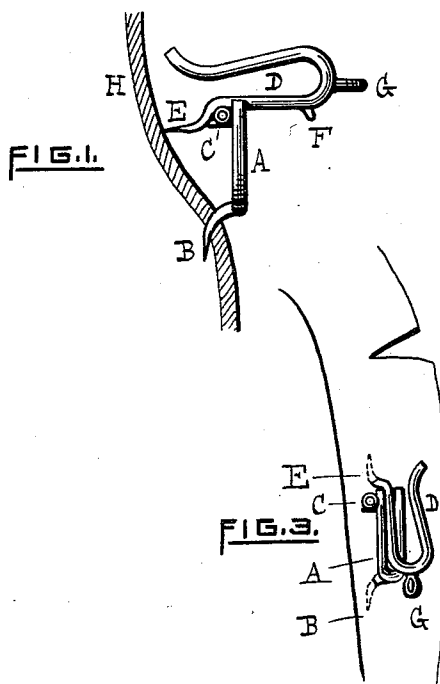
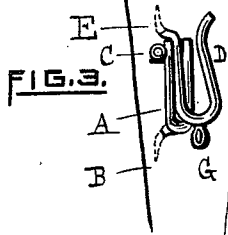


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT EPPLE, of the city and county of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Fastening Devices for Eyeglass-Holders, Scarf-Pins, and other similar Articles; and I declare the following to be a specification thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Like letters indicate like parts.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of an eyeglass-holder having my improved fastening device, the same being shown open for insertion in the cloth. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same closed and in position upon the garment. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my said invention.

My invention relates to fastening devices for eyeglass-holders, scarf-pins, breast-pins, and other similar articles, and is designed as a substitute for the pin-tongues usually employed in such articles to hold them in position upon a garment.

It consists of a slotted back plate or U-shaped wire loop having a hinge-joint at the upper end and a prong extending from the lower end, in combination with a front plate or loop hinged to the former plate or loop and terminating in a prong, which extends beyond the hinge, and also provided with a knob at its lower end to engage with the back plate or loop, as hereinafter fully specified.

In the drawings, I represents my invention as applied to an eyeglass-holder. A is the back plate or loop, which may be made of plain stock, which is slotted, or of wire bent into a U-shaped loop. At its lower extremity is a prong B extending downward therefrom, as shown. At the upper end is a hinge-joint C of the usual construction. The front loop D is hinged to the back loop A at C. It has a prong E extending beyond the hinge and a knob-like projection F. At the lower end of the loop D is a ring G, to which may be attached the chain or cord of the eyeglass. To fasten this eyeglass-holder upon the garment, I swing outwardly the loop D into a position at a right angle with the loop A and thrust the prong B through the cloth H, as seen in Fig. 1. I then close the loop D to the loop A, as shown in Fig. 2. This movement causes the prong E to pass through the cloth H and to extend in a direction nearly opposite to

that of the prong B. The knob F springs over the bottom of the loop A by the resilience of the loops and holds them together with sufficient force to constitute it a locking device. The eyeglass-holder is thus snugly secured and confined upon the garment, as illustrated in Fig. 3. To disengage the device, it is simply necessary to draw out the knob F from its engagement in the loop A, by which movement the prong E is withdrawn from the cloth into the position shown in Fig. 1, and the prong B can be then readily withdrawn also. In thus operating the prong E, whether to fasten or unfasten the device, the front loop D serves as a lever and thrusts the prong B through the cloth H with much power, or withdraws it therefrom, whenever desired.

Instead of the loop D, I may adapt this fastening device to a scarf-pin, breast-pin, or other similar article by substituting for said loop D a front plate of any desired design or ornamentation.

I claim as a novel and useful invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The improved fastening device for eyeglass-holders, scarf-pins, and similar articles herein described, consisting of a U-shaped wire loop A, having a prong B projecting angularly downward to the rear from the base thereof, the U-shaped wire loop D, hinged at C between the arms of the loop A at the top thereof and having the prong E extending from the end of one arm beyond the hinge, and also the knob F, adapted to spring over the bow of the loop A, all arranged so that the prongs B E are thrust in opposite directions when the loops A D are swung into engagement, substantially as specified.

2. The improved fastening device for eyeglass-holders, scarf-pins, and other similar articles herein described, consisting of a back plate having a central opening and a prong at its lower end, in combination with a front plate hinged to said back plate and having a prong at its upper end projecting beyond the hinge-joint, and a knob adapted to enter and engage with the central opening of the back plate, substantially as specified.

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