This invention relates to fastening devices, more especially those adapted to be used in the folding of garments, as for instance, shirts. In folding shirts, at the laundry or factory, it is customary to use a series of pins throughout the garment, and these pins are not only hard to remove, but they are apt to stick and injure the person attempting to remove them.

One object of the invention is to provide a unitary fastening device for holding the parts of a garment in folded position. Another object is to provide means for fastening a folded garment wherein the pin or fastening means are kept covered. A further object is the arrangement of the pin covering means so that the pin or other securing means will be actuated to a releasing position when the cover is removed.

For a clear description of my invention, I refer to the drawing wherein one modification of my invention is shown.

Fig. 1 shows the manner in which the cover operates to move the securing means to a releasing position.

Fig. 2 shows two portions constituting my securing means.

Fig. 3 shows my invention when in its securing position.

Fig. 4 shows the manner in which the cover moves the securing means to a releasing position.

In some instances the cover 15 may be dispensed with, and without exposing the bent portions of the staples 13. This may be effected by applying the base 12 to the outside instead of the inside of the folded portions of the garment and causing the staples to penetrate the material inwardly, and then bending over the ends of the staples on the inside of the folded portions.

While I have shown one particular embodiment of my invention, it should be understood that modifications of the same with
What I claim is:

1. A fastening device comprising means having a part adapted to traverse the material to be fastened, a cover for said means, said cover having a portion traversed by said means, and a portion for covering said traversed portion which portion extends on opposite sides and over the free end of said part.

2. A fastening device having a stapled portion for traversing the material to be fastened, a cover for said stapled portion, said cover having a part thereof to be traversed by said staple, and a part for covering said traversed portion which portion extends on opposite sides and across the free end of the stapled portion.

3. A fastening device having an adjustable fastening portion for traversing the material to be fastened, a cover for said portion, said cover being arranged relatively to said portion so that movement of said cover may activate said adjustable fastening portion to release position.

4. A fastening device having a stapled portion for traversing the material to be fastened, a cover for said stapled portion, said cover having a portion thereof to be traversed by said staple, said traversed portion being operable to move said staple to a releasing position when said cover is removed.

5. A fastening device having one or more wire like elements adapted to pierce the material to be fastened, each of said elements being deformed after piercing said material, a cover for said deformed portions, said cover being arranged to move said deformed portions into a material releasing position when said cover is removed from covering position.

6. A fastening device comprising one or more wire like elements adapted to pierce the material to be fastened, each of said elements being deformed into fastening shape after piercing said material, a cover for said deformed portions, said cover having a portion thereof to be traversed by said elements, and a portion thereof for covering said deformed portions, said cover being arranged to move said deformed portions to release position when said cover is moved relatively to said fastening elements.

7. A garment securing device comprising a pair of members adapted to be placed over and under the parts of the garment to be secured, stapling means adapted to traverse said members and garment, a cover for covering a protruding portion of said staple, said cover being arranged relatively to said staple that removal of said cover moves said staple to releasing position.

8. A device for fastening a folded garment, comprising a base carrying a pair of spaced pin-like elements adapted to penetrate portions of the garment, a cover through which the pin-like elements pass and upon which they are bent into fastening position, said cover having portions which extend on opposite sides and across the free ends of each of the pin-like elements, said base and pin-like elements being removable as a unit to unfasten the folded portions of the garment.

9. A device for fastening a folded garment, comprising a base carrying a pair of spaced pin-like elements adapted to penetrate portions of the garment, a cover through which the pin-like elements pass and upon which they are bent into fastening position, said cover having portions adapted to envelop the ends of the pin-like elements, said base and pin-like elements being removable as a unit to unfasten the folded portions of the garment.

10. A device for fastening folded garments and the like including means formed to traverse the material to be fastened and having a free end, and a cover for said means having a portion traversed by the latter, said cover being bent between its ends on a line extending substantially transverse of the longitudinal axis of the cover so as to envelop opposite sides of said means and to extend over and across the free end of said means.

11. A device for fastening folded garments and the like including a member having a pointed element to traverse the material to be fastened and disposed to overlies the material, a cover for said element having a portion through which said element extends, said cover being bent between its ends on a line substantially transverse of the longitudinal axis thereof and at a point opposite to the point of the element whereby to dispose the cover on opposite sides of the element and over the point thereof.

12. A device for fastening folded garments and the like, including a pointed element to traverse and overlies the material to be fastened, and a cover for said element traversed thereby and having a part underlying said element and having a part which is disposed over and across the point of said element and which extends over the outer side of the element whereby the cover envelops opposite sides of and the point of the element.

13. A device for fastening folded garments and the like including a member having spaced securing means having free ends which extend through the material to be fastened, a cover for the securing means traversed thereby and which has end portions which extend on opposite sides of and over and across the free ends of the securing means, and means carried by the end portions of the cover for interlocking engagement.
with the body of the cover to secure said end portions of the cover in position.

14. A device for fastening folded garments and the like including a member hav-

ing spaced means for traversing the mate-

rial to be fastened, a protecting cover for said means having ends traversed by the means and enveloping the latter to protect same, and means to secure the ends of the cover in protecting position.

15. A device for fastening folded garments and the like, including securing means formed to traverse the material to be fastened, protecting means for the securing means traversed by the securing means and having a free end part which is movable to envelope the securing means, and means to secure said end part in protecting position.

16. A garment securing device comprising a pair of members formed to be placed over and under the parts of the garment to be secured, and fastening means formed to traverse the garment, and one of said members, said members being related so that move-

ment of one relative to the other in a direction transverse to the planes of the two members will instantly release the fastening means, and said one member having parts which extend over the entire outer side and free end of the fastening means.

17. A device for fastening a plurality of superimposed folded portions of a garment, comprising a pair of members adapted to be placed over and under the folded portions to be secured, one of said members carrying pin-like fastening means at each of its oppo-
site ends, which means is adapted to traverse the folded portions of the garment and the other of said members, said fastening means being pliable and said members being formed of fibrous material whereby said members and fastening means will yield upon mere separating movement of one of the members relatively to the other in a direction trans-
verse to the planes of the members.

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