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Fastening for Fur Capes &c.

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Fig. 1.

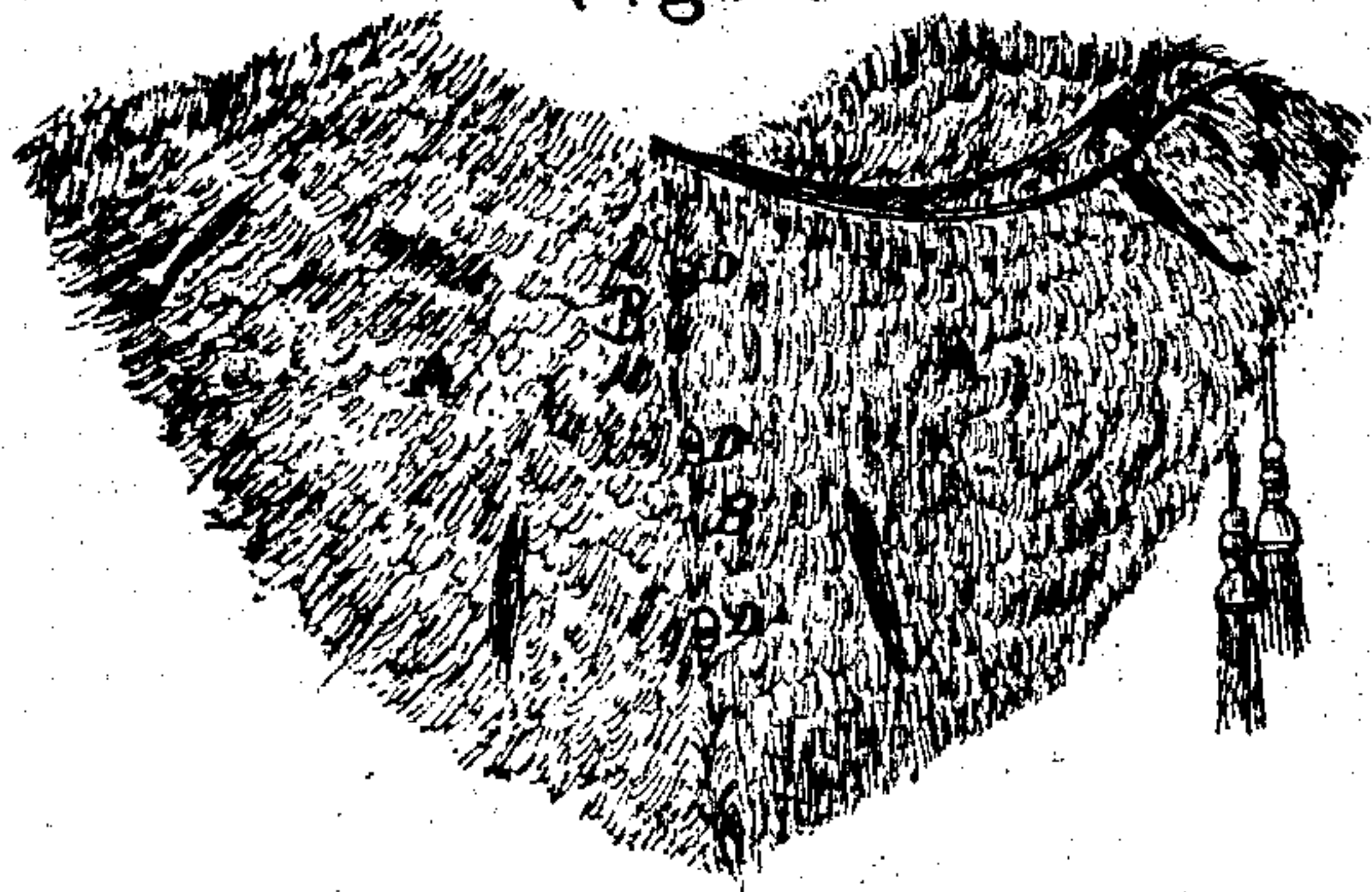


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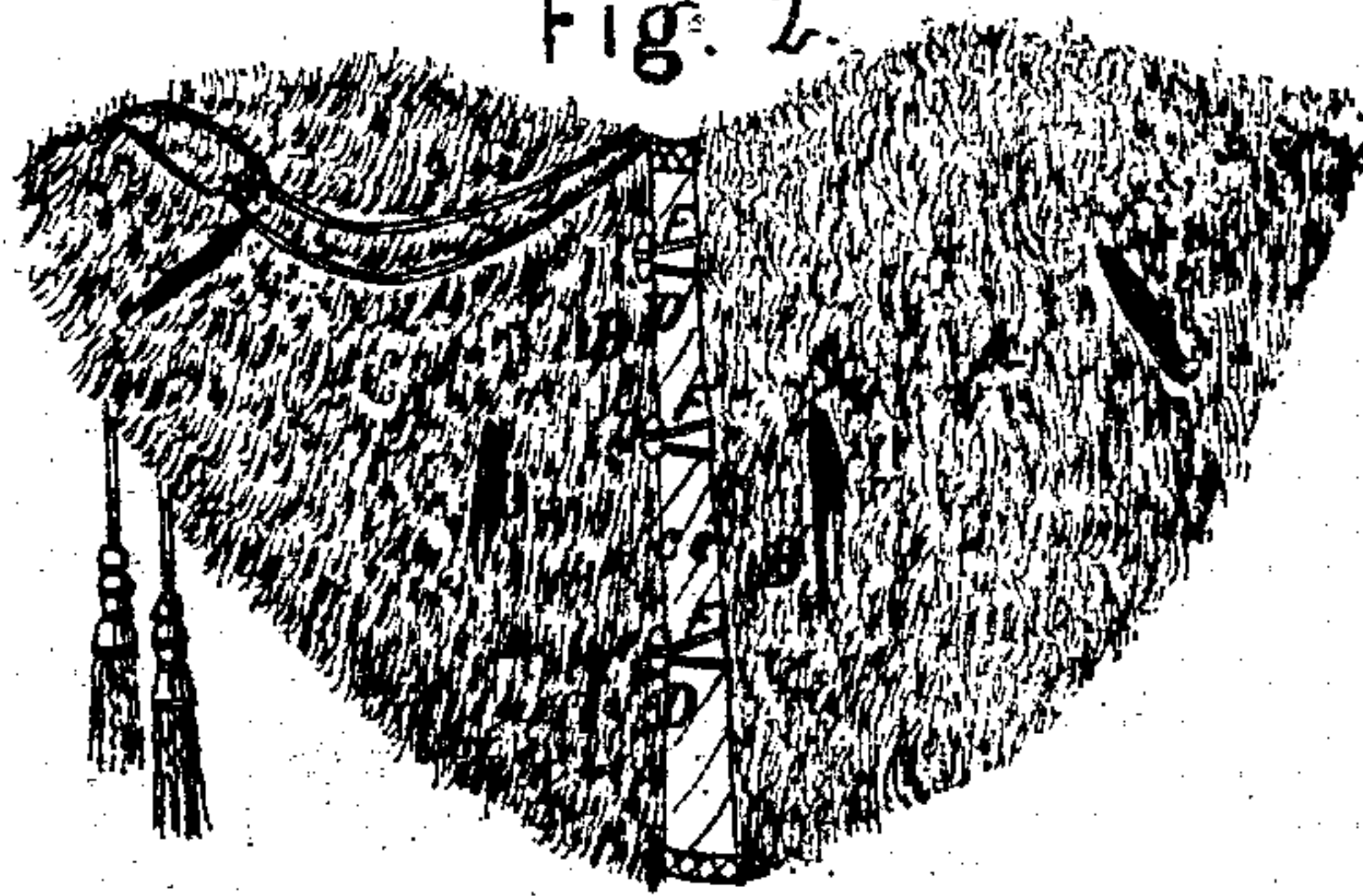


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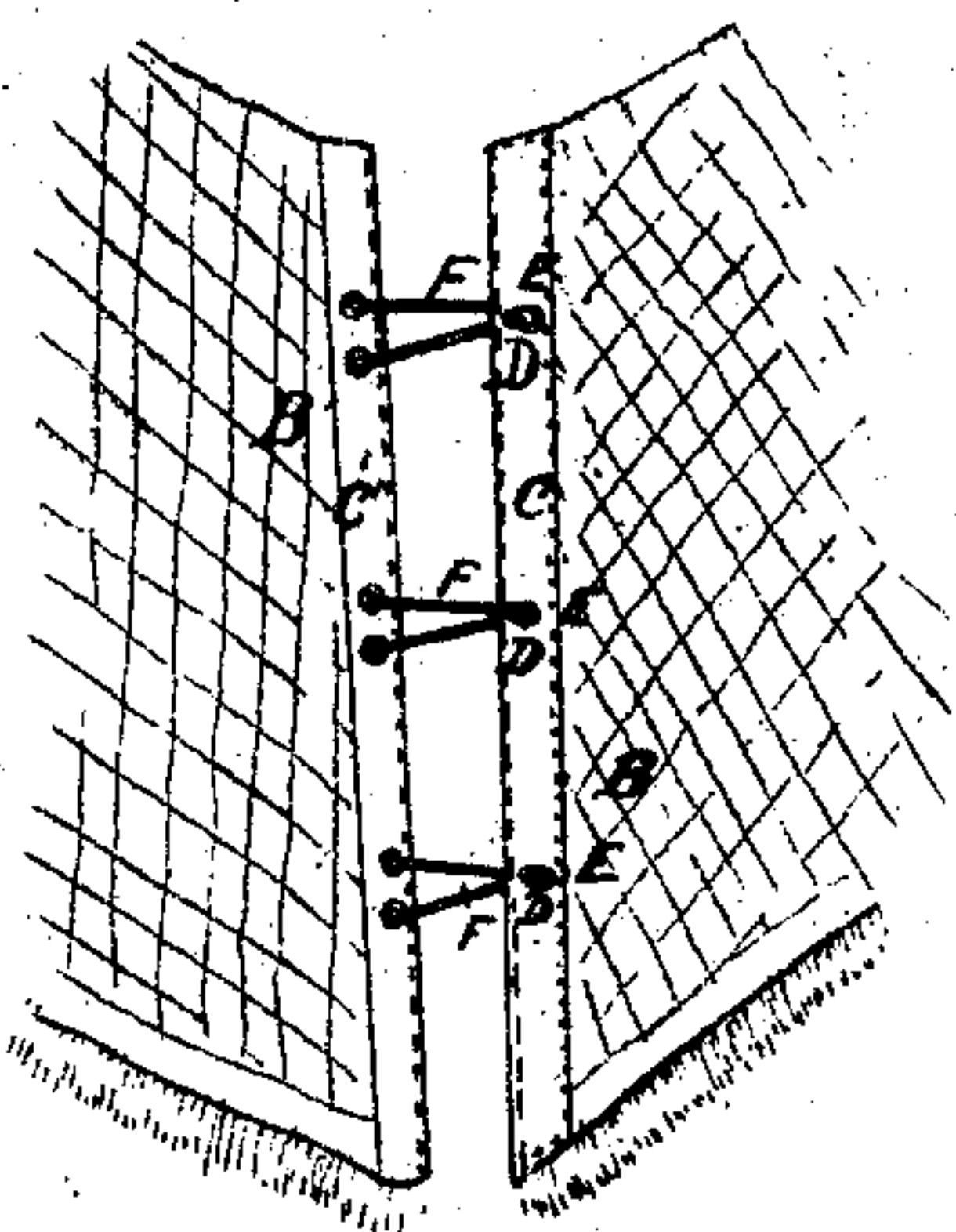


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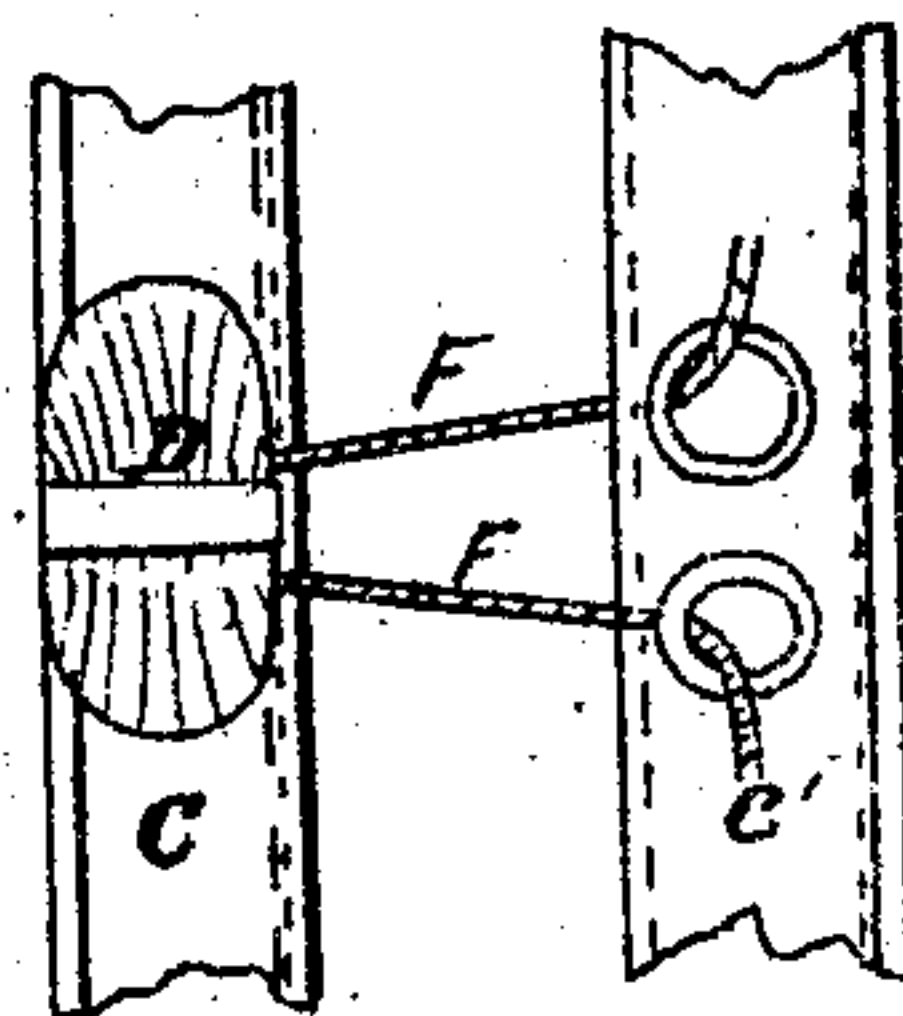
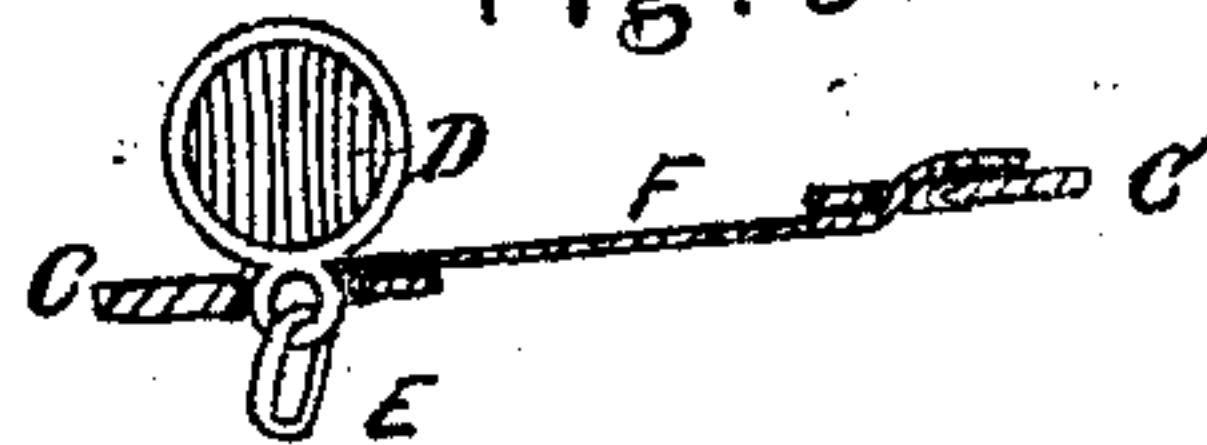


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IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTON ATTACHMENTS FOR APPAREL.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 55,798, dated June 19, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC LEWINE, of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Fastening for Victorines, Capes, or other Furs usually worn by ladies and gentlemen; and I do hereby declare the same is fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of my invention as applied to a lady's victorine; Fig. 2, a view representing the same expanded or drawn apart for ventilating the body of the wearer, and exhibiting said fastening; Fig. 3, an interior view of fastenings of cape; Fig. 4, a plan of the fastening, in connection with the stay-pieces; and Fig. 5, a section through the fastening, showing mode of attaching button and elastic cord.

The nature of my invention consists in producing a fastening for victorines, capes, or other furs, or like articles composed of cloth, usually worn by ladies and gentlemen, whereby the victorine, &c., will not only expand and contract at the points of connection (thus easing the respiratory motions of the body of the wearer) by means of my improved fastening, but can (should the cape become uncomfortably warm) be drawn apart or expanded to any desired distance for the purpose of ventilating the body of the wearer without undoing the fastening.

In the said drawings, A represents a lady's victorine; B B' the parts of same which are united by my improved fastening. C C' are strips or stay-pieces attached to the parts B B' for reception of the fastening, said strips or stay-pieces having metallic eyelets, through which the stems of the buttons D D pass, and are fastened by split or snap rings E E in the usual manner. F F are elastic cords or loops fastened to the parts C' and passing through the eyelets and over the buttons D D, thus completing my improved fastening.

It is well known that the ordinary fastening for furs, composed of a button attached to the skin of the fur and an inelastic loop or cord suspended from another button on the opposite side or from the skin of the fur itself, is objectionable, inasmuch as the constant application of the fingers to such fastenings tends to remove the fur as well as the buttons from the skin, rendering the same unsightly and difficult to repair; nor will such fastening provide for the respiratory motion or ventilation of the body without undoing such fastening, often resulting in the loss of the fur cape; but the application of my invention to fur capes, cloaks, &c., as well as to like articles composed of cloth, obviates these difficulties, for the buttons as well as the elastic cord being attached to the cloth or material on which the skin or fur is laid will not be torn (dragging with them a portion of the skin and fur) from the cape, because of the elasticity of the loops, as well as the secure attachment of both loops and buttons to the groundwork or solid portion of the cape or cloak, and if requisite a button may be replaced without injury to the garment; and my improved fastening will adjust itself to the more or less bulky under-garments, the respiratory motions, and ventilation of the body of the wearer without undoing the fastening, and consequently without injury to or danger of losing the cape or cloak.

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

The combination of the elastic loops F F and buttons D D, both attached to the garment by eyelets in stay-pieces, substantially as and for the purposes herein specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature.

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