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Fig. 2.

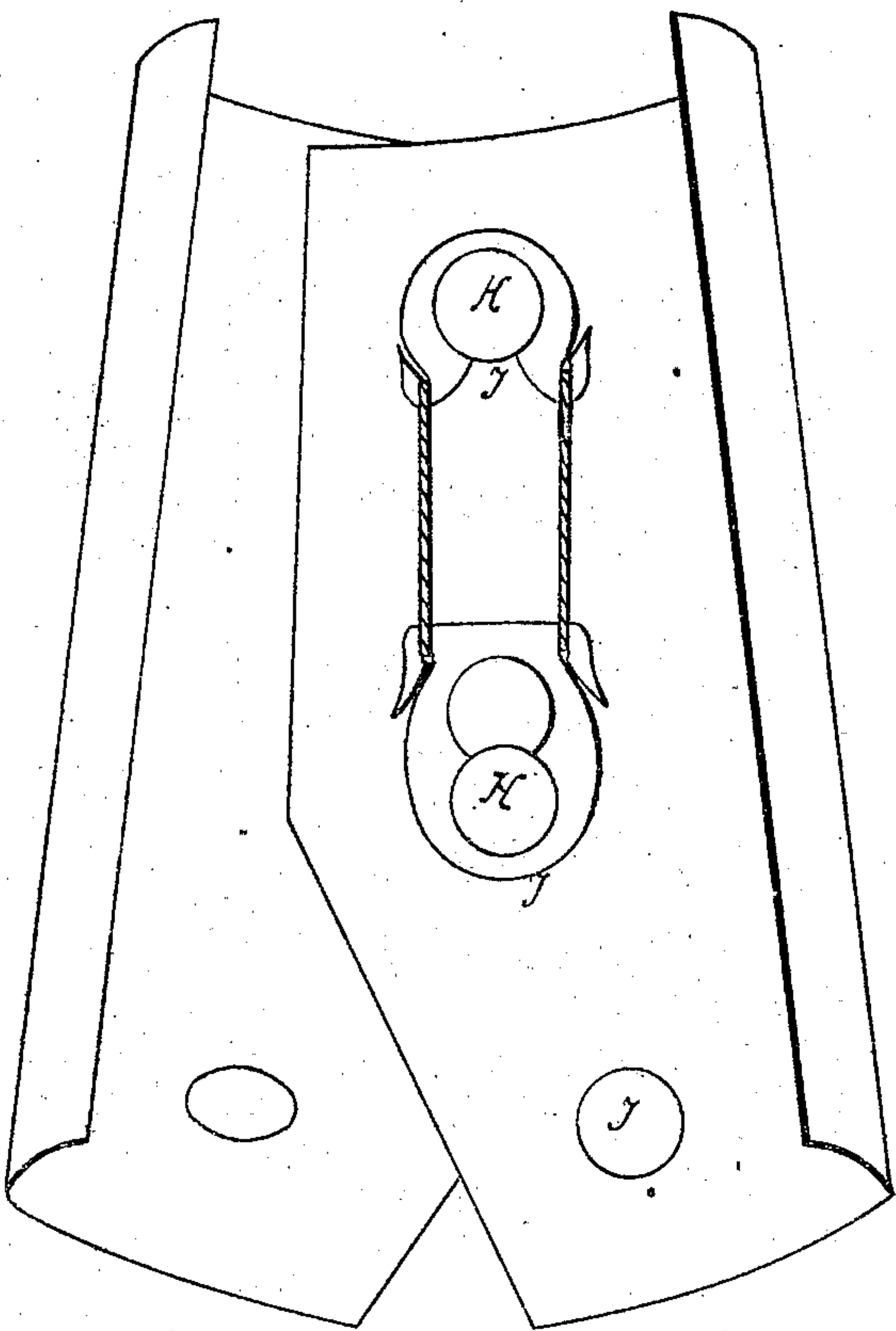
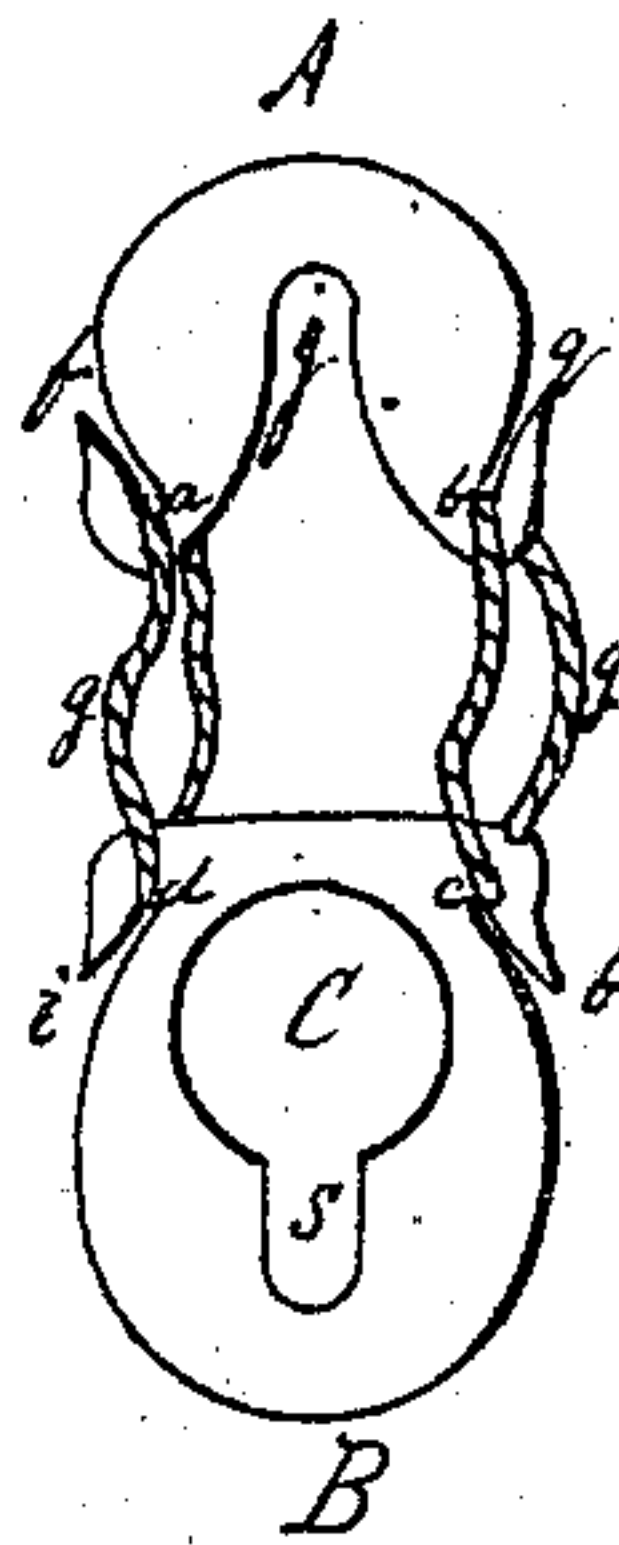


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR BUTTONS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, HENRY HUMPHREY, of Adrian, in the county of Lenawee, and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stud and Sleeve-Button Locks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the lock itself, and

Figure 2 a view of the mode of using it.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and use.

The nature of my invention consists in providing studs and sleeve-buttons with a lock or locks, to prevent them from coming off and getting lost, and also avoid soiling the parts buttoned while the same are being buttoned.

I construct of metal or other suitable material two thin plates, A and B, fig. 1, in the manner and form substantially as set forth, one of the plates, B, having a hole, C, through it, sufficiently large to receive the back of the stud or button. From the hole downward is a slot, *s*, which receives the shank of the stud or button. The other plate is constructed similar to the first, with a slot, *g*, turned towards the first plate; the slot to be wider at its mouth and tapering back, and large enough to receive the shank of a stud or sleeve-button the whole length of the slot. The said plates are pierced with two small holes each, *a b c d*, close to their corners, with small openings into the holes through the edges of the plates *f g h i*, fig. 1.

To use the locks, (the studs having been put on in the usual manner,) we place the back of the stud H, fig. 2, through the hole C in plate B, fig. 1, then, drawing the other plate A towards the other stud or button K, loop it around the shank of that stud or button. The holes through the cuffs that receive the backs of the studs or buttons are to be made round, so as to avoid soiling the cuffs in putting them on. The said locks may be used on sleeve-cuffs, shirt-bosoms, or any other place where studs are used; and the plates may be used singly, or connected together in pairs by elastic cords, as aforesaid, using one end of the cord in lieu of one of the plates by looping it around the stud or button.

Claim.

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

The within-described button-fastener, consisting of the plates A and B, provided with slots *j s* to encircle the shank of the button, and connected together by the elastic *a*. the whole constructed and operating substantially as described.

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