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Button Cover.

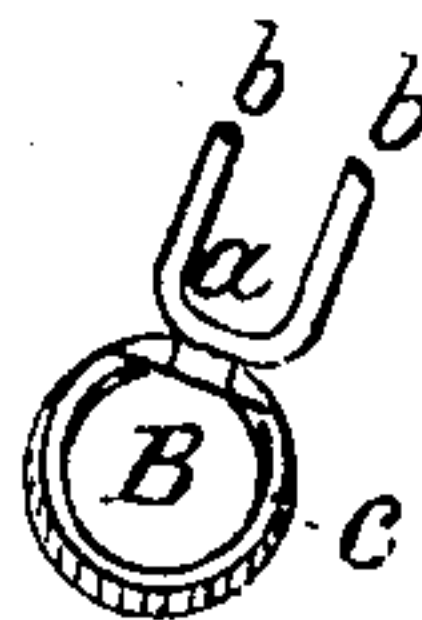
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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN DETACHABLE COVERING 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, FRANCIS H. GOULD, of Newark, in the county of Essex, in the State of New Jersey, have invented a new and improved Detachable Cap for Buttons; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, enabling those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 represents a central section of this invention when attached to a button.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the cap, detached.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in a cap for buttons, which is provided with a spring-catch, or other suitable fastening, so that it can be readily attached to or detached from a button, and that buttons on shirts, cuffs, coats, or other articles can be readily covered with a cap of any desirable shape or appearance.

A represents a common button, which may be of bone, metal, porcelain, or any other suitable material, and which is sewed or otherwise secured to its place in any desirable manner. Over this button is secured a cap, B, which may be of gold or any other suitable material, made in any desirable form or shape, and ornamented to suit taste or convenience.

This cap, instead of being firmly secured to the button, as is usually done, is made detachable, and provided with any suitable fastening, whereby the same can be readily attached to or detached from the button.

In the drawing I have shown a bifurcated bridge, *a*, which is hinged to the cap, and provided with lips, *b*, which, when the cap is turned down, catch over a ridge or bead, *c*, near the under or inner edge of said cap. When the cap is to be attached to a button, the bridge is opened and slipped through between the button and the fabric or material to which said button is fastened, and by turning the cap down it is retained by the lips *b*, and the button is perfectly concealed.

By these means a cap for buttons is obtained which can be made in a great many different shapes, for instance, in the shape of a shirt-stud, to cover an ordinary shirt-button, or in the shape of an army or navy button, to enable an army or navy officer to apply to his coat caps of more or less costly material, according to the occasion, and if he desires to wear his coat with common buttons, he can remove the caps without difficulty.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A cap, B, provided with a suitable fastening, whereby said cap can be readily attached to or detached from a button, substantially as set forth.

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