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Fig: 1.

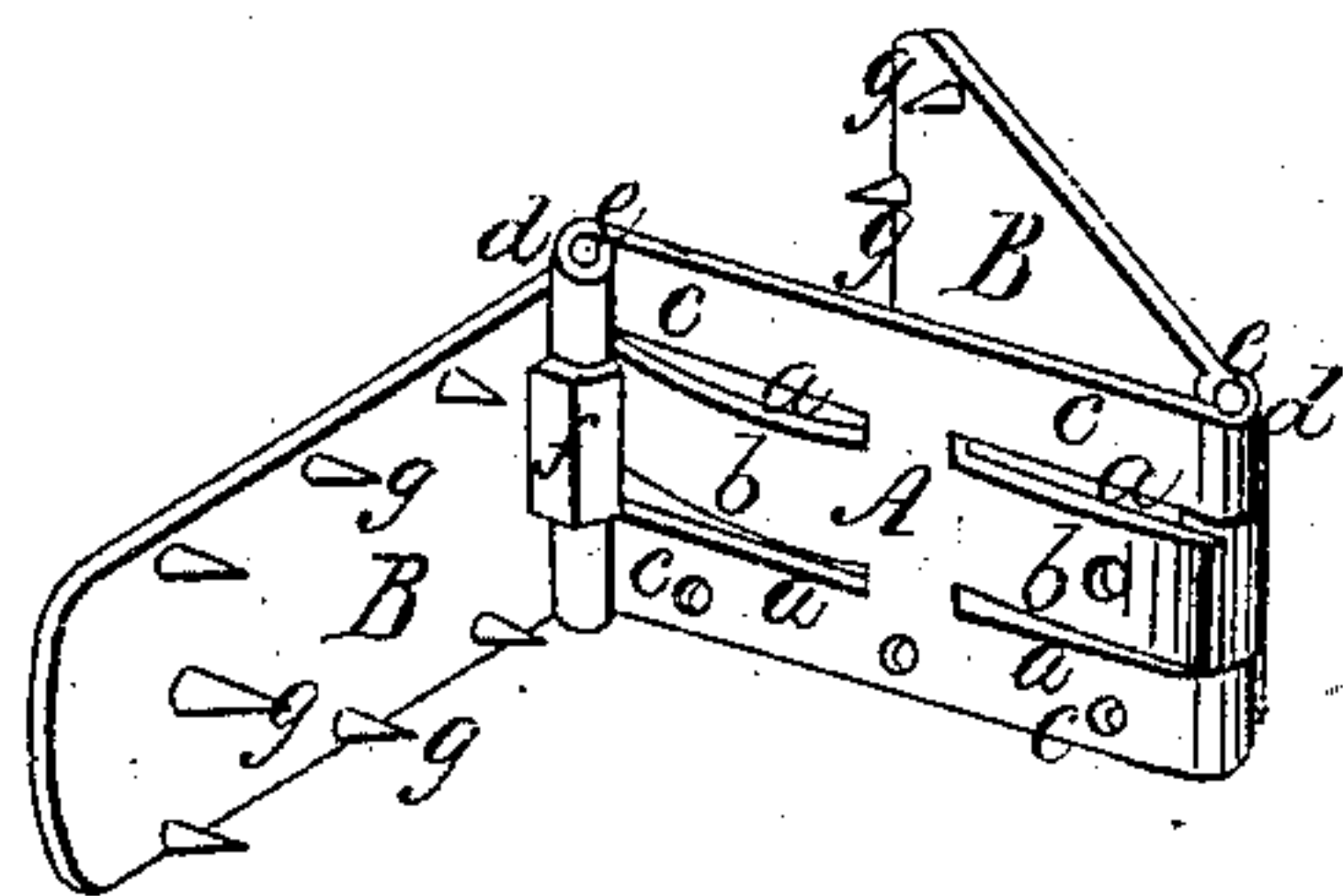


Fig: 2

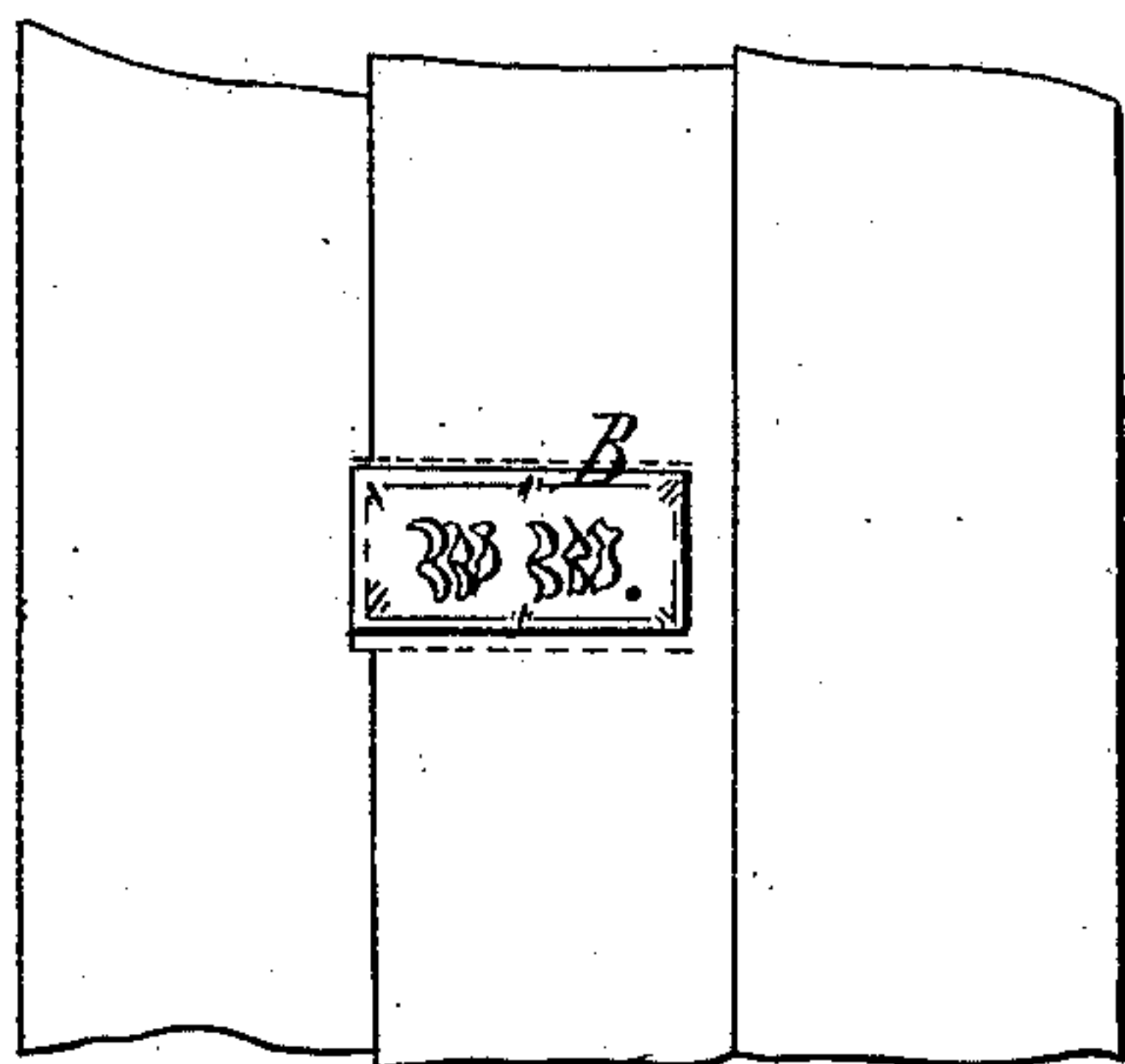
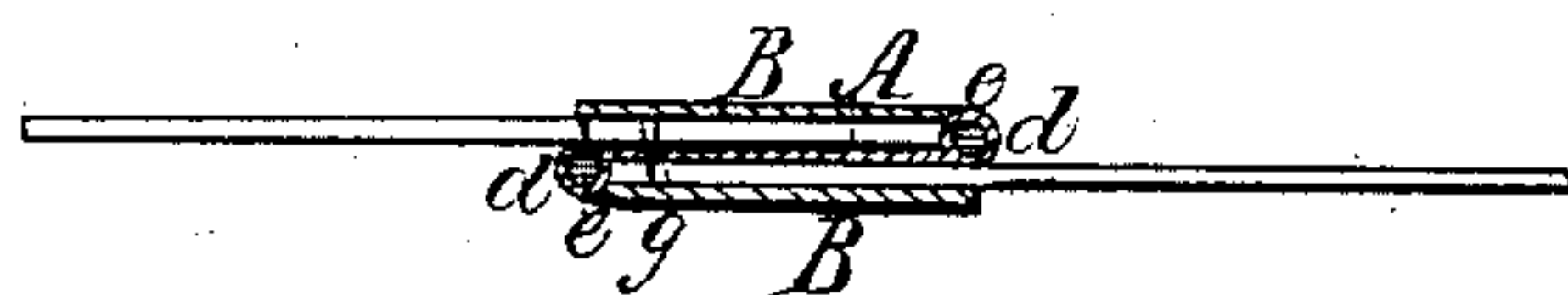


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS FOR FASTENING GARMENTS.

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, WENDELL WRIGHT, of Bloomfield, in the county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and improved Fastening for Shirts, Shawls, and other Garments; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and improved fastening for shirts, shawls, and other garments, and is more especially designed as a substitute for studs, buttons, shawl-pins, &c., &c.

The object of the invention is to obtain a secure, economical, and neat fastening of the kind specified, and one which may be readily applied to and detached from the garment, and will not require button-holes or perforations in the garment, in order to apply or use it. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention,

Figure 2 a front view of the same applied to a shirt-bosom,

Figure 3 a horizontal section of the same taken in the line *x x*, fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents a plate, which may be of steel or other suitable metal, and of any proper dimensions. This plate is of rectangular form, and has four slits, *a*, made in it longitudinally, two slits extending inward from each end, nearly to its centre, as shown clearly in fig. 1.

The portions *b* of the plate A, between the two slits *a a*, at each end of the plate, are designed to operate as springs, and the ends of the portions *c*, at the outer sides of the slits *a*, are curved or bent over, to form eyes *d*, to receive pintles *e*, which pass through heads or hubs *f*, at the inner ends of plates B B, the eyes, pintles, and heads or hubs forming joints or hinges, by which the plates B B are secured to the plate A. The springs *b* of the plate A bear against the heads or hubs *f*, which are each provided with two flat or plane surfaces, said springs having a tendency to keep the plates B B in an open state, that is, at right angles with plate A, and also in a closed state, or against plate A, according to which flat or plane surface of the heads or hubs the springs *b* are made to bear against, a slight movement of the plates B allowing them to open or close readily.

The inner surfaces of the plates B B are provided with a series of sharp points, *g*, one or more of which may pass through perforations in the plate A.

From the above description it will be seen that the edges of any textile or flexible fabric, such, for instance, as the edges of a shirt-bosom, shawl, wristbands of a shirt, &c., &c., may be secured together by simply adjusting the edges between the plate A and the plates B B.

The plates B B may be made ornamental, if desired, and when the device is to be applied to shirt-bosoms said plates should be of gold, and may be set with precious stones.

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

The plates A, B B, connected together by joints or hinges, provided with springs *b b*, the plates B being provided with spurs or points, all constructed and arranged substantially in the manner as and for the purpose set forth.

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