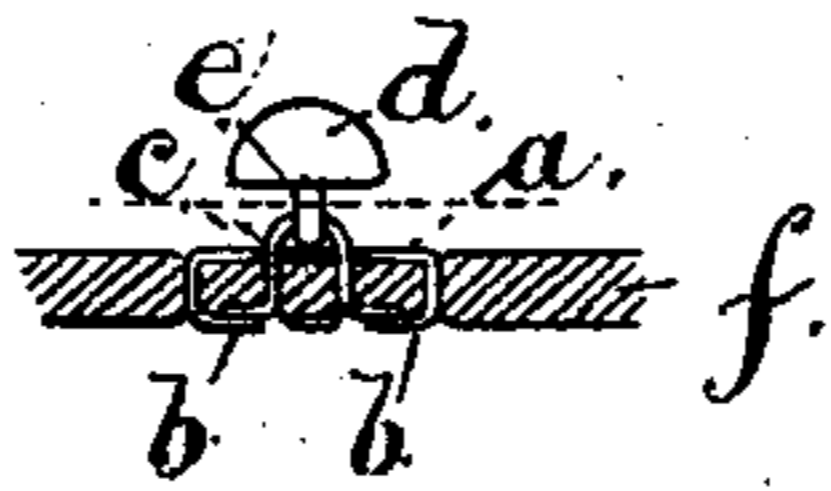


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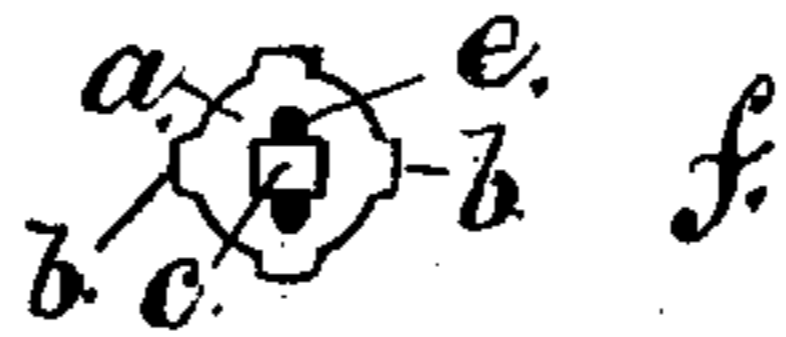
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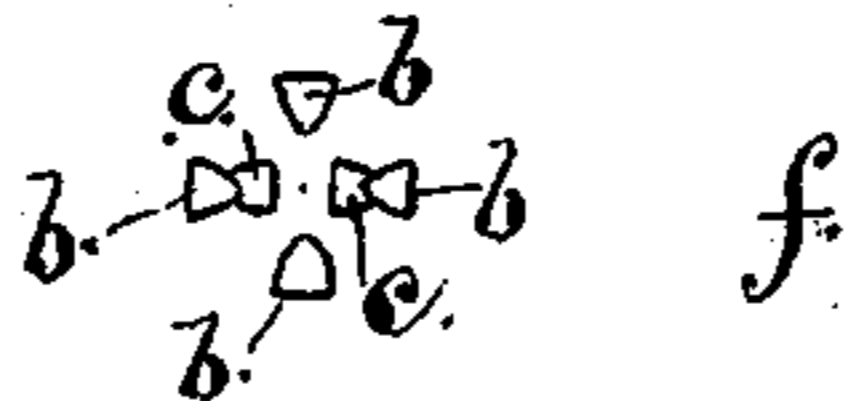
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTON-FASTENERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. LARRABEE, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Button-Fastener; and I do hereby declare that the following, taken in connection with the drawings which accompany and form part of this specification, is a description of my invention sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to practice it.

In the drawings, Figure 1 illustrates a button applied to cloth or other material by means of my improved fastener; Fig. 2, the upper side of the same, with the body of the button removed from its shank or eye; Fig. 3, the under side of the material, and of the fastener applied thereto; and Fig. 4, a perspective of the fastener and button ready to be applied to the material.

The main piece *a* of the fastener is a small metal plate, circular or otherwise, having several, say, four prongs, *b b*, designed to be passed through the leather or other material, and clinched on its opposite side. In the center of this plate is an opening, one or more, to receive a metal loop-piece, *c*, and whose prongs are also intended to pass through the material, and to be clinched on its opposite side, as

shown, this loop-piece being previously, however, passed through the eye *e* of a button, *d*, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4. When the parts are connected, as shown in Fig. 4, and the several prongs or tips *b c* are passed through the leather or other material *f*, the prongs are then clinched upon the under side of the material, as seen in section in Fig. 1, and in plan in Fig. 3. The points or prongs of the plate are, preferably, made long enough to clinch over and upon the clinched ends of the loop-piece *c*, thus holding them very securely to place.

The fastening is very strong and secure, besides being simple and easily made.

I claim—

The button-fastener, consisting of the pronged metallic plate *a*, to be applied above the material, and the metallic loop *c* adapted to pass through the eye of the button, and through the plate, and both to be clinched to the material, as shown and described.

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