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BONNET-FASTENER.

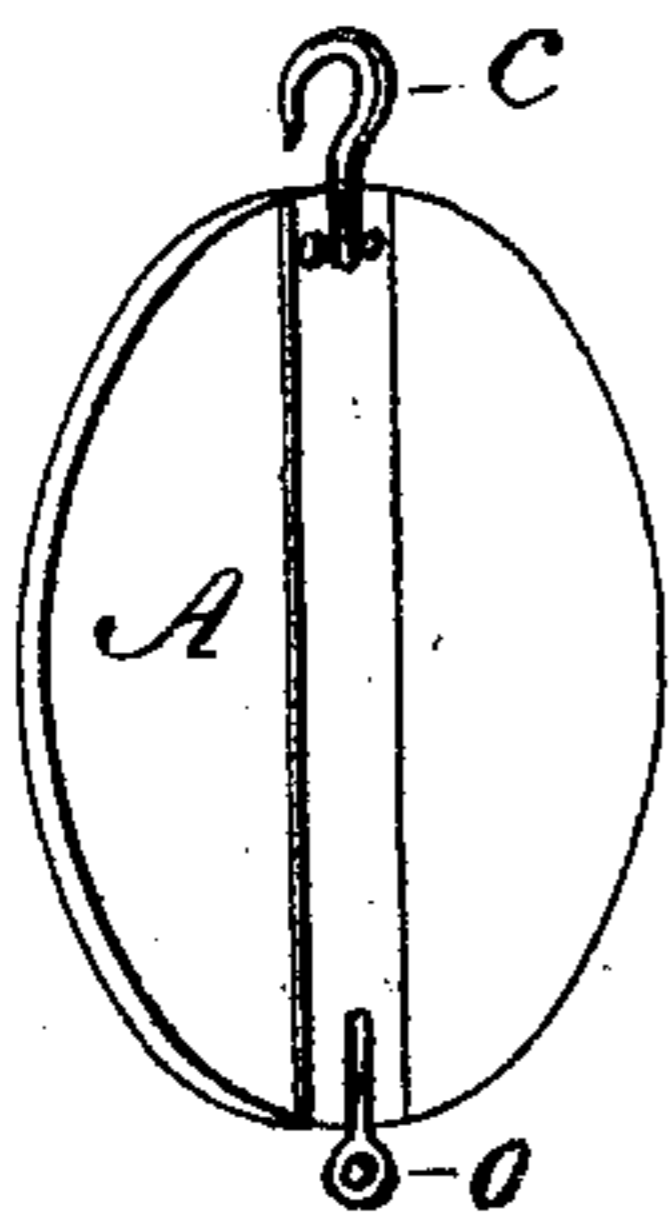
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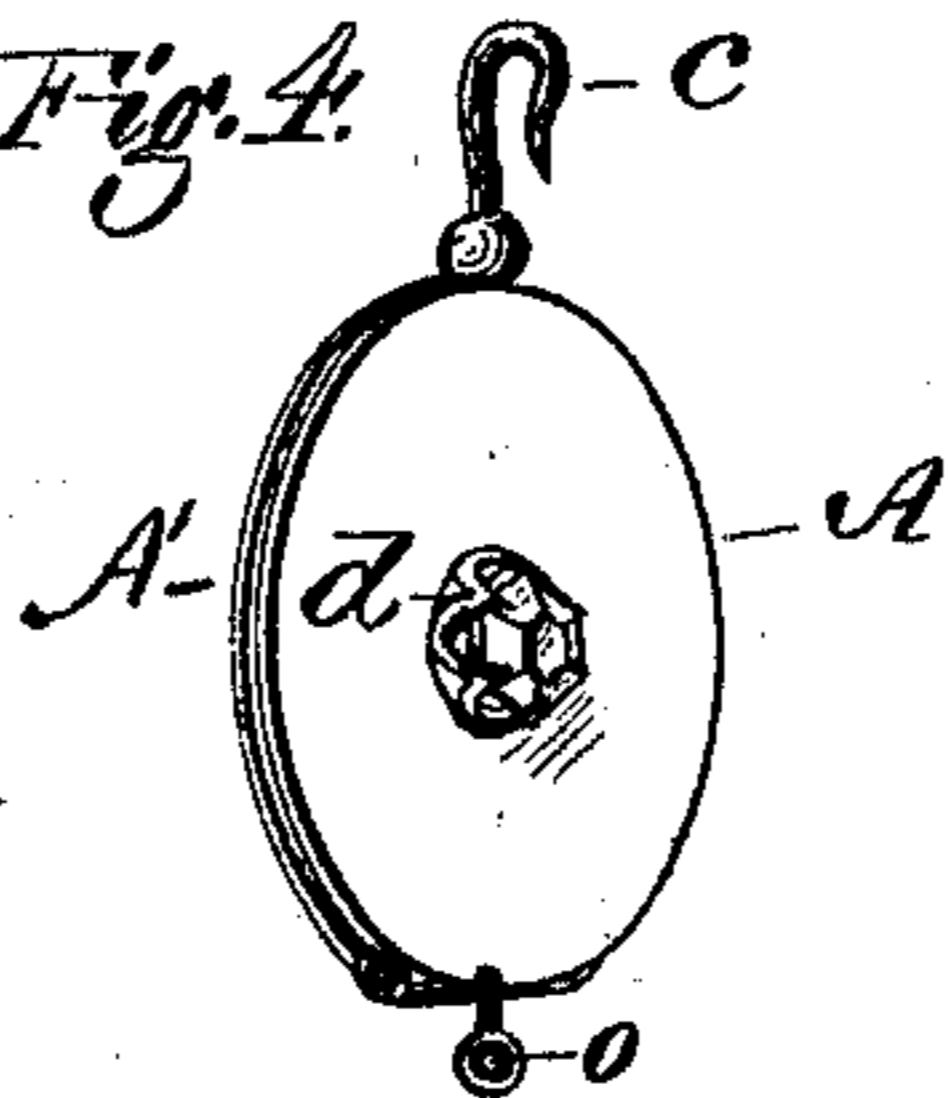
*Fig. 1.*



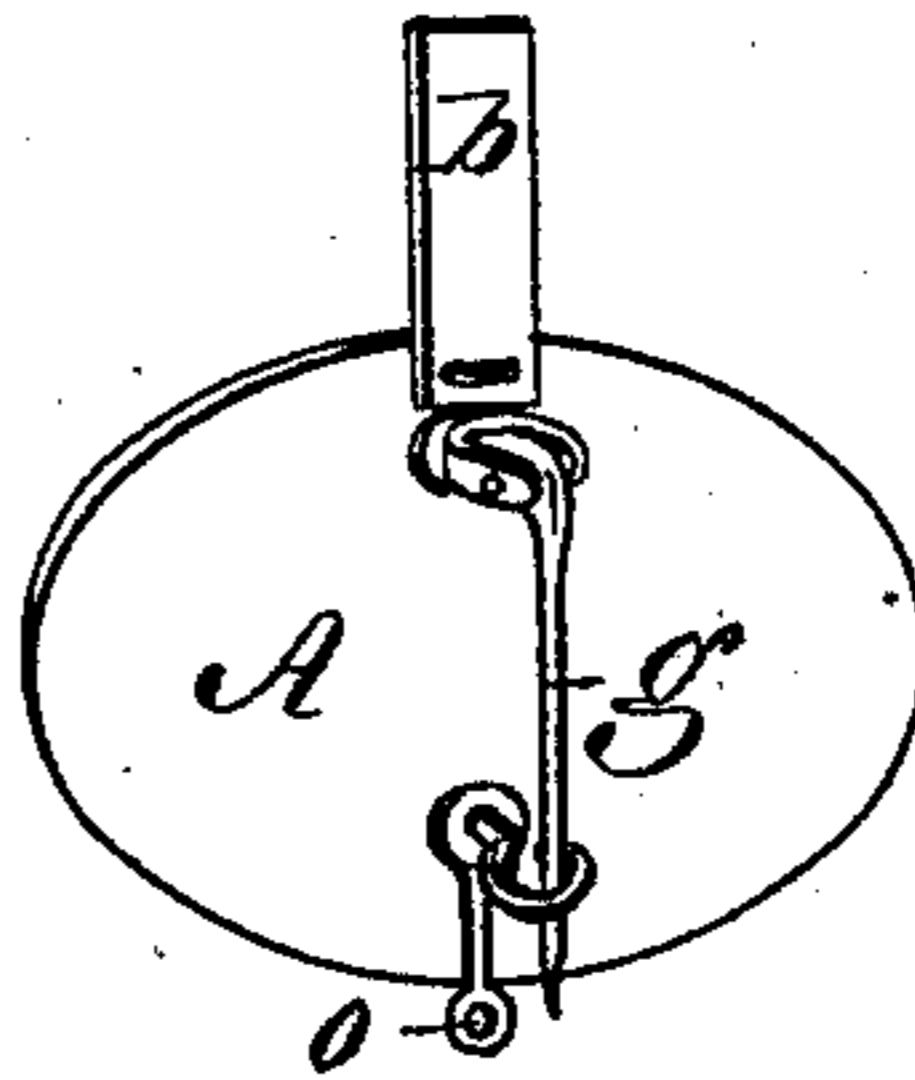
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 4.*

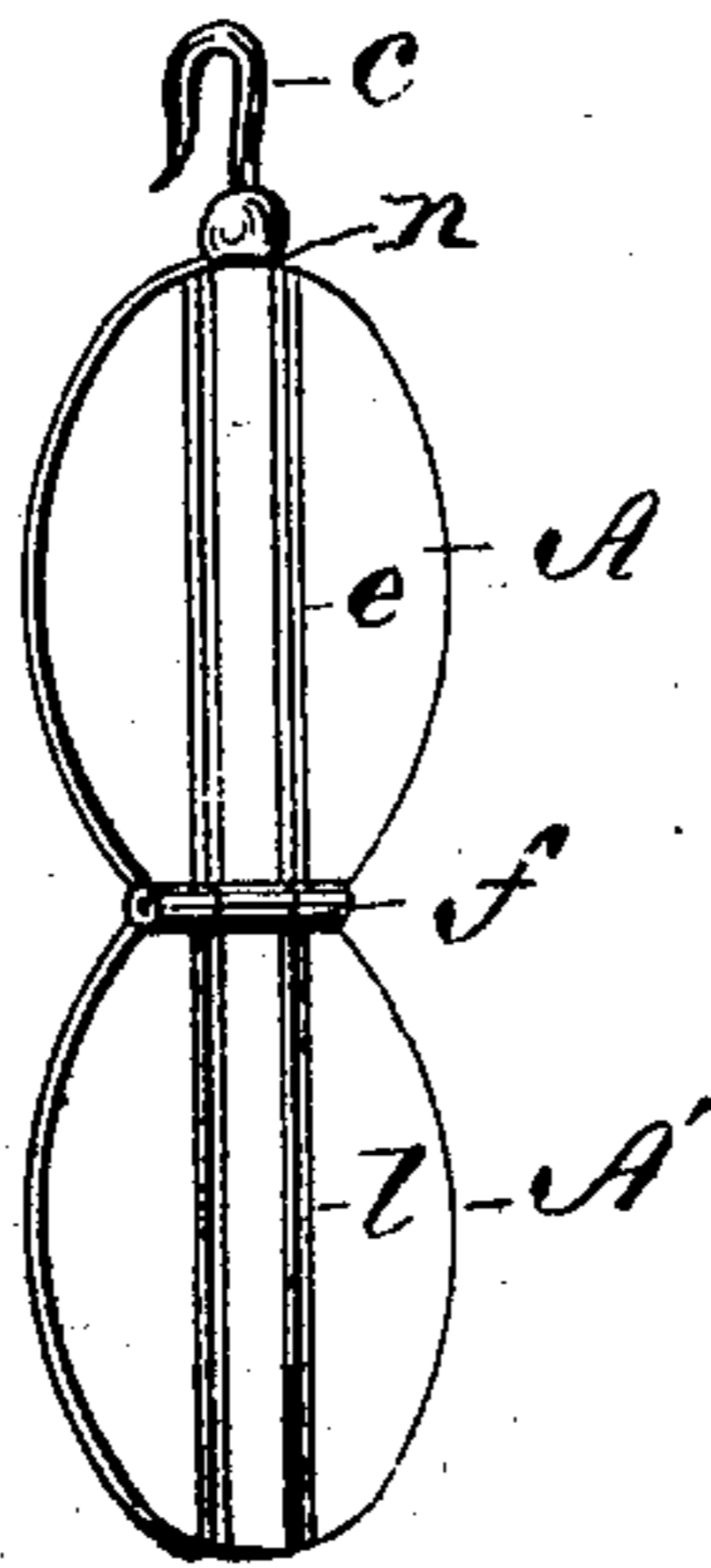


*Fig. 3.*



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*Fig. 5.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BONNET-FASTENERS.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, EDWARD K. HALL, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Bonnet-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to bonnet-fastenings; and consists of a disk or other formed piece of metal or suitable material, provided at one edge with a hook or other device for securing it to the bonnet, and at its lower edge with an eye for the reception of a hair-pin for fastening it to the hair of the wearer, as herein-after more fully described.

Figure 1 represents the device as applied in use. Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5 are views of the device shown in detail.

It is customary to use a piece of elastic for securing ladies' and children's hats and bonnets upon the head; and the object of my invention is to provide a fastening that will be more ornamental, and that will dispense with the use of elastic or other bands and strings.

To do this, I provide a disk or body, A, of any desired form, as represented in the several figures, it being made of metal or any suitable material that possesses the requisite strength and will admit of ornamentation. At one edge a hook, c, is secured, as shown in Figs. 2, 4, and 5, to fasten it to the lining or other portion of the bonnet or hat at the sides, one being shown thus in position in Fig. 1. At their lower edge they are provided with an eye or loop, o, through which a hair-pin can be inserted to fasten it to the hair of the wearer.

Instead of the hook c, there may be holes, by which it can be sewed fast to the bonnet; or it may have a small piece of fabric, as shown at b, Fig. 3, secured to it, and which may be stitched or pinned to the bonnet.

The body A may be formed of any suitable composition, or of felt, or other material, and be ornamented on its outer face by any desired figure or design; or it may be made of metal, with jewels set therein, as indicated at d, Fig. 4.

For the purpose of securing to it bows of ribbon or any similar ornament I propose to provide its inner surface with a pin and catch, as represented in Fig. 3. So, too, I propose to form the body of two parts, A and A', hinged together, as at f, Fig. 4, and arranged to shut together, and be held by a shoulder or catch at n, and thus hold between the parts a piece of ribbon or any other ornament, such as flowers, &c., that may be inserted. In order to hold these articles more securely I make grooves e in one of the parts, A, and corresponding ribs l on the other part, A', as represented in Fig. 5. Small spurs or projections may be used instead, and made to accomplish the same object.

By the use of a fastening made on this plan I dispense with the elastic bands now used, and substitute therefor an article which is very neat and ornamental in itself, and which also affords the means of securing other ornaments when desired.

It is obvious that in style or design, and also in construction, the article may be varied almost indefinitely without departing from the principle of my invention, and, therefore, I desire to be understood as not limiting myself to the precise form or construction shown.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a bonnet-fastener, consisting of the body A, provided with the hook c or its equivalent, for securing the fastener to the bonnet, and the eye or loop o, adapted to receive a hair-pin for securing it to the hair, as shown and described.

2. A bonnet-fastener, substantially such as described, with a hinged plate, A', arranged to fold against the body A, and clasp a ribbon or ornament, substantially as shown and described.

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