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CUFF-FASTENING.

No. 176.786.

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Fig. 1.

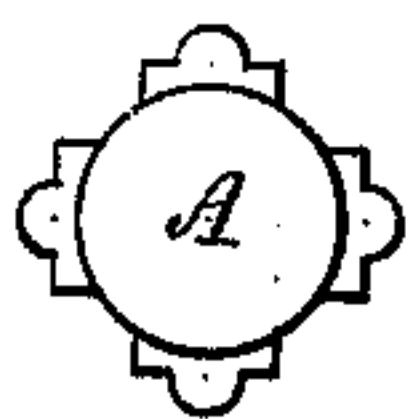


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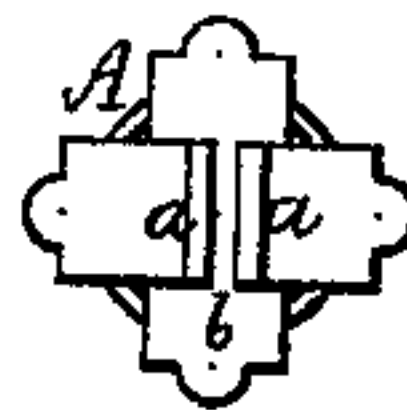


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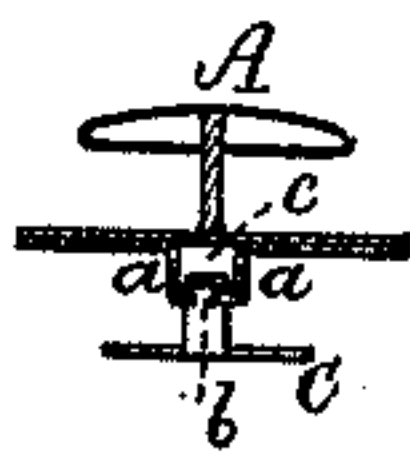
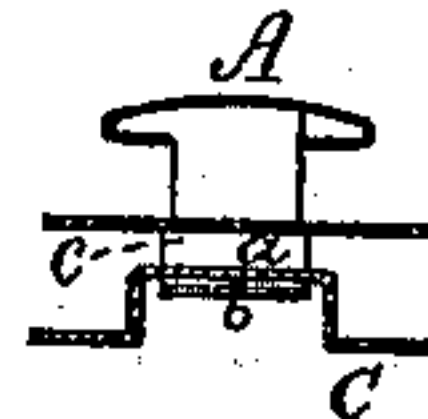


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CUFF-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STILLMAN HOUGHTON, of the city and county of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful or Improved Cuff-Fastening; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front view, Fig. 2 a rear elevation, Fig. 3 a longitudinal section, and Fig. 4 a transverse section, of it.

The article is to enable a person to fasten a cuff to the sleeve of a shirt or garment. It is very like the cuff-fastener for which a patent, dated February 1, 1876, and numbered 172,895, was granted to myself and Grenville F. Sparrow.

In carrying out my invention I do not use a recessed catch-spring on the back of the stud A, but, instead thereof, I employ two stationary hooked jaws, *a a*, with a space, *b*, between their next adjacent ends, of a width sufficient to enable the staple-shaped catch C

to be introduced edgewise between the said ends, and into the space *c* between the jaws, this latter space being large enough to allow of the catch being next turned about therein, so as to be overlapped by both jaws and held by them in connection with or coupled to the stud. It is found in practice that a recessed spring-catch is apt to become bent or broken; but the hooked jaws, being immovable relatively to the stud, are not liable to derangement, are quite as easy, if not easier, of application to the catch, and hold thereto with all necessary security.

I do not claim the cuff-fastener described and represented in the aforesaid patent.

What I claim as my invention is—

The stud A, provided with the hooked jaws *a a*, constructed as described, and adapted to be applied to the catch C, substantially in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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