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Buttons.

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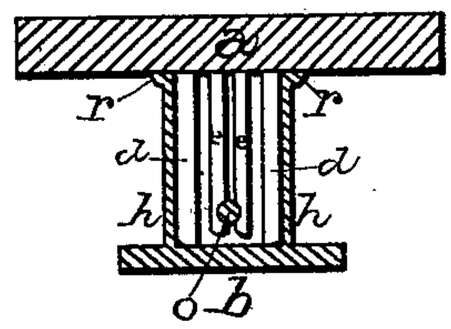
Fig. 1.



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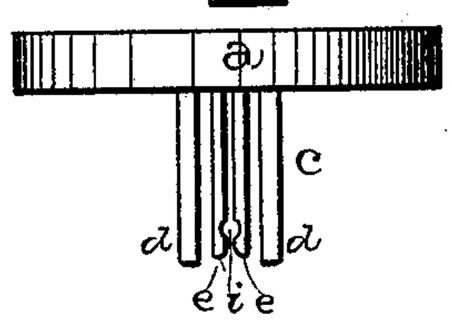

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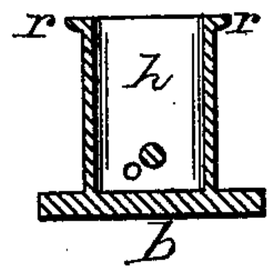

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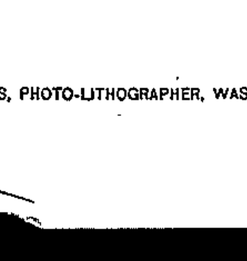

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IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTONS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **206,931**, dated August 13, 1878; application filed July 23, 1878.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK E. COMEY, of Pawtucket, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sleeve and Collar Buttons; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in sleeve and collar buttons; and it consists in making the button in two parts, the outer one of which is provided with a post that is divided into four parts, while the inner one has a socket formed on its inner side to receive the slitted post and hold the two parts together, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The accompanying drawings represent my invention.

a b represent the two parts of the button, which may be made of any desired shape, form, design, or size that may be preferred. Secured to the inner side of the outer part, *a*, in any suitable manner, is the post *c*, which is slitted into four parts, as shown. The two outer parts, *d*, of this post are made strong and rigid, and serve to support and hold the two parts of the button firmly together. The two inner parts, *e*, are made thinner and elastic, and have the notch *i* formed in their inner sides at any suitable distance from their outer ends.

The inner part, *b*, of the button has the socket or sleeve *h* secured to its inner side, which socket may be of any desired length. Passing through this socket, at right angles to its length, and at any suitable distance from its inner end, is the pin *o*, over which the inner parts, *e*, of the post *c* snap, for the purpose of holding the two parts of the button together. Upon the outer end of the socket *h*, which is made wide and flat, is formed the flange *r*, which forms a wider and more solid bearing, and which helps to hold the two parts rigidly together at the same time that it helps to keep the cuff from slipping off. In using the button it is only necessary to pass the socket through the button-holes, and then press the post *c* down into it until the two parts *e* snap over the pin *o*, and the two parts *a b* will be held as rigidly together as though the button was made in a single piece. To separate them it is only necessary to pull outward upon the part *a*, when the post will slip out of the socket. By means of the flange *r* the cuff will be prevented from slipping off while being fastened, and thus the buttons can be applied with ease with one hand.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. In a button, the flat post *c*, divided into four parts, the two outer ones of which are rigid, and the two inner ones elastic and provided with notches, substantially as shown.

2. The combination of the two parts *a b*, the part *a* being provided with the post *c*, that is divided into four parts, the two outer ones being rigid, and the inner ones elastic and provided with notches, and the part *b*, provided with the socket *h*, having the pin *o* passing through it, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of July, 1878.

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