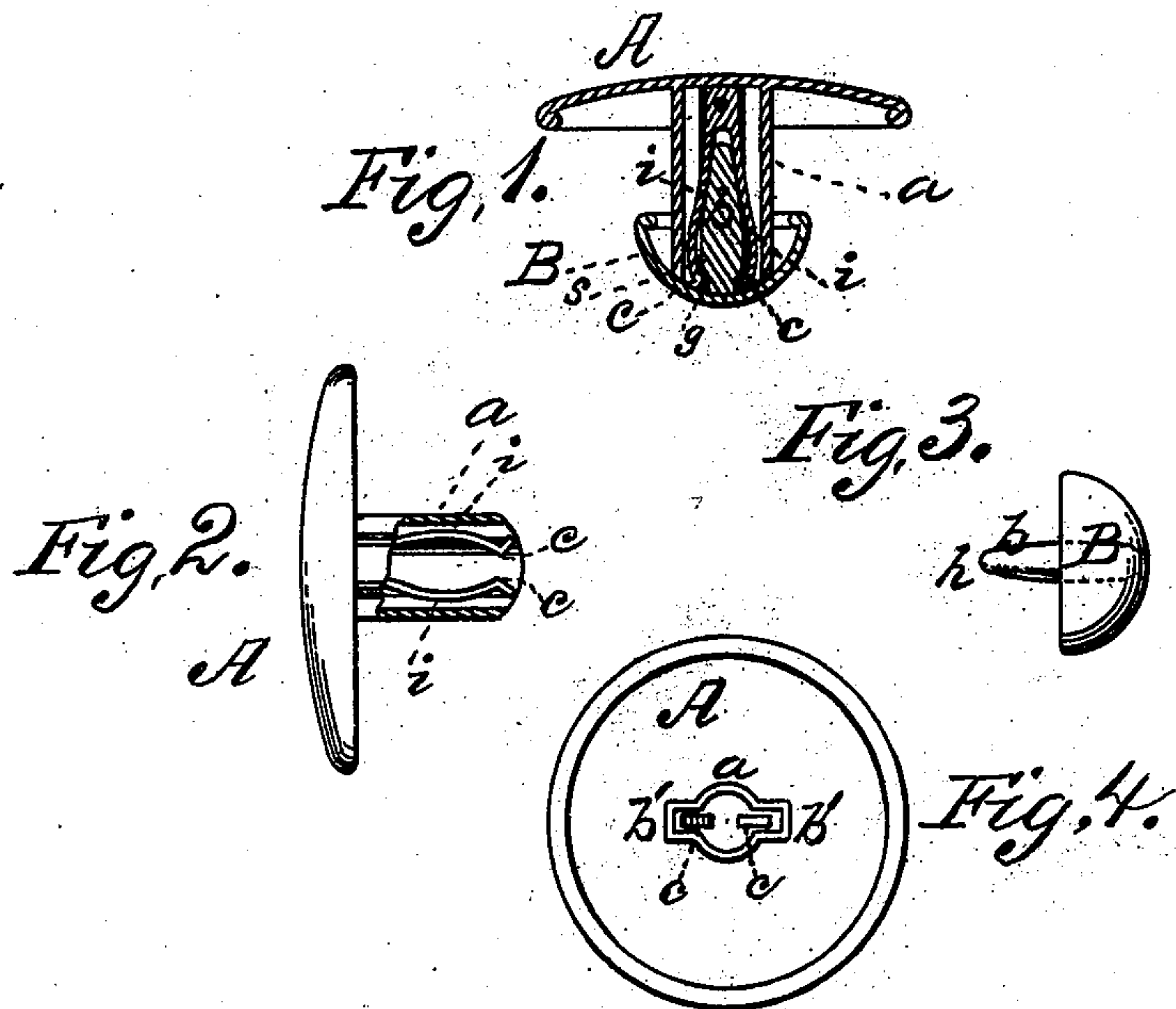


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IMPROVEMENT IN COLLAR AND SLEEVE BUTTONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WELLINGTON P. DOLLOFF, of Providence, State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Collar and Sleeve Buttons; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a central longitudinal section of my improved button. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are details.

This invention has relation to improvements in collar and sleeve buttons; and the nature of the invention consists in certain novel combinations of parts, whereby a sectional button of exceptional excellence is produced, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A indicates the face of the button, having a tubular post, *a*, of suitable dimensions. Within this post is rigidly secured a forked spring-griper, composed of two arms, *i i*, united preferably at their inner ends, and terminating at their free ends in angular jaws *c*. These arms extend nearly to the end of post *a*, and are allowed to separate, under circumstances hereinafter set forth, by the chambers *b'* at opposite sides of the post. These chambers and post form together a body of oblong form, and, being introduced into a button-hole, serve to prevent the button from turning, thus when a figure is used on the face-plate keeping it upright instead of sidewise or upside down.

The face-plate B is of larger size than the back, and carries a solid post, *b*, having at or near its junction with said plate an annular groove, *g*. From this groove the post gradually thickens up to a point about midway of its length, when it tapers off to a rounded end, *h*. This post, in putting the parts of the button together, is thrust into post *a* between the arms *i* of the griper, causing them to gradually separate until the angular jaws *c* drop into the groove *g*, when the reaction of the said arms causes the jaws to bind upon the post *b* in the groove aforesaid, requiring considerable force to separate them. This force, however, being applied, the swell *s* of the solid post causes the arms *i* to separate, and allows the parts of the button to be disconnected.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a sectional collar or sleeve button, the combination, with a back plate, A, having tubular post *a* and recesses *b'*, and the spring-griper *i i*, having angular jaws *c*, inside of said post, of a face-plate, B, having solid post *b*, provided with a groove, *g*, near its base, a swell, *s*, outside of said groove, and a rounded tapering end, *h*, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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