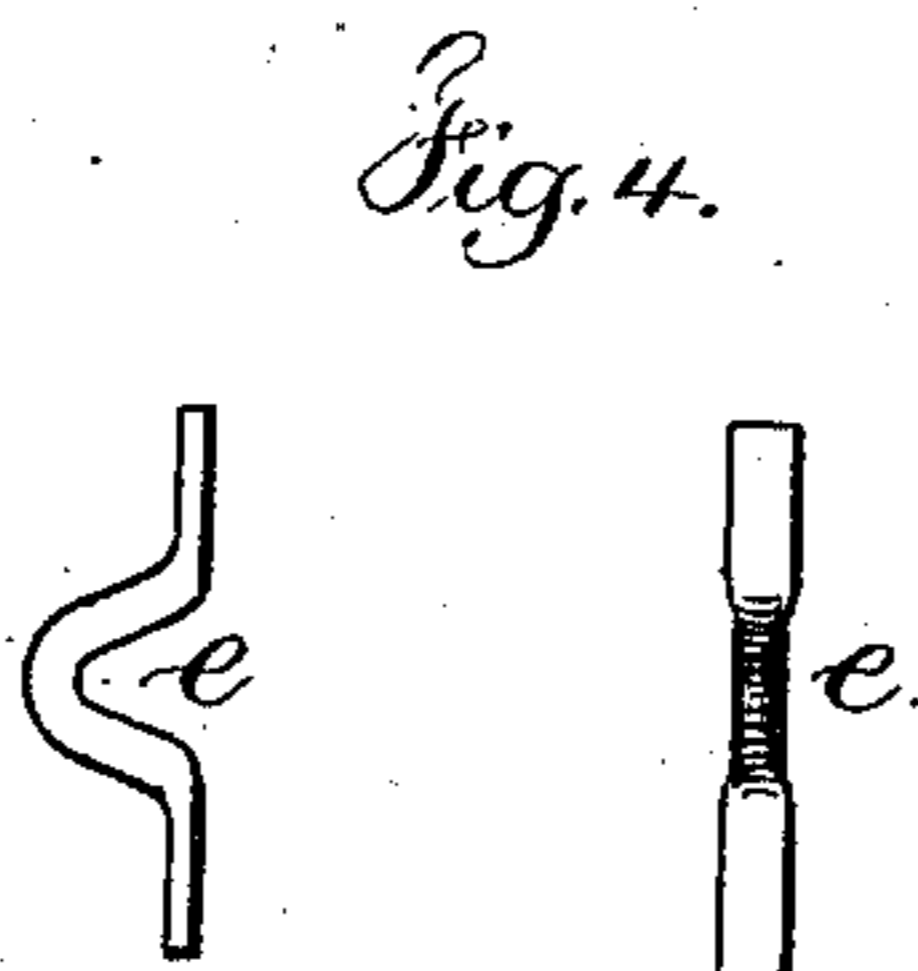
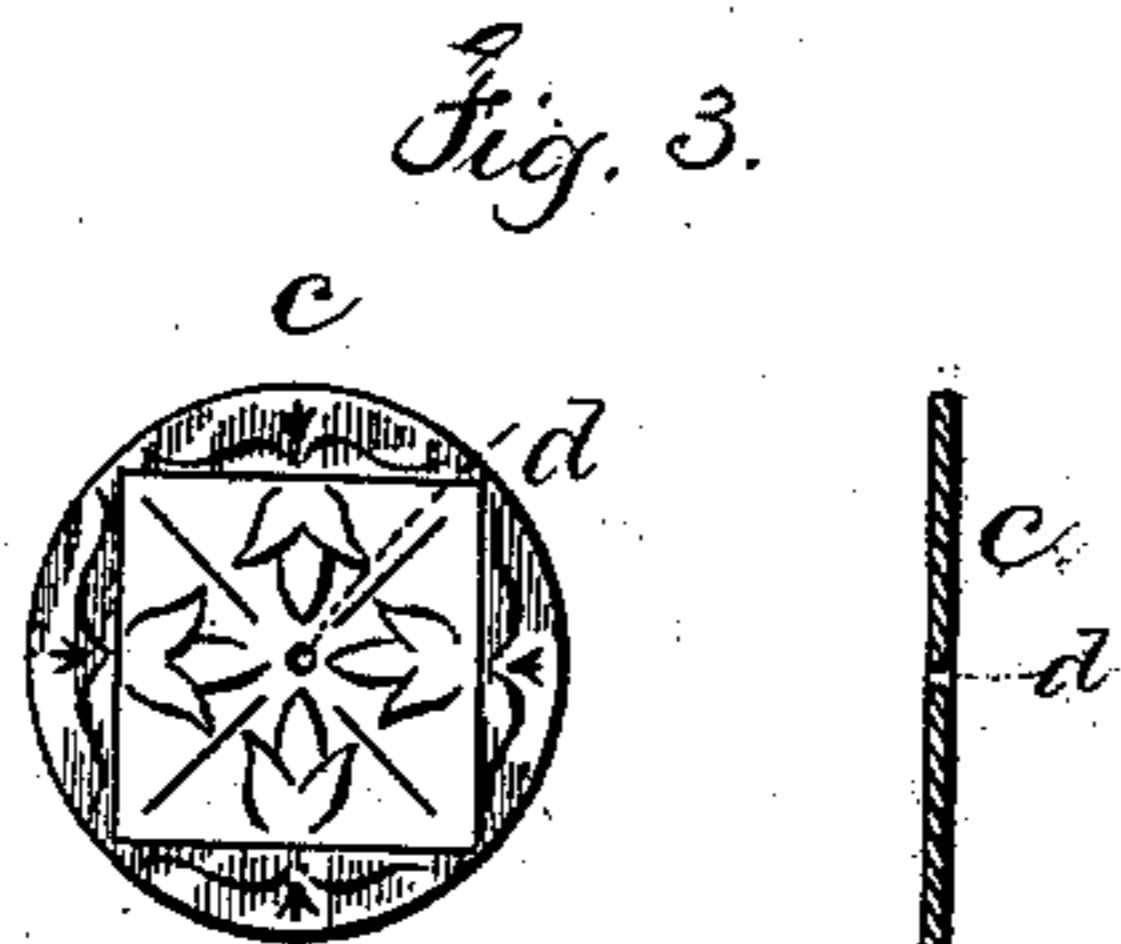
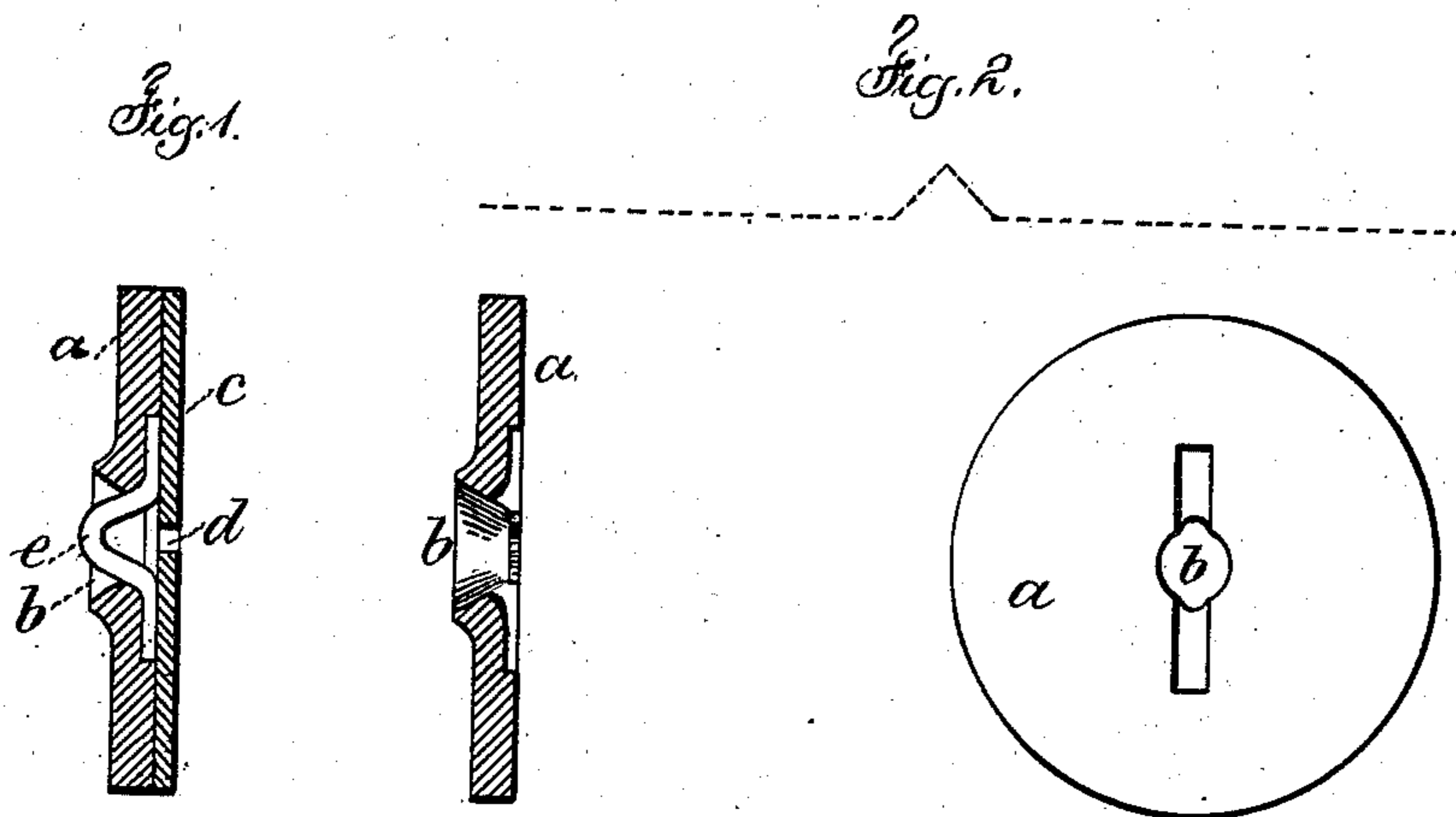


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALONZO MILLIKEN, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Buttons, of which the following is a specification.

Buttons have been made with two holes at the back part at an inclination to each other, so as to pass into a central hole or recess at the front; but this central hole is necessarily large and objectionable in appearance, especially with ornamental dress-buttons.

Buttons have also been made with a shank, through a hole in which the threads are passed. These shanks, however, cause the button to project from the dress. Metal and cloth covered buttons have been made in two parts, and thin pieces of pearl and other ornamental scales have been attached to the surfaces of buttons by cement.

My invention relates to a button made in two parts, the ornamental front piece of which has a small central hole and the back piece a large central hole, in combination with a bar introduced between the two parts of the button before they are cemented together. By this construction the button can be sewed on with great facility by passing the needle and thread first at one side of the bar and then at the other, and the hole in the ornamental scale or surface is only large enough to pass such needle, and hence is almost invisible, and the bar forming the shank does not project from the back of the button, and hence such button lies flat against the fabric.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a section of the button complete, but in larger size. Fig. 2 is the back of the button in face view and section. Fig. 3 is the front of the button, in face view and section, in about full size; and Fig. 4 is the shank, in side view and face view, in enlarged size.

The back *a* has a central hole, *b*, and the middle part is made thicker by preference. The face *c* of the button is of any desired ornamental character, and has the small central hole, *d*.

The shank *e* is preferably of metal bent into the shape shown, and the ends of the shank are received into recesses either in the back *a* or the rear part of the button-face *c*, or both. I have, however, represented the recesses for the ends of the shank as in the back *a*.

The central bow portion of the shank stands backwardly within the hole *b*. The parts *a* and *c* are cemented together by any suitable adhesive material, and the button is to be sewed to the dress fabric, as before indicated.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, in a button, of a back, *a*, with a central opening, the front part, *c*, of the button, having a small central hole, and the shank *e*, applied in a recess between the two parts *a* and *c* of the button, substantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 6th day of April, A. D. 1880.

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