

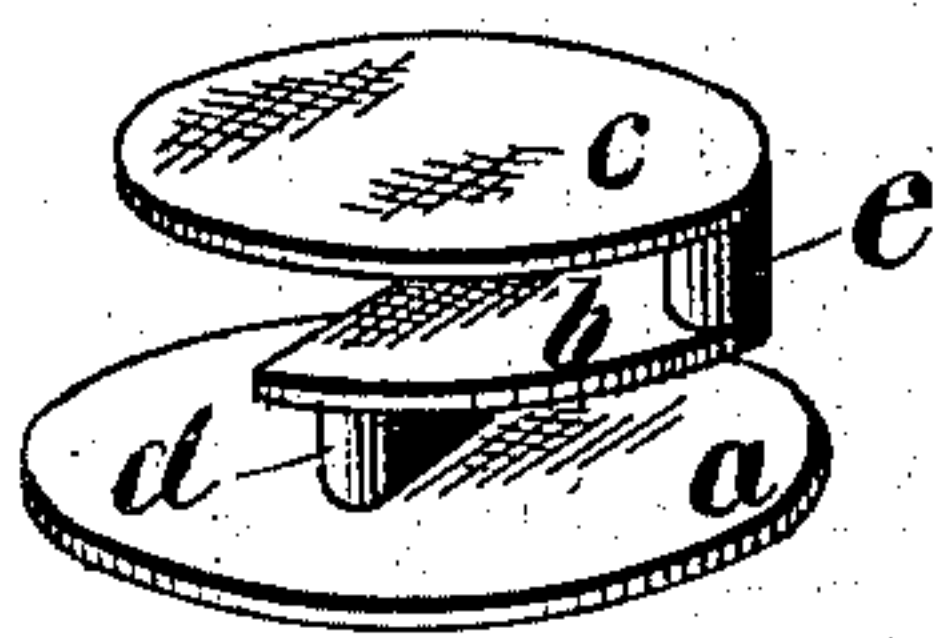
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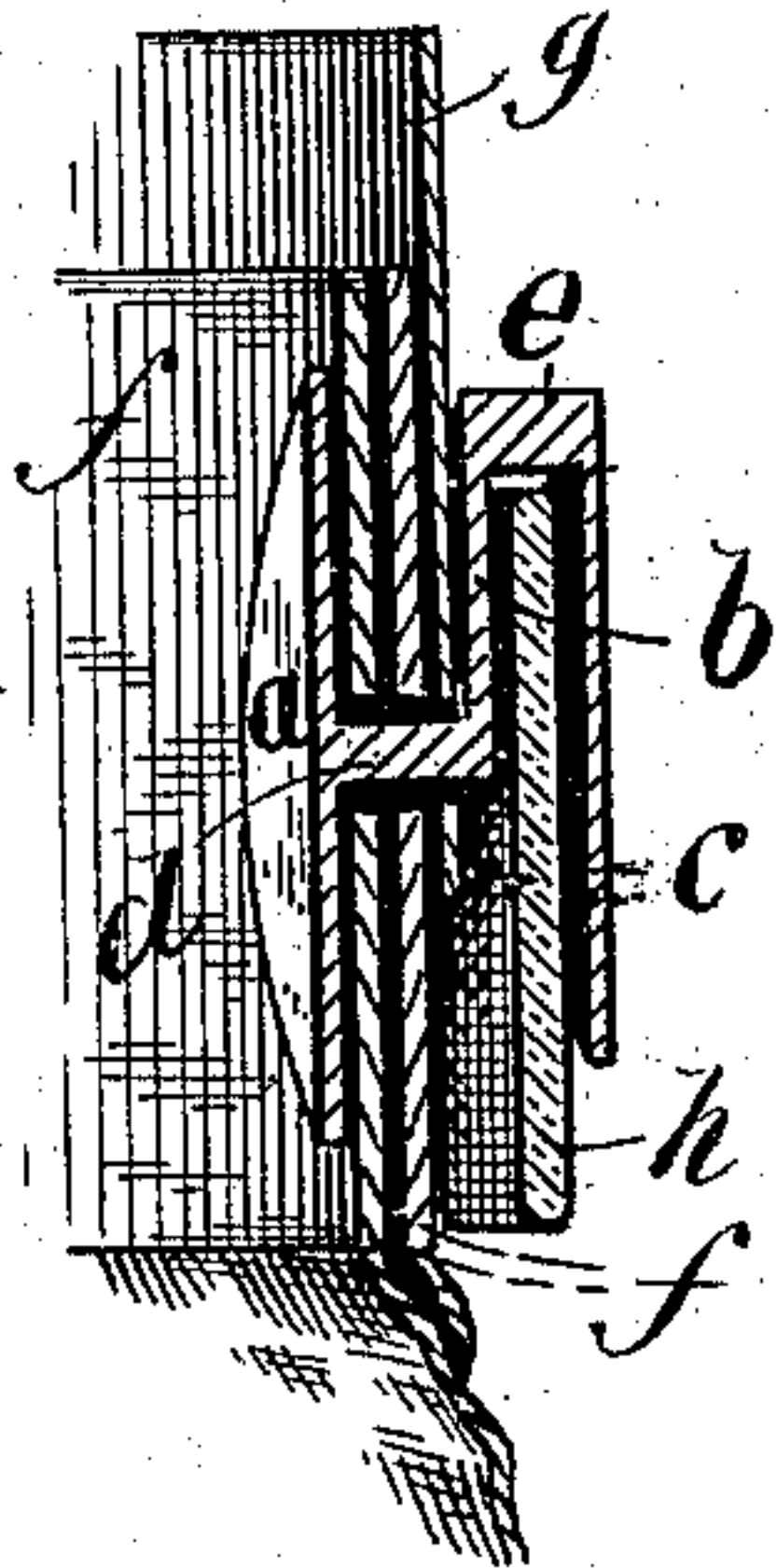
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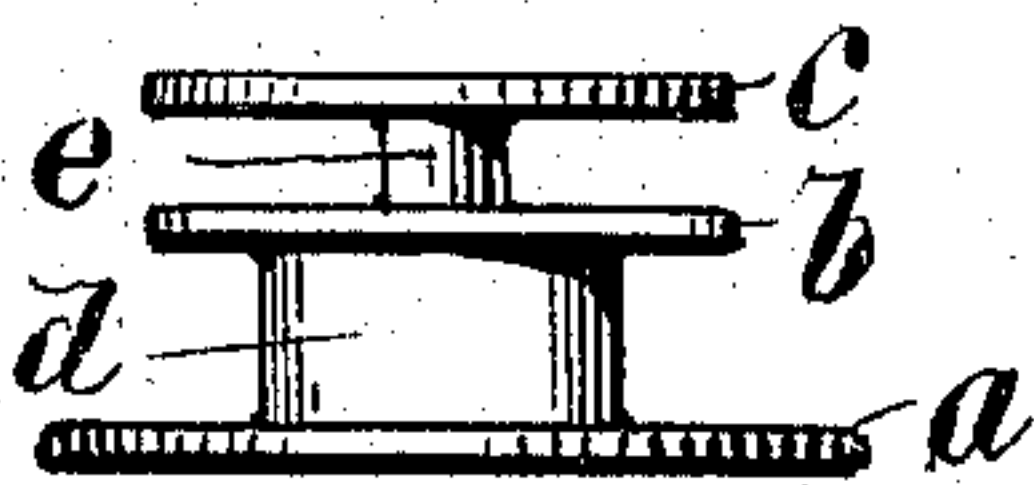
*Fig 1*



*Fig 2*



*Fig 3*



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## COLLAR-BUTTON.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JACOB E. VANDERBILT, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Collar-Button, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention consists in a three-plate collar-button constructed as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my new and improved collar-button. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation, showing the button as it appears when in use; and Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the button.

My new and improved collar-button is composed of three plates—the main inner plate, *a*, the central semicircular plate, *b*, and the outer plate, *c*. The plates *a* and *b* are attached to or formed with or upon the connecting piece or shank *d*, which is by preference made elliptical or flat in cross-section—that is, longer than wide—as shown clearly in Figs. 2 and 3, and this shank is by preference centrally placed with respect to the plate *a*, but stands at or near the straight edge of the plate *b*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The plates *b* and *c* are attached rigidly to each other by the connecting piece or shank *e*, which joins the plates at their curved edges, as shown clearly in Figs. 1 and 2, so this shank will stand out of line with (above) the shank *d*. In this manner the plate *c* is so held from the upper edge of the plate *b* that it is adapted (when the button is secured on the shirt-band *f* and the collar *g*) to reach over the upper edge of the back of the necktie *h*

for holding it at all times in its proper position, covering the back button-hole of the collar, as illustrated in Fig. 2.

The shank *d* is made elliptical or flat, so that the button will not turn in the button-hole, but will always be held the right side up for receiving the edge of the necktie *h* between the plates *b c*.

The plates *a* and *b* and the shank *d* serve to hold the collar and neckband of the shirt in the manner of an ordinary collar-button, as illustrated clearly in Fig. 2.

The plates *b c* can be made in a continuous piece at the edges, to dispense with the separate shank-piece *e*, or continuing also in connection with the shank *d*, or in connection with the plate *a*, and, instead of making the plate *b* semicircular in form and the plate *c* circular, either might have any other form and not depart from the spirit of my invention.

I am aware that a sleeve-button has been formed of two plates connected by a bent shank; that a gloove-fastening has been made of two parallel plates connected by a central shank and provided with a top hook eccentrically attached to the outer plate; also, that a button-shank has been provided with a hook; but

What I claim as new and of my invention is—

A three-plate collar-button in which the middle plate, *b*, has a straight edge, which is connected with the plate *a* by a central shank, *d*, and is also attached to the plate *c* by a peripheral shank, *e*, to adapt it to be used as described.

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