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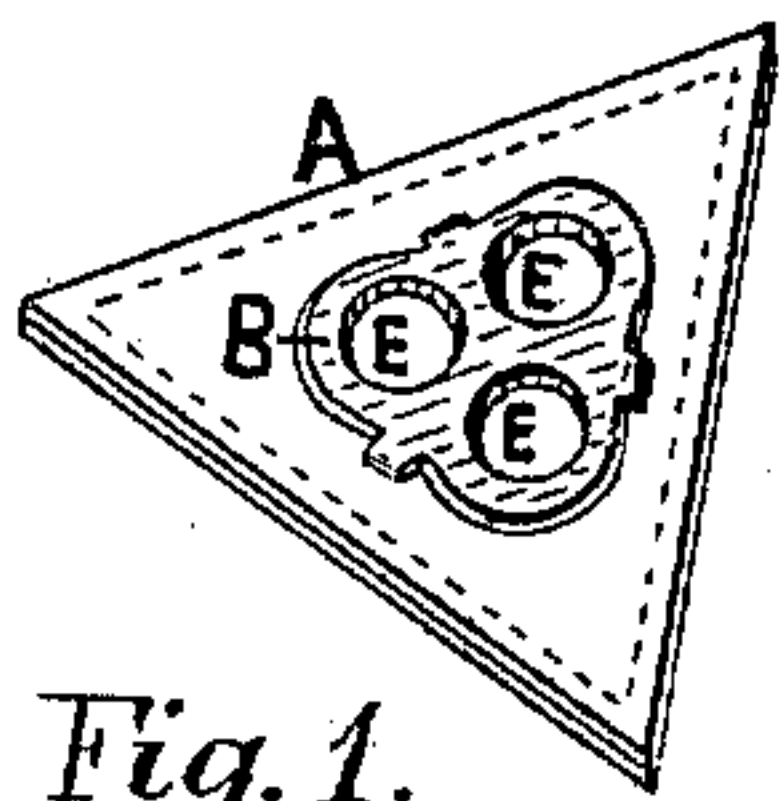


Fig. 1.

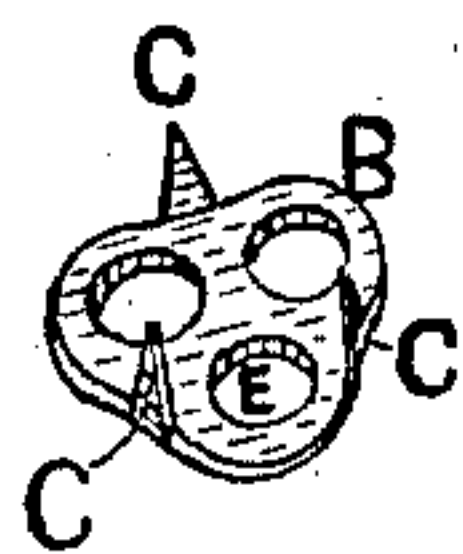


Fig. 2.

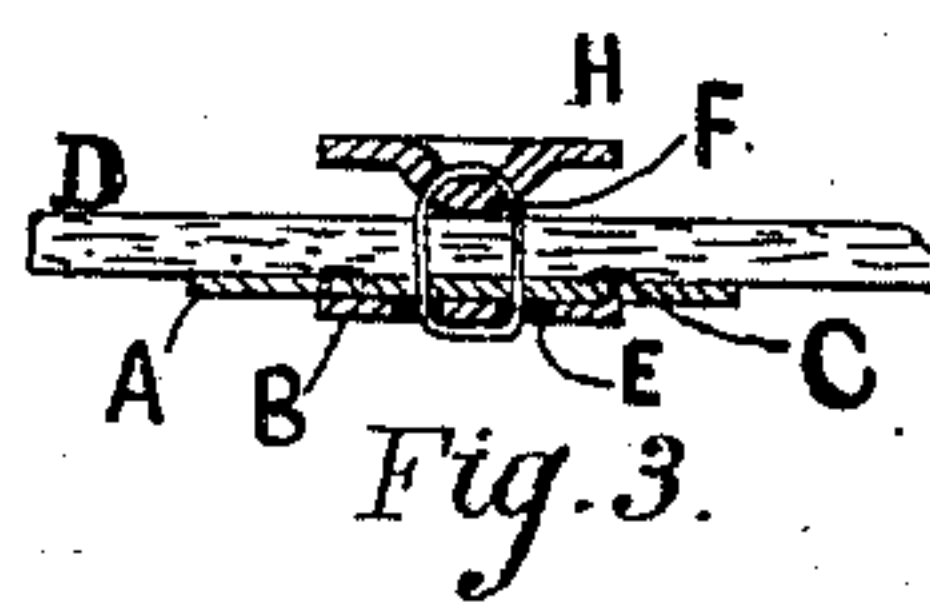


Fig. 3.

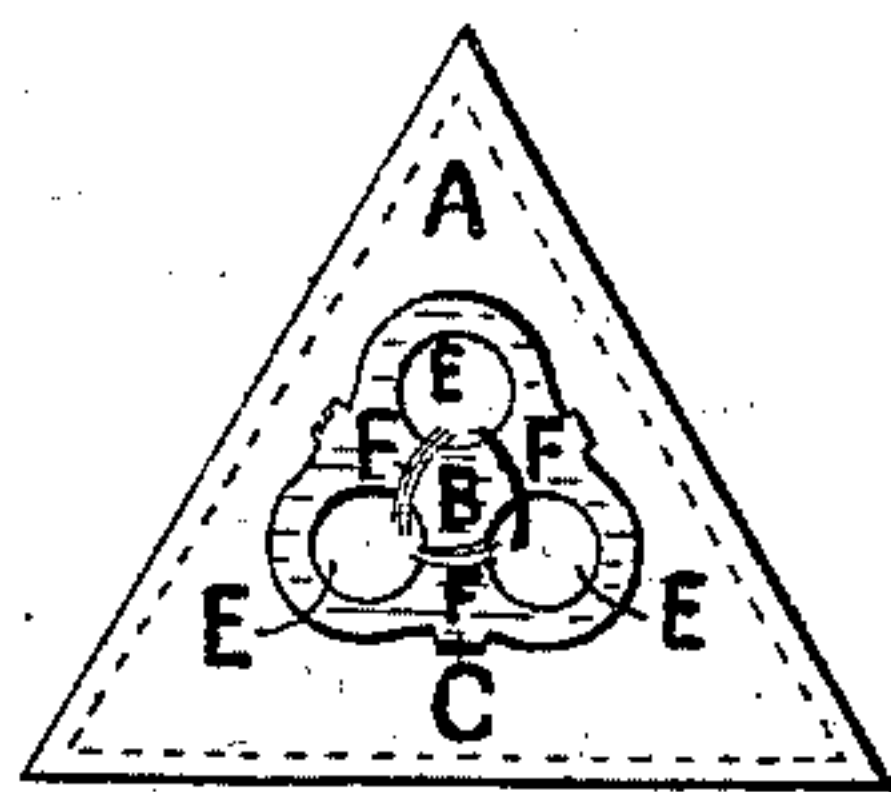


Fig. 4.

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## BUTTON-STAY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAVID J. KELLEY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Button - Stays, described and claimed in the following specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap, simple, convenient, and durable stay for buttons secured to the garment by sewing through the eyes or holes formed in the button and through the garment fabric and through the stay placed upon the inside of the fabric opposite the button to be secured thereto; and it consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the parts composing the button-stay, as hereinafter more fully described, and set forth in the claims.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a button-stay constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 represents a similar view of the metallic portion preparatory to being secured to the leather portion. Fig. 3 represents a central section through the stay, fabric, and button. Fig. 4 represents an elevation of the button-stay.

A represents a triangular or other suitable-shaped piece of pliable or soft leather—such as kid, dog-skin—or any other deemed best adapted for the purpose may be employed.

B represents a sheet-metal stay-piece, provided with suitable openings or holes, E, and one or more points, C, which are forced through the leather portion A and clinched or turned inwardly, as shown in Fig. 3.

D represents the fabric of a garment, and F

the thread by which the button H is secured thereto by means of a needle and thread, as usual, the needle being passed back and forth through the button, fabric, and stay, passing over the central bars connecting the said holes E of the metallic stay-piece B, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings.

It will be understood that I contemplate forming the leather portion of the stay of two thicknesses and stitched together, as shown; and, if desired, the metal stay-piece B may be placed between such leather stay-pieces A and then the said leather portions sewed or stitched together, so as to confine the metal plate stay-piece in position between them, and thereby dispense with the fastening-points formed upon said metal stay-pieces; or, if desired, the confining-points of the stay-piece B may be formed or struck up centrally therefrom; or a single point may be employed to secure the metal stay-piece B to the leather.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A button-stay consisting of the leather portion A and sheet-metal portion B, having holes or openings E, said parts being secured together, as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The button-stay consisting of the double-leather portions A, and sheet-metal portions B, having openings E, and provided with fastening-points C, substantially as described, as and for the purposes set forth.

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