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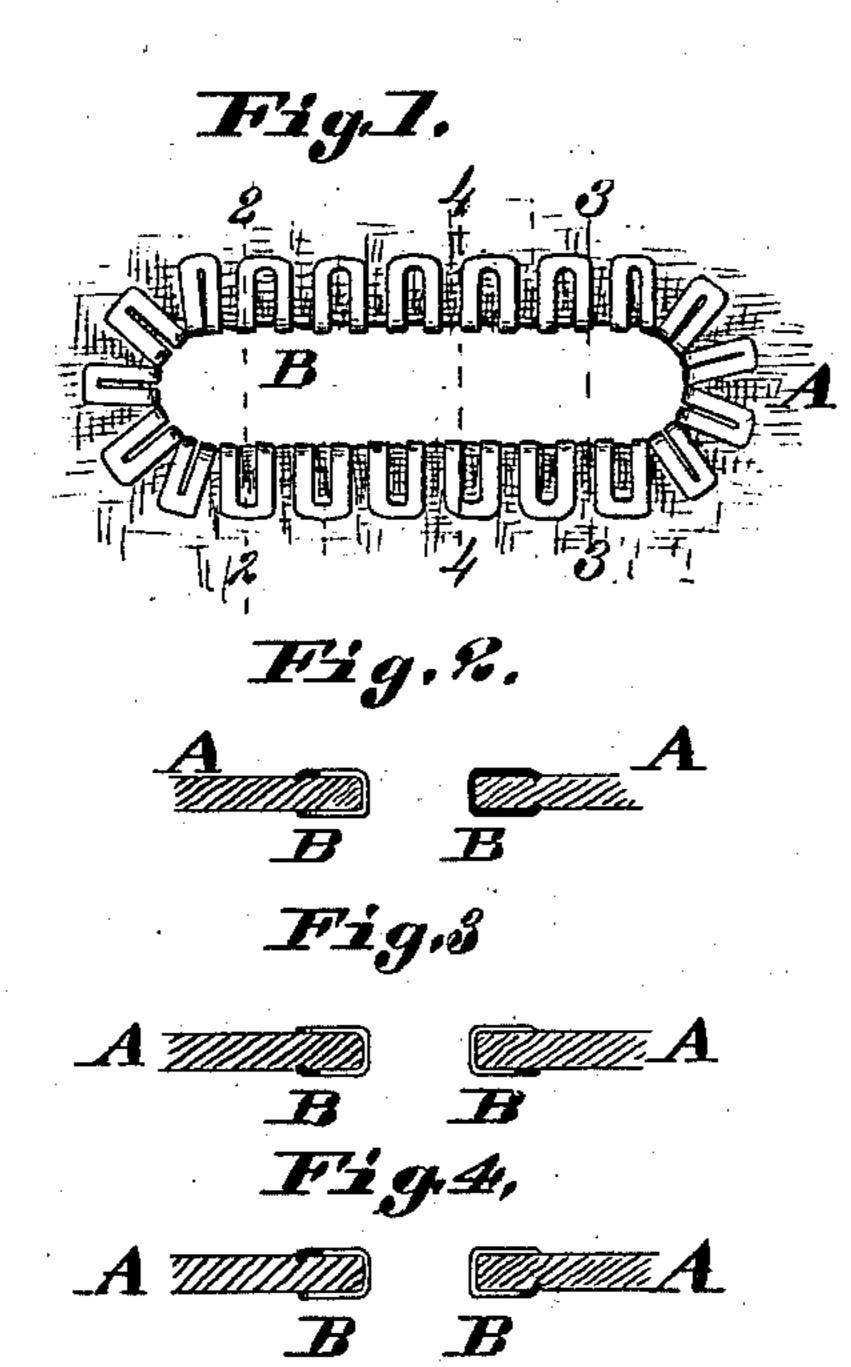


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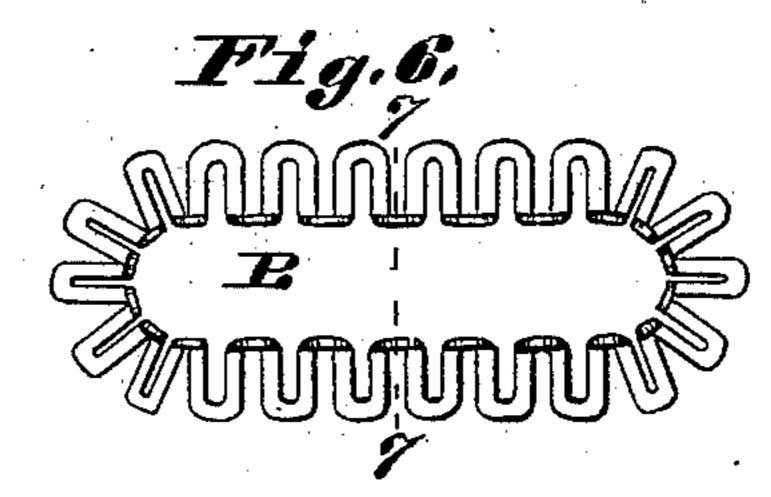


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES K. PICKLES, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Eyelets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view, showing the eyelet secured in a button-hole. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are sections, respectively, on lines 22, 33, and 44, Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is an edge view, showing the eyelet in the form in which it is intended to be placed on the market as an article of trade; and Fig. 6 is a top view of same. Fig. 7 is a section on line 77, Fig. 6. Fig. 8 is a diagram illustrating a manner of making the eyelet.

My invention relates to an eyelet for buttonholes, &c.; and my invention consists in an expansible and contractible metallic eyelet or lining, which is durable, cheap, quickly secured in place, not liable to be torn out, and which strengthens the material on which it is used.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a piece of material, which may be any kind of leather, fabric, or other substance, and B represents the eyelet, which may be made of any kind of metal suitable for the purpose, and which is placed in the button-hole and bent so as to take a secure hold of the material.

My preferred manner of manufacturing or making the eyelet is to take a thin narrow strip of metal—or fine wire would answer the purpose—and bend it back and forth, as shown in Fig. 7, until the desired length of the bent material is had, and then the two ends are brought together and made fast. One side is then bent—say on the dotted line, Fig. 8—at or about a tright angles to the body, as shown in

Figs. 5, 6, and 7, and the eyelet is then ready to be inserted into the button-hole, and after it is inserted the other side is bent down by 45 means of a suitable instrument, and the two outer edges pressed slightly into the material, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, so as to take a hold thereon.

The intention is to furnish the eyelets to the 50 market in the form shown in Figs. 5, 6, and 7 as an article of trade, and they would of course be furnished in different sizes, as required, and of different shape, if desired; and, if necessary, the metal could be annealed, to make 55 it more soft and pliable. When the eyelet, as thus furnished to the market, is to be used, it is simply inserted into the button-hole, as above stated, and the other edge, by means of a suitable instrument, turned over to embrace 60 the material.

While an eyelet thus produced is strong, cheap, durable, strengthening to the material, and can be quickly applied or secured in place, it is at the same time sufficiently elastic or flexible to be used for the most delicate purposes.

I have shown my preferred manner of making and furnishing to the trade an expansible and contractible metallic eyelet; but I do not 70 wish to confine myself to any particular manner of making and furnishing the same.

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

1. An expansible and contractible metallic 75 eyelet for button-holes.

2. An expansible and contractible eyelet for button-holes, consisting of a thin strip or piece of metal, bent and formed substantially as shown and described.

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