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Fig. 1.

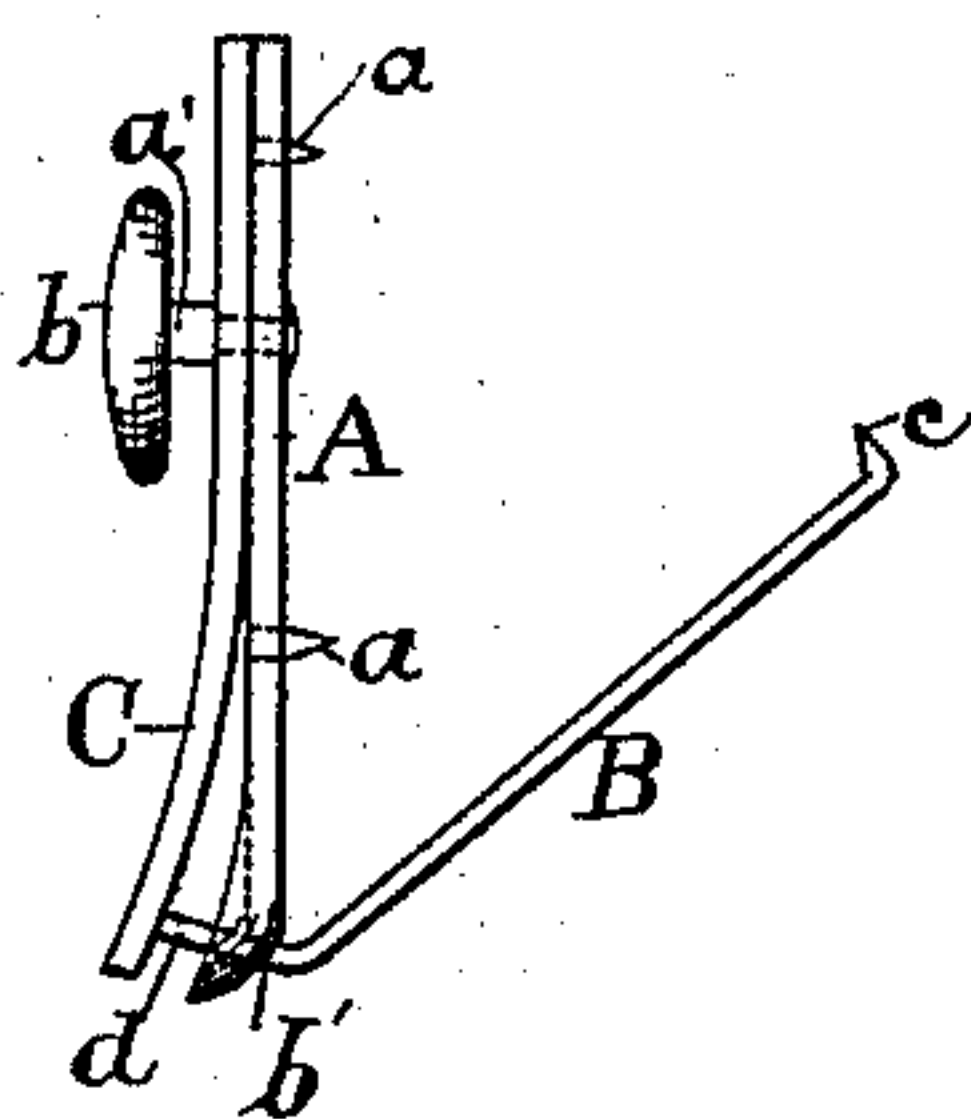


Fig. 2.

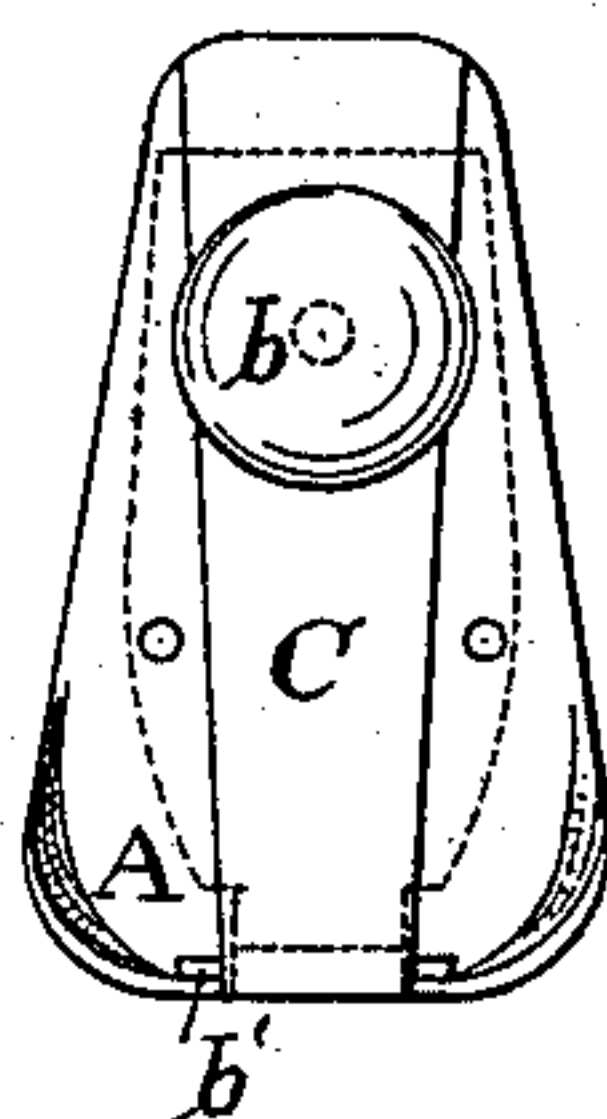
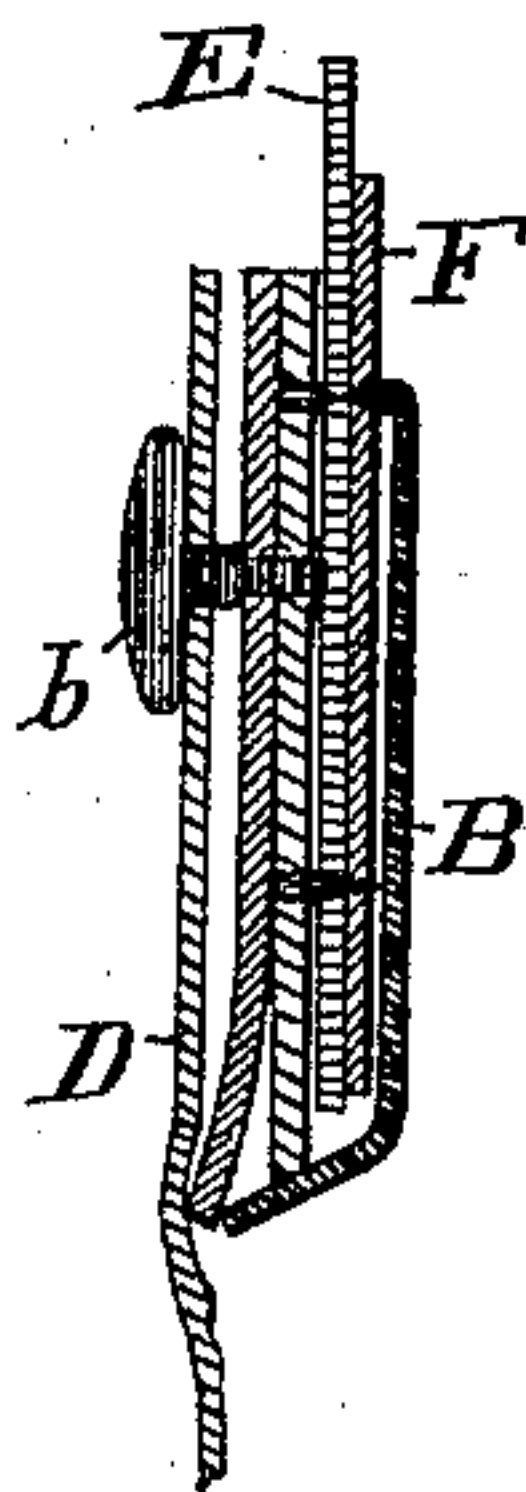


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLINTON STEPHENS, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Collar-Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple, cheap, and effective device, which, attached to the neckband of a shirt, may be applied to clasp the collar, or collar and cravat or necktie, in such manner as to prevent the upward displacement of said parts with reference to the neckband aforesaid.

The invention comprises a novel combination of parts whereby the aforesaid objects are secured.

Figure 1 is an edge view, Fig. 2 a side view, and Fig. 3 a longitudinal sectional view, of a device constructed according to my said invention.

A is a plate, provided at one side with studs or spurs *a*, and at the opposite side with a button, *b*, connected with said plate by the neck *a'*. A claw-plate, B, is hinged or pivoted at one end to the adjacent extremity of the plate A, as indicated at *b'*. The outer or free end of this claw-plate B is provided with spurs or teeth *c*, and at the opposite end with the short arm or projection *d*. Bearing against this arm on projection *d* is the free end of a spring, C. The said spring is attached to the plate A by any suitable means.

In applying the apparatus to use the button *b* is thrust, as represented in Fig. 3, through a button-hole suitably formed in the neckband of the shirt, which in Fig. 3 is represented at D. This done, the collar E is placed, in the usual position, around the neckband, and the cravat or necktie F in the usual position around the collar E, the claw-plate B being meanwhile sprung outward in the position indicated in Fig. 1. The collar and cravat or necktie being thus placed in position, the claw-plate B is brought parallel with the plate A, so that its teeth *c* indent themselves into the outer surface of the cravat or necktie and collar, one or both, while the spurs *a* of the plate A in like manner project into the inner

side of the collar, and thereby prevent the lifting or rising thereof, the plate B being forced inward by the action of the spring C upon the arm *d* of the said plate.

In practice it is designed that two of the devices will be used—one at each side of the neckband—and these may be applied either for holding in position both the cravat or necktie and the collar, or the collar alone, as it may be preferred. Inasmuch as the object of the button *b* is to attach the device to the neckband, there may be substituted for said button *b* any other means for fastening the device in place. Thus, for example, what is commonly known as a "safety-pin" may be soldered to the back of the plate A in such manner that the pin may be thrust through the neckband to attach the device in place, thereby enabling the latter to operate in the same manner as when constructed with the button *b*, such safety-pin, for example, being a mechanical equivalent for the button. It is of course to be understood that the spurs *a* may be one or more in number, and in like manner that the teeth *c* may be one or more, as preferred.

I do not claim the device included in the shirt-collar fastener shown and described in the patent of Lambert dated May 6, 1879, inasmuch as the construction and arrangement of parts included in said devices differ materially from the special combination and arrangement of parts comprised in my invention; but

What I claim as my invention is—

The collar-clasp composed of the stiff or rigid plate A, having spurs or studs *a*, the claw-plate B, pivoted to the extremity of the said plate A, and the button *b*, having a shank, *a'*, and a spring, C, the said button-shank and spring being attached to that side of the plate A opposite to that at which is placed the claw-plate B, the parts being arranged in relation with each other as described, and for the purpose specified.

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