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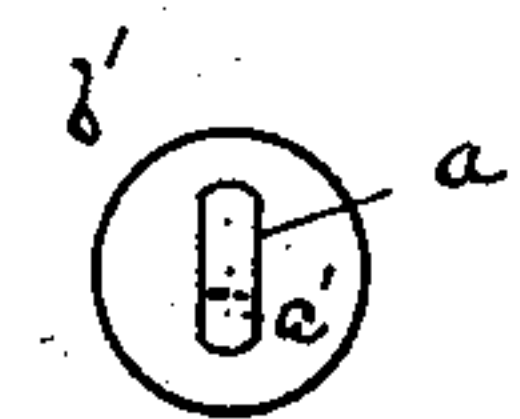


FIG. 3.

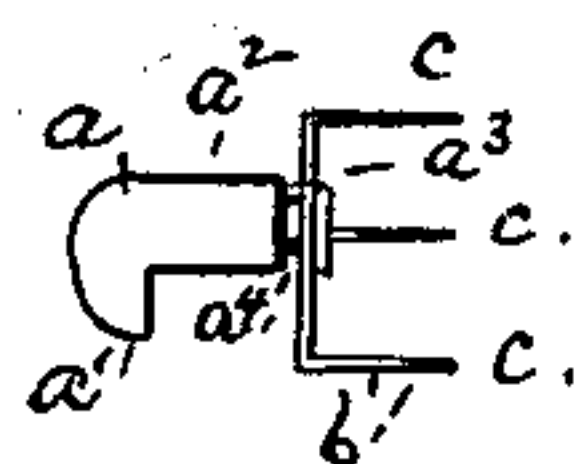


FIG. 1.



FIG. 5.

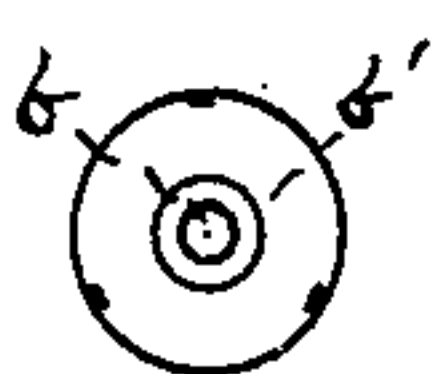


FIG. 4.

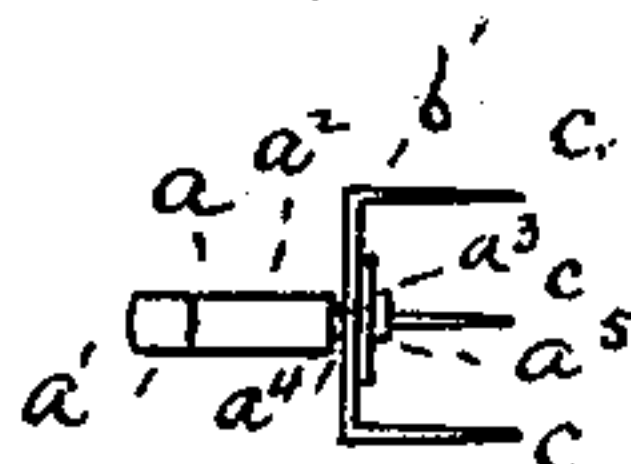


FIG. 2.



FIG. 6.

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## BUTTON.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN S. HOVEY, of Rome, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buttons; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to a swivel button and fastening; and it consists in the combination of mechanism hereinafter more fully pointed out and claimed.

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved button and fastener. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same. Fig. 4 is a bottom view of the fastening. Fig. 5 is a top view of a fastening somewhat differently constructed. Fig. 6 is a side view of Fig. 5.

In the accompanying drawings similar letters of reference refer to corresponding parts throughout the several views.

In the accompanying drawings, *a* represents a swiveled button, which can be constructed of any required size, having reference to the thickness of the material in which the button-hole for receiving the same may be. The head of the button is shown circular in form. Other forms may be used, so long as the shoulder *a'* is provided, as it will be seen this is indispensable.

The shank *a*<sup>2</sup> to the button must be oblong in cross-section, to fit the button-hole, which engages it upon either side, to hold the button from turning, and to keep it to its work, so that shoulder *a'* will engage the cloth or other article, whereby the same may be held

by the button. I preferably provide a reduced extension to the shank *a*<sup>3</sup>, with a shoulder, *a*<sup>4</sup>, which extension is inserted in aperture *b* in fastening *b'*, and is riveted or upset, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, at *a*<sup>5</sup>. The button is left free to turn in the fastening to accommodate the operator in buttoning or unbuttoning the garment or other article to which the same may be attached.

I provide, preferably, a metallic fastening, with the central aperture, *b*, for receiving the shank-extension, as before described, with one or more projections, *c c*, for piercing and clamping the fastening to a shoe or other article, which projections may be turned down and the fastening rigidly secured to the article to which the same is applied.

Figs. 5 and 6 represent the fastening having two projections of the same general construction. It is quite obvious that one or more of the projections may be used without departing from the spirit of my invention.

It is quite obvious that the fastening may be perforated and the button and fastening attached to the article by thread, or any other similar device, by sewing the fastening of the article on which the button is placed.

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

The button and fastener herein described, the button provided with a flattened shank and an eccentric head, the said shank being pivoted to the table of the fastener and adapted to rotate thereon, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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