

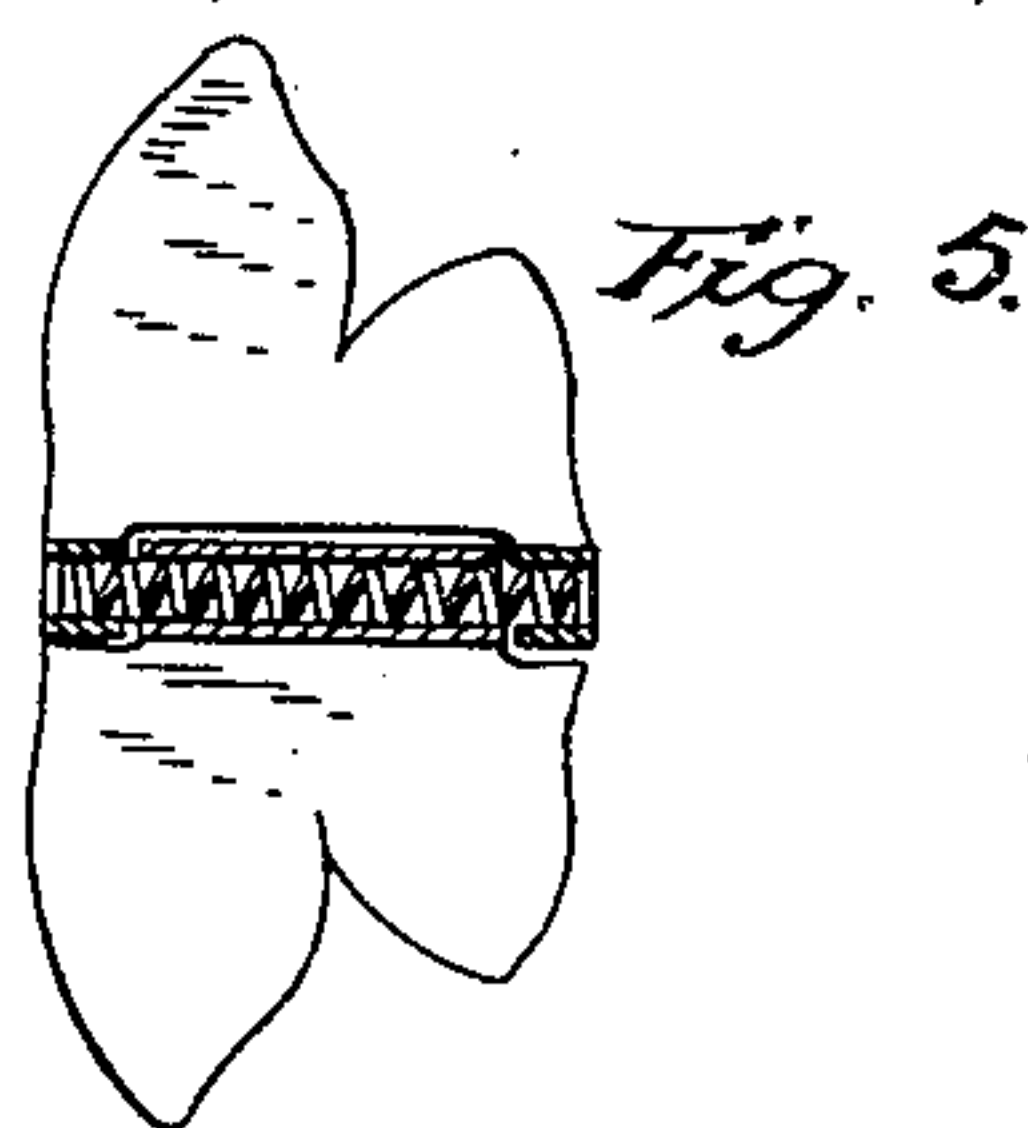
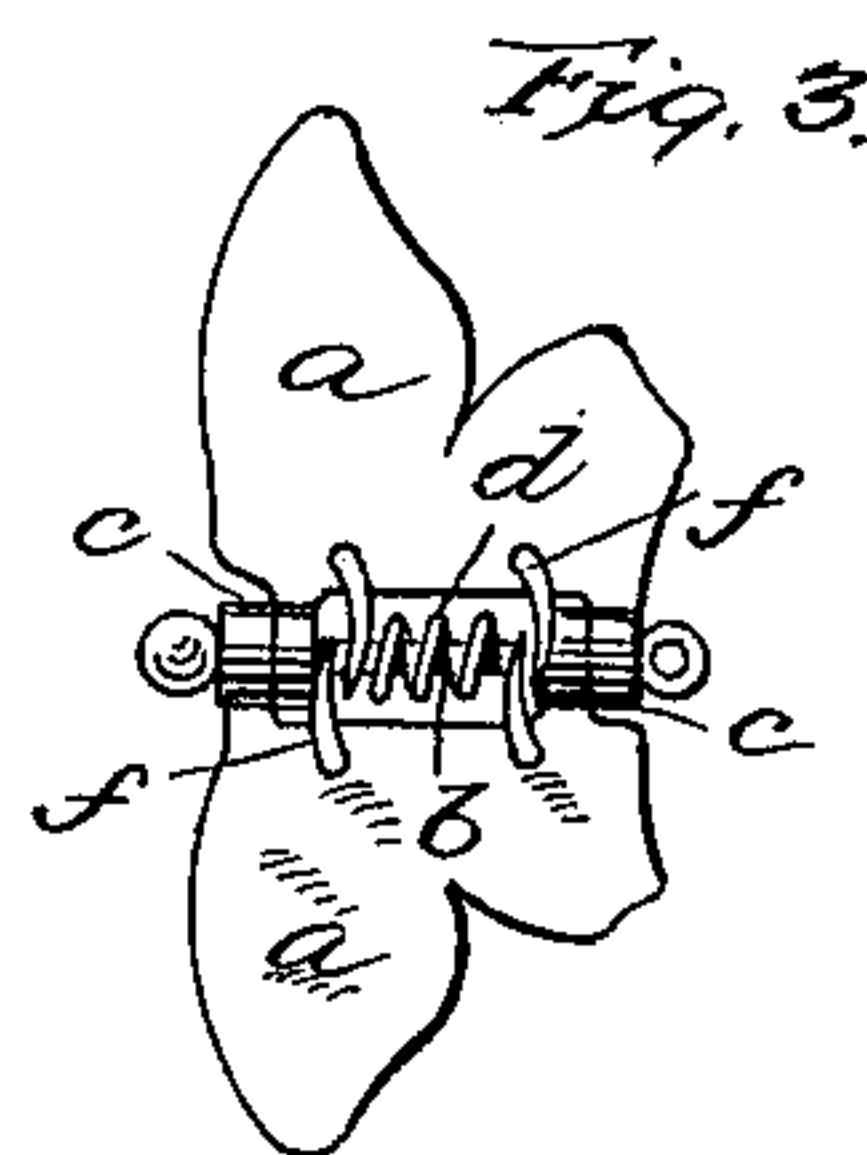
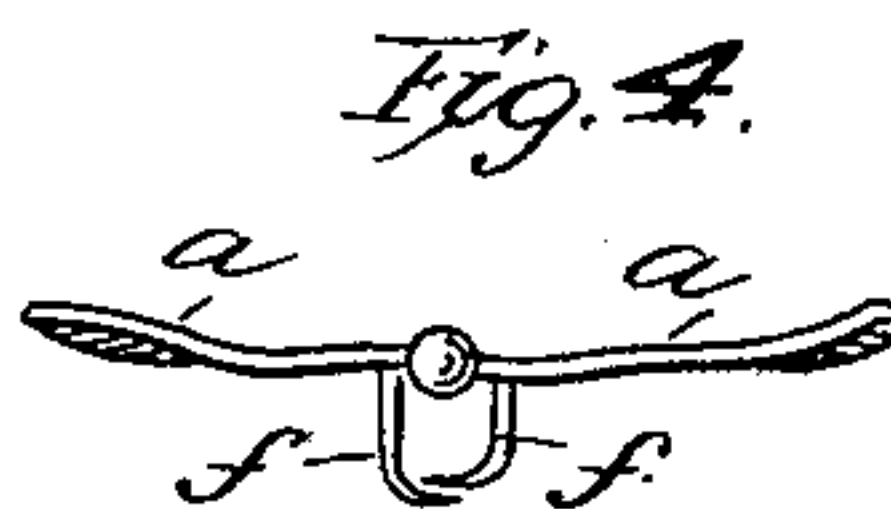
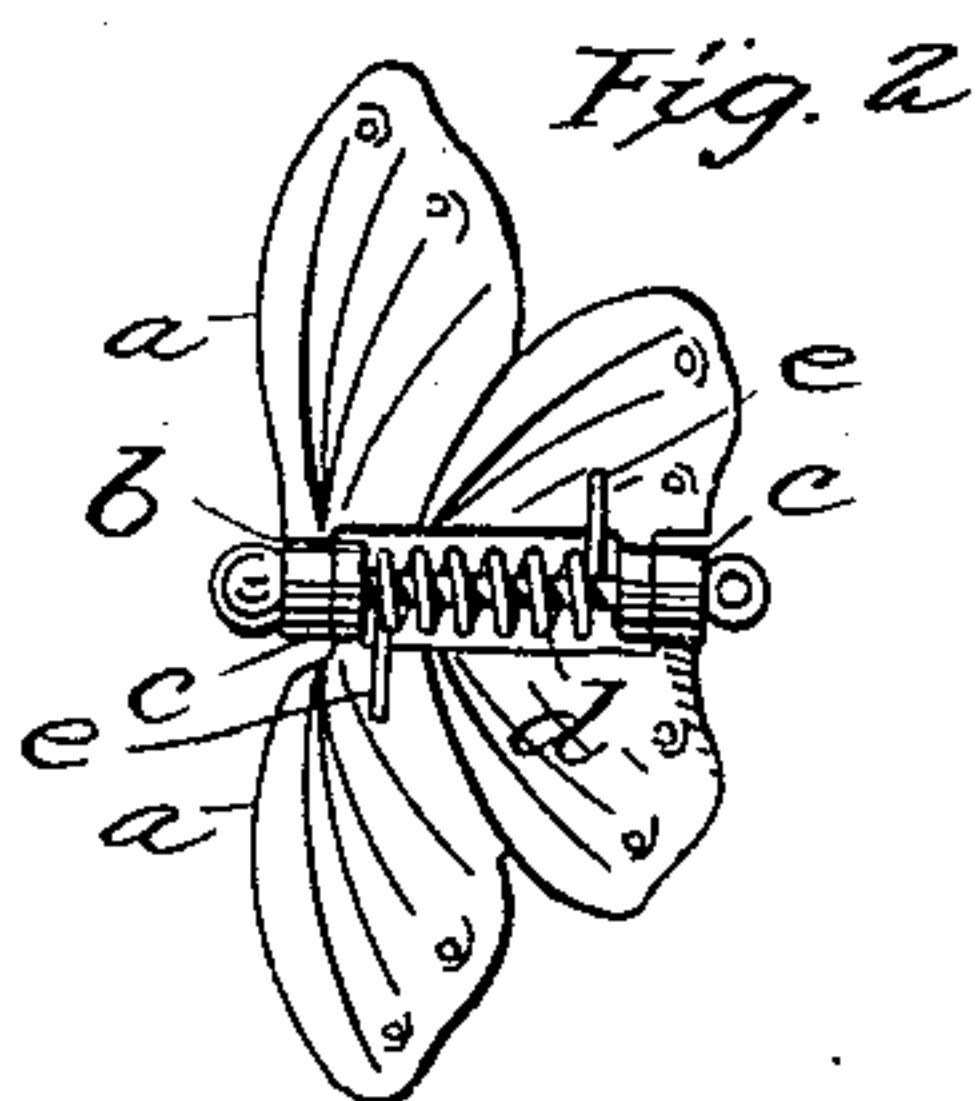
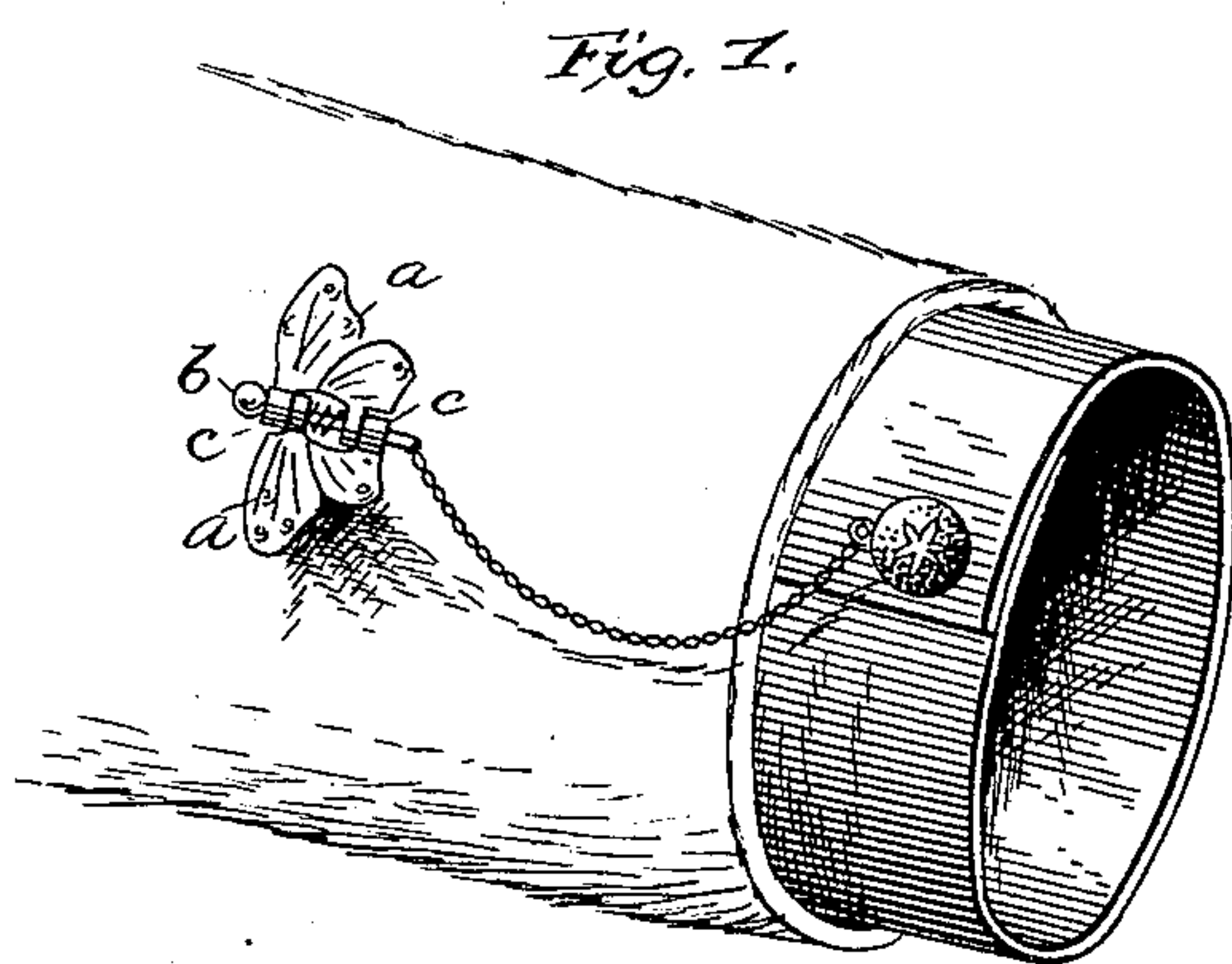
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE K. WEBSTER, of North Attleborough, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented
5 a new and useful Improvement in Ladies' Cuff-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention is an improved article of jewelry designed especially as an attachment or
10 clasp for holding ladies' cuffs in position; but it is obvious that it may be used alone in other positions.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1
15 represents the clasp in position upon the sleeve and its connection with the cuff-button. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 represent detail views of the clasp. Fig. 5 is a modification.

In the drawings I have represented a convenient ornamental form in which the invention may be embodied. In this form there are
20 two wings, *a a*, which may be struck up or otherwise formed out of precious plated or rolled metal. These wings are provided with
25 hinges, by means of which they are hinged, being cut and turned at right angles to the plane of the wings, as shown at *c*. There are two hinges upon each wing, and there is a hole made in each hinge, and when the hinges are
30 properly placed together the holes register in the wings, so that a pin, *b*, may be inserted and complete the hinge. The hinges, instead of being formed out of the metal of the wings, may be soldered thereto. A coiled spring, *d*, is
35 interposed between the hinges, and the pin when inserted is run through the center of the coil, while the ends of the spring, projecting in opposite directions, bear upon or are fastened to the back of the wings, as shown at *e e*. Pressure
40 of the spring tends to force the wings downward.

On the under side of the wings, and at their inner edges, are arranged hooks or claws *f*, preferably two on each wing. The ends of
45 these are turned inward toward each other, and when the wings are drawn backward and pressed together the hooks or claws are opened. The reaction of the spring closes forcibly and drives them into the fabric, where it holds them
50 with a secure grip.

Instead of pivoting the wings upon a pin, I may, as shown in Fig. 4, provide a spring of sufficient length to pass through the hinges of the wings, and secure the spring to the wings, so that it takes the place of the pivot-pin, and
55 at the same time puts the parts under proper tension.

The hooks or claws may be formed out of the metal of the wings, or may be soldered thereto. A fine ornamental chain may be attached to this article by connection with a loop
60 formed on the end of the pin, on which it is hinged, and this chain may be connected at the other end to a cuff or any other ornamental article of personal wear, for securing the same
65 against displacement or loss. The article may be made to imitate a winged insect, or it may have any desired ornamental form.

It will be understood that the ornament may be used as a lace or scarf pin, or in other situations independent of or in connection with
70 any other article of jewelry.

I am aware that prior to my invention a fastening device has been provided consisting of wings having hooks upon their under surface
75 adapted to be opened by pressing the wings together, with a spring between the wings for returning them to their normal position, and I do not broadly claim this as my invention.

I claim as my invention—

1. A clasp consisting of wings having hinges, a central spring passing through hinges on the wings, and hooks or claws on the wings arranged to be closed by the spring, substantially
80 as described.

2. A cuff-holder consisting of a pin having a chain connecting said pin with the cuff or like button, and a fastening device combined with the pin, consisting of wings, a central
85 spring passing through hinges on the wings, and hooks or claws on the wings for connection with the sleeve, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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