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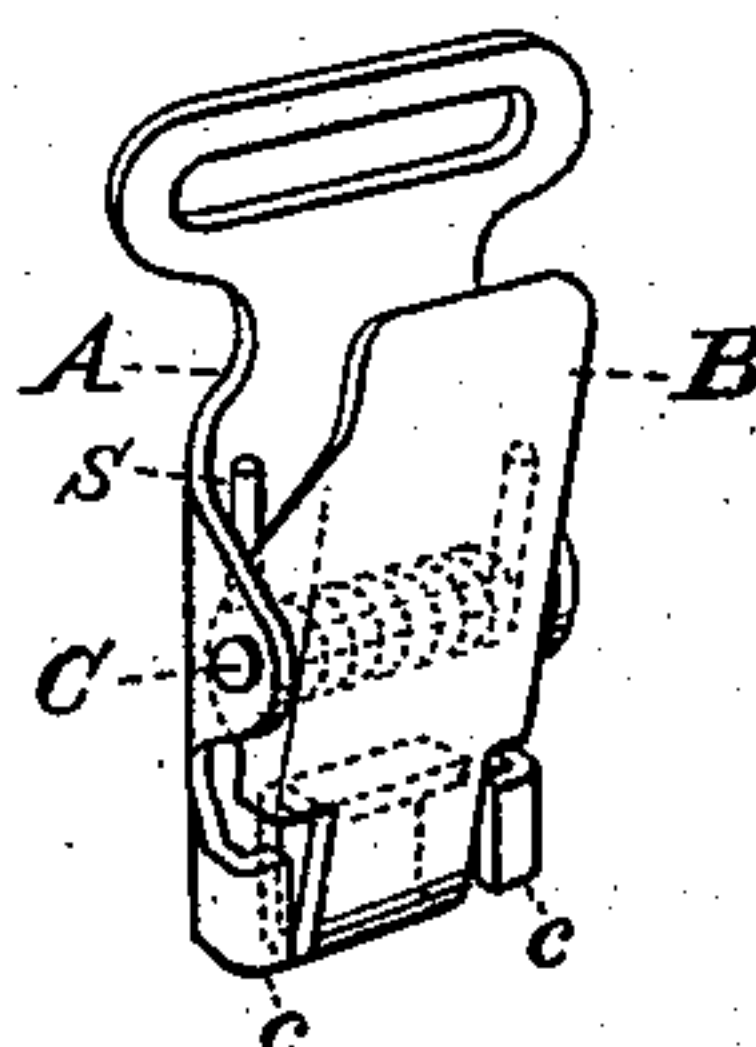


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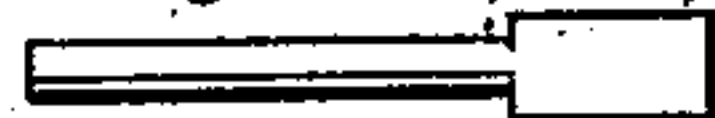


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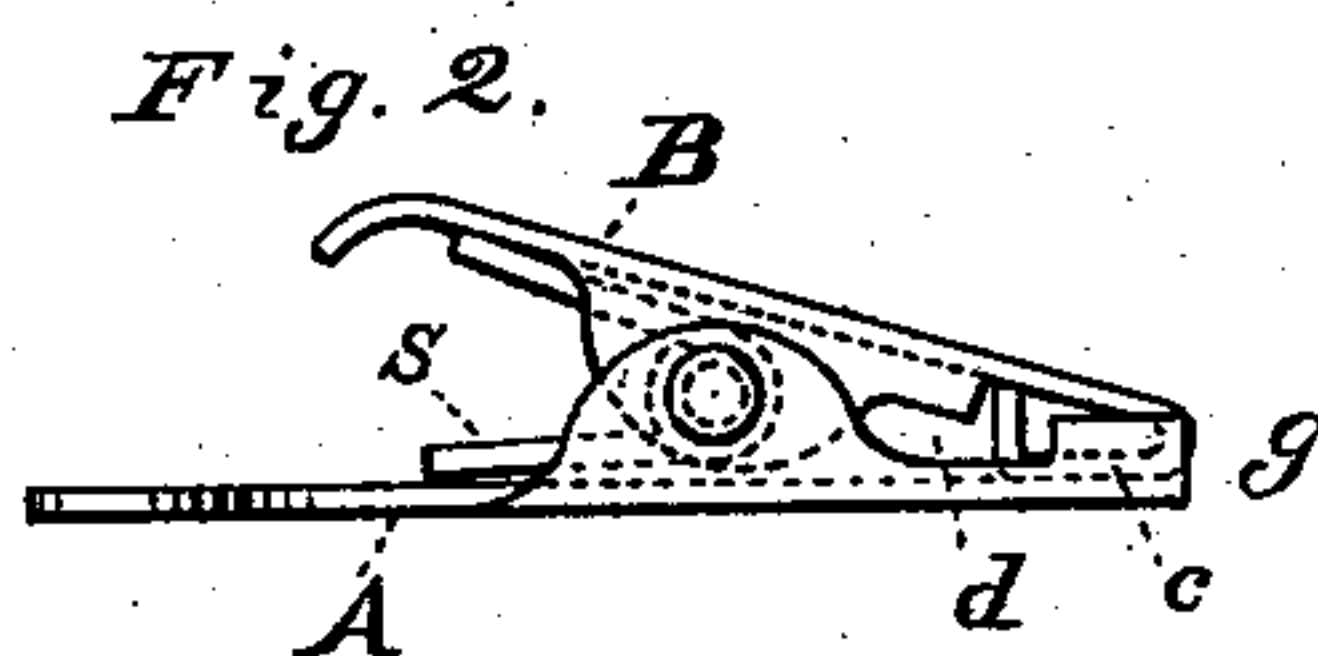


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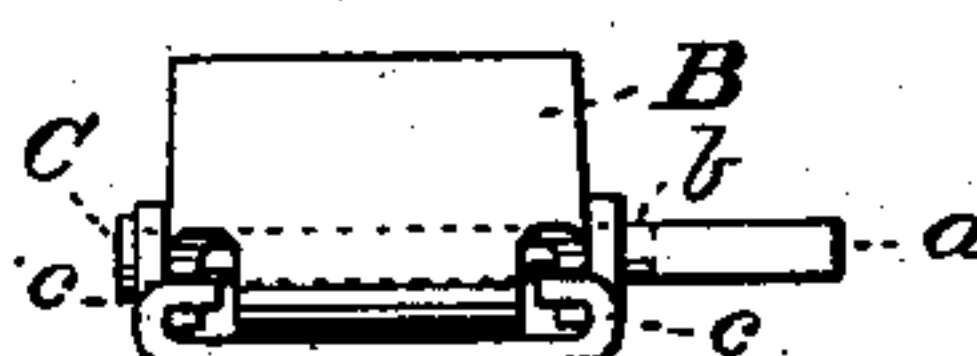


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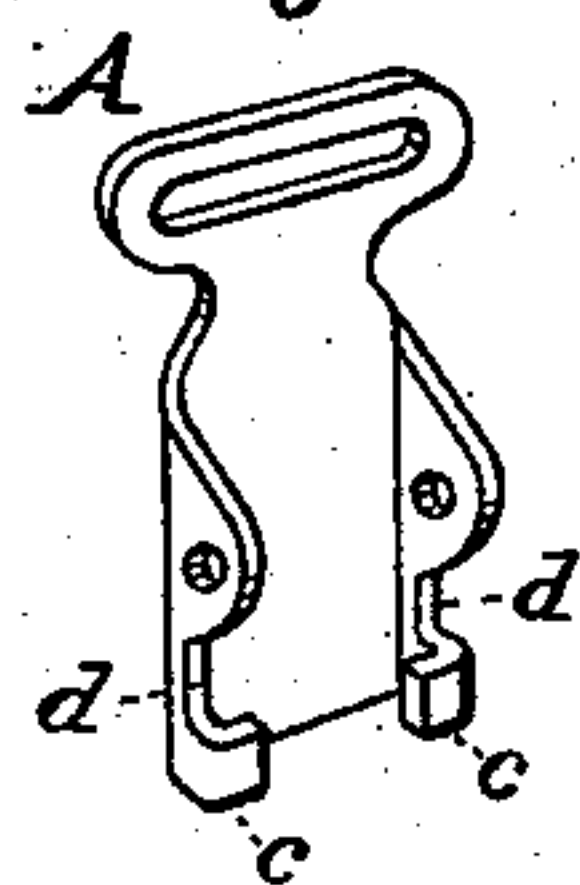


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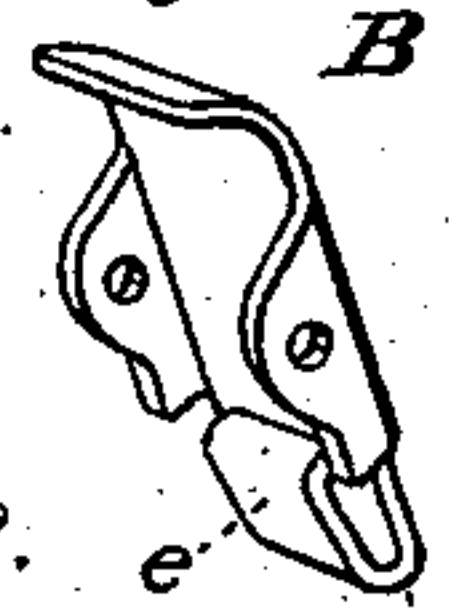


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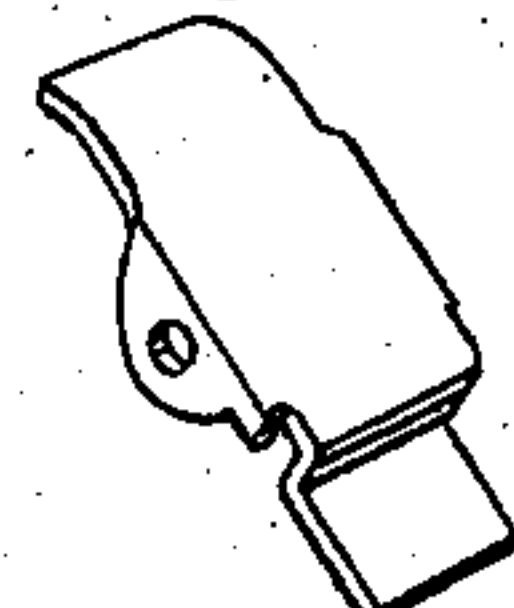
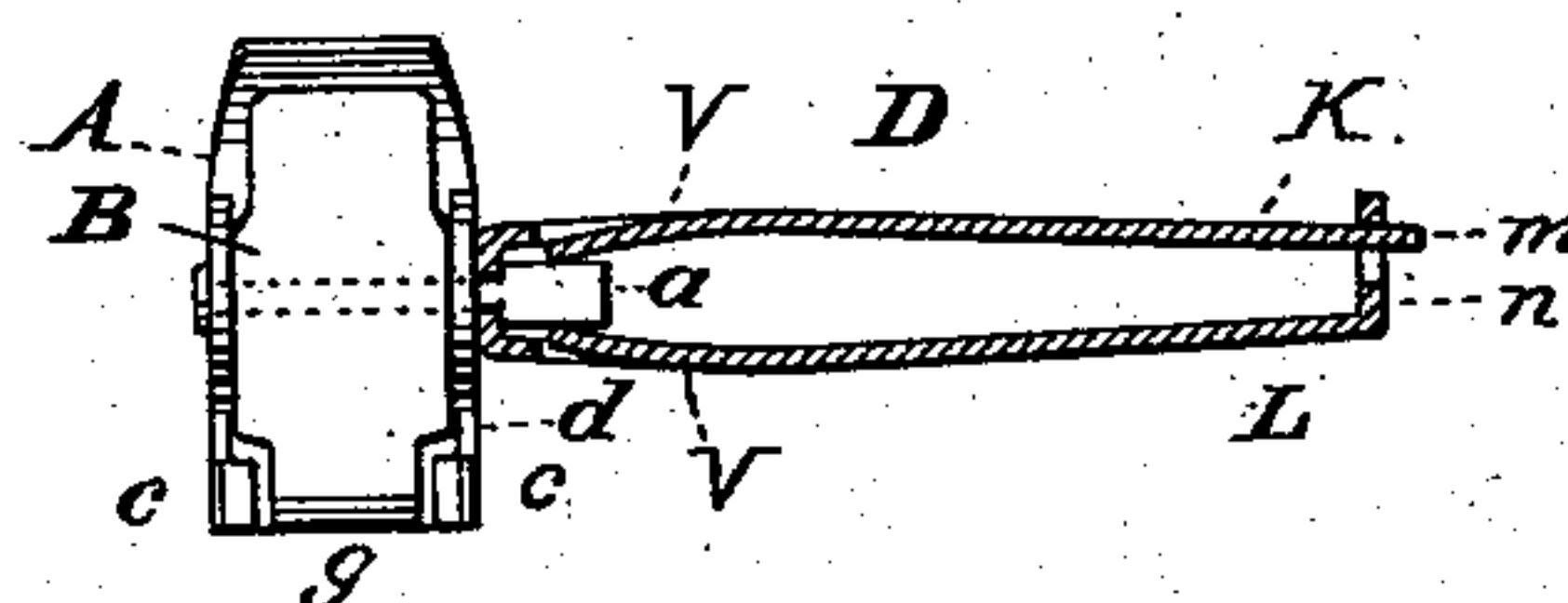


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN V. PILCHER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachment-Clamps for Clothing; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as 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 letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention and is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a side view. Fig. 3 is an end view. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the back plate. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the upper plate. Fig. 6 is a modification. Fig. 7 shows a top view of the clamp and a longitudinal section of the cuff-link. Figs. 8 and 9 are different views of the pin used on clamp when the cuff-link is used with it.

This invention has relation to clamp-fastenings for garments; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of devices, as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, the letters A and B represent the two plates or jaws, which are pivoted together by the pin C, passing through side lugs thereof. The clamping tension is given by the spring S, the spiral portion of which surrounds the pin between the plates. The pin C is preferably provided with an extension, *a*, at one end, which is flattened on each side and is provided with a pivotal neck at *b*, which is designed to engage the eye of the cuff-link D.

At the closing end of the plate or jaw A are formed offsets, which are bent around inwardly, so that their concave faces are inward and opposite to each other. These offset-lips *c* are separated sufficiently to receive between them the closing end of the opposite jaw, B, and they are designed to be sufficiently distant from the pivotal portion of the clamp to allow for a fold of cloth between the offsets and pivot-lugs, the interval being indicated at *d*.

The jaw-plate B is at its closing end bent to

form an inward rounded lip, which will approach closely the opposite plate between its offset-lips, and will have sufficient extent of purchase to hold the cloth to which the clamp is attached without the use of serrations or teeth, so that tearing is avoided. In making the closing end of this jaw-plate I prefer to form a reversely and inwardly bent extension-lip, as indicated at *e*, which will extend back between the two plates. In this manner a rounded end will be presented, as at *g*, and the plate will have a full finished outer wall.

The cuff-link D consists of a strip of metal bent at its central portion so that it has two branches, K and L, the ends of which are provided with catch devices *m* and *n*, so that one branch may be passed through the button-hole of a cuff and connected to the other. This cuff-link is pivoted to the extension of the pivot-pin of the clamp A B, and its branches have between them the flattened extension *a*, which is engaged in its sides by the spring-tongues *v v* of said branches. These spring-tongues are designed not only to hold the branches of the cuff-link open when they are not connected together at their ends by the catch devices, but also to hold the cuff-link in proper relative position to the clamp A B, which it is observed may be turned upon the neck of the pin, so that it will lie either to the right or to the left, this facility of turning being of advantage in applying the device as a cuff-holder. In either position the clamp will be held by the springs of the cuff-link in engagement with the flattened head of the pivot-pin of the clamp, this pin being, when provided with said flattened head, rigidly attached to one of the jaw-plates.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The clothing-clamp consisting of the jaws A B, pivoted together, and having, respectively, the inwardly-bent offset-lips *c* on each side of the jaw A and the bent extension-lip of the jaw B at its closing end, adapted to pass between said offset-lips, and the spring S, substantially as specified.

2. The clothing-clamp consisting of the jaws having the opposite inwardly-bent offset-lips *c*, the jaw B, having the reversely and in-

wardly bent extension-lip *e*, and the pivot-pin and spring, substantially as specified.

3. The combination, with the clamp-jaw A, the jaw B, and the flattened head of the pivot
5 connecting the same, of the cuff-link having its branches provided with spring-tongues *v v*, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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