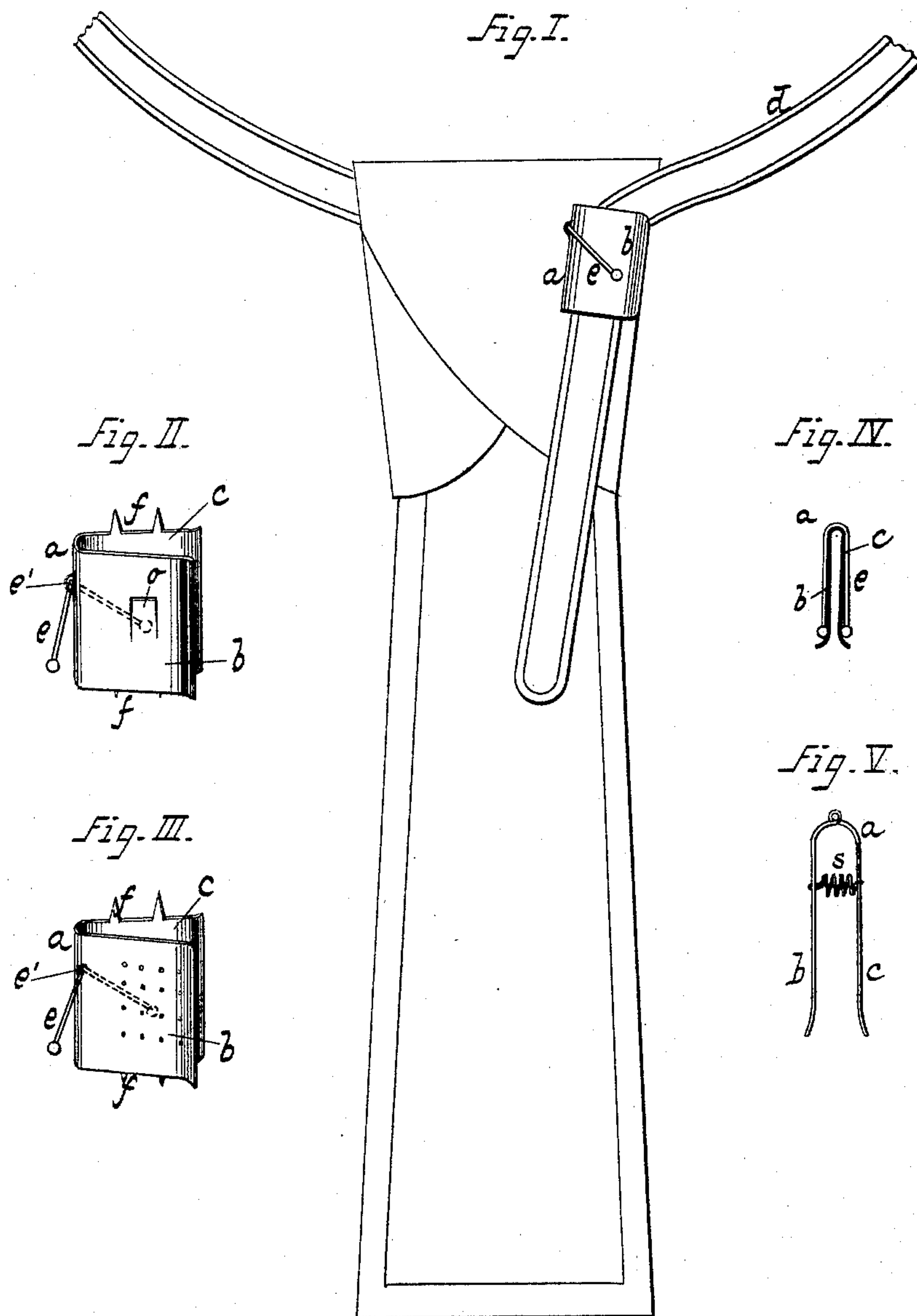


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES J. HALLAHAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Scarf-Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates especially to that class of scarf-clasps which are designed to be applied to the rear and outside of the scarf head-piece for securing the free end of the neckband without drawing it through the head-piece.

The essential features of my invention are hereinafter fully described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure I represents a side view of the clasp in position on the scarf. Fig. II represents a perspective view thereof detached and formed with a spring-tongue. Fig. III represents a like view thereof with a roughened surface. Fig. IV represents an end view thereof. Fig. V represents a like view thereof with a contractile spring.

The letter *a* indicates a piece of elastic sheet metal—such as brass—composing the body of the clasp. This sheet-metal piece *a* is bent approximately into the shape of the letter *U*, with the effect of forming two spring-jaws *b c*, of a nature to clasp the scarf-neckband *d* when the latter is laid between the jaws, as indicated in Fig. I. On the upper and lower edges of the jaw *c* are prongs *f*, whereby the clasp is adapted to be fastened to the desired part of the scarf—namely, by inserting and clinching the prongs therein; or in lieu of these prongs the said jaw may have holes for permitting it to be sewed to the scarf.

The letter *e* indicates a lever, which is pivoted at the junction of the jaws *b c*, as at *e'*, in such a manner as to be capable of swinging on and off the jaws for alternately com-

pressing and releasing the same. This lever *e* may have one or two members for engaging either or both jaws *b c*, and in order to facilitate the adjustment of the lever it may be provided with a knob at its free end or ends, as shown. The purpose of the lever *e* is to lock the jaws *b c* upon the neckband *d*.

In order to facilitate the introduction of the neckband *d* between the jaws *b c*, the edges thereof may be flared, as shown, and to increase the holding effect of the jaws either or both may be formed with a spring-tongue *o* for engagement with the locking-lever *e*, as indicated in Fig. II, or either or both jaws may be roughened, as indicated in Fig. III.

In the example shown in Fig. V a spring *s* is arranged between the jaws *b c* to act thereon with tendency to contract or close the same, and when this spring is used the sheet-metal piece may be jointed at the junction of the jaws.

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

1. A clasp for a neckscarf, consisting of a piece of elastic sheet metal which is bent into a substantially *U* shape to form spring-jaws, one adapted to be fastened to the scarf by one of said jaws, in combination with a locking device for the jaws, substantially as shown and described.

2. A clasp for a neckscarf, consisting of a piece of elastic sheet metal bent into a substantially *U* shape to form spring-jaws and adapted to be fastened to the scarf by one of said jaws, in combination with a locking-lever pivoted at the junction of the jaws and constructed to engage a jaw, substantially as shown and described.

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