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## COLLAR-BUTTON.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAVID O. PARKS, of Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented a new and Improved Collar-Button, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in collar-buttons such as are used for attaching collars to the neckband of a shirt; and its object is to produce a simple form of collar-button which may be easily attached to the neckband of a shirt, which when attached cannot be accidentally pushed or pulled out, and which has a simple fastening device, by means of which the collar may be secured to it without necessitating the pushing of the button or any large part thereof through the buttonholes of the collar.

To this end my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of the same, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front view of the collar-button as applied to a collar. Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross-section on the line 2 2 in Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the collar-button, the views all showing the button on an enlarged scale to bring out clearly its construction.

The button has an inside disk 10, which comes next the neck, and inside the neckband and in front of this disk and parallel with it is a similar but smaller disk 11, which is adapted to be placed outside the neckband, the two disks being connected by a spur 12, the front end of which projects through the disk 11 and terminates in a blunt point 13.

On the under side of the disk 11 is an arm 14, which extends downward and forward and terminates in a fork 15, in which is pivoted the clasp or plate 16, which is bent at a right angle at its lower end, as shown at 17, and which is adapted to swing up into a position parallel with the disks 10 and 11, as shown in Fig. 2, or which may be tipped down at

right angles to said disks, as shown by dotted lines in the same figure. The clasp is held in either a raised or lowered position by the spring 18, one end of which is fixed to the arm 14 and the free end of which presses against the lower end of the clasp.

The button is used in the following way: The disk 10 is inserted inside the neckband 19, its spur 12 projecting through the buttonholes in the usual way, as shown in Fig. 2, thus leaving the disk 11 in front of the band, and the two disks will prevent the button from being displaced. When a collar 20 is to be buttoned to the collar-button, the clasp 16 is turned down, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2, the point of the spur 12 is inserted in the buttonholes of the collar, or rather the buttonholes are pushed on over the spur, and the clasp 16 is turned up, as shown in Fig. 1, thus fitting against the end of the spur and concealing the same from sight. The clasp also locks the collar firmly to the spur, so that the collar cannot become disengaged. It will be noticed that as the part 16 is the only part of the button which shows this may be ornamented or made of valuable metal, if desired.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A collar-button comprising two spaced disks connected together by a shank, a collar-receiving stud secured to and projecting from the outer disk, and a plate hinged at one end to the outer disk and adapted to be swung up parallel with the outer disk and in front of the said stud to hold a collar thereon, substantially as described.

2. A collar-button comprising parallel disks, a spur connecting the two disks and projecting forward from the front disk, a forked arm secured to one edge of the front disk, and a spring-pressed swinging clasp hinged to the arm and adapted to swing in front of the disk, substantially as described.

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