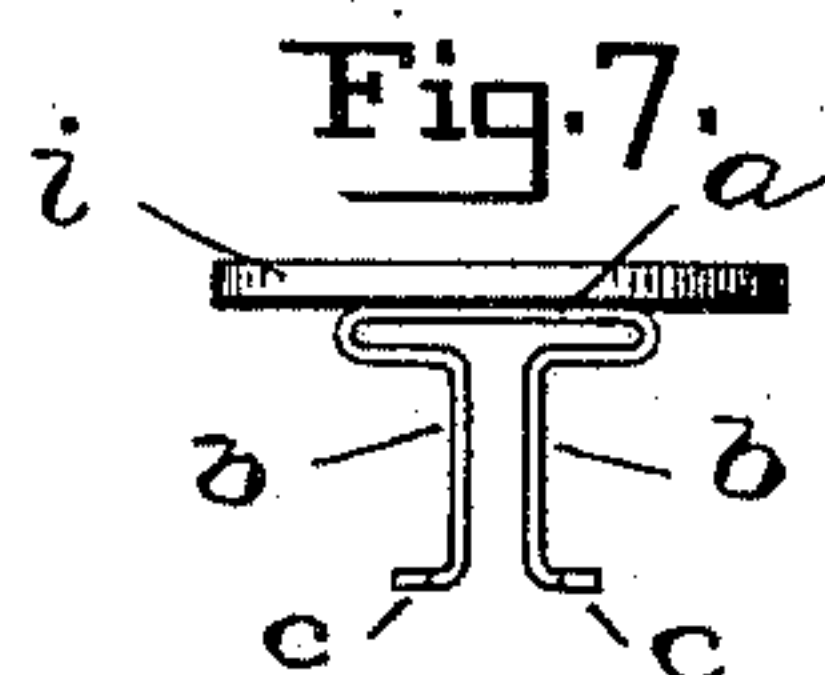
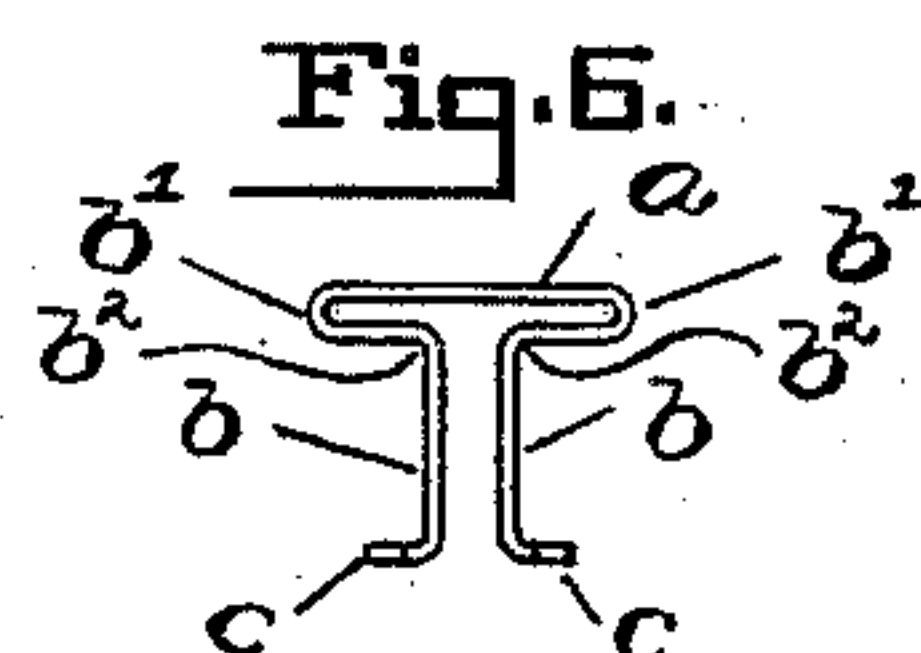
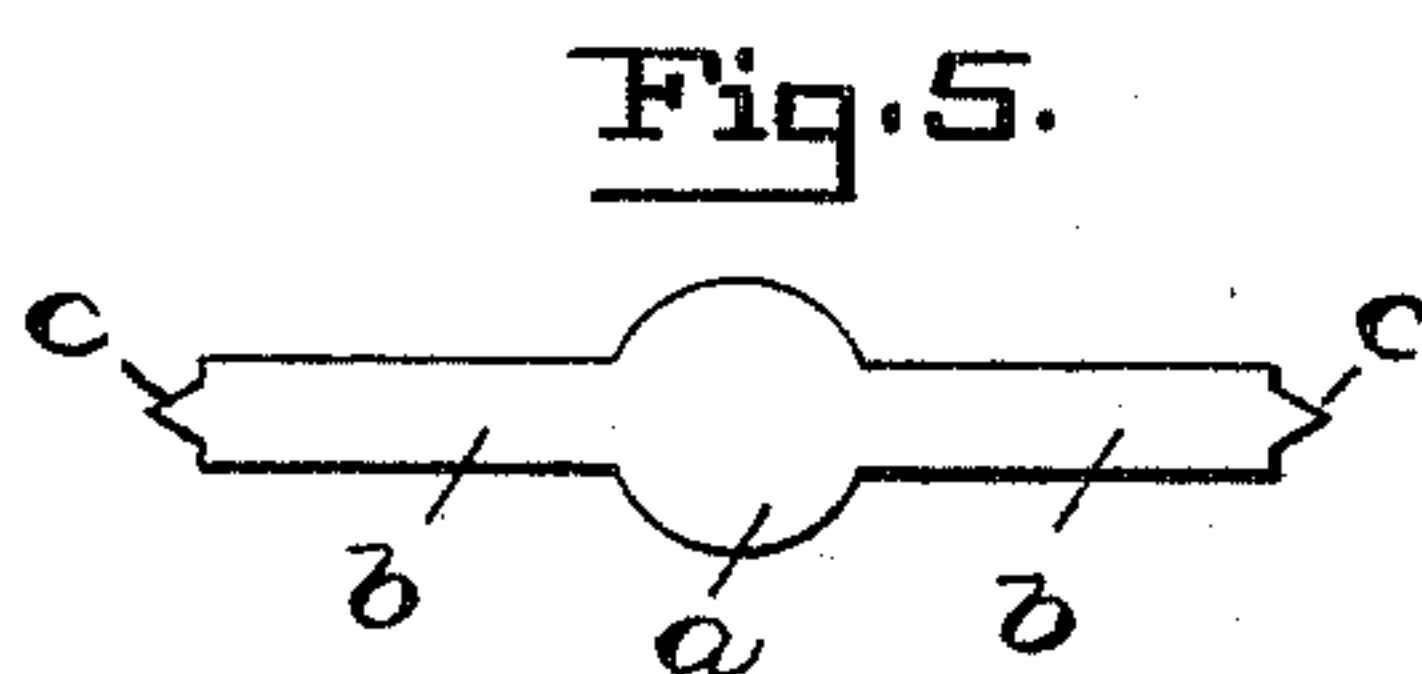
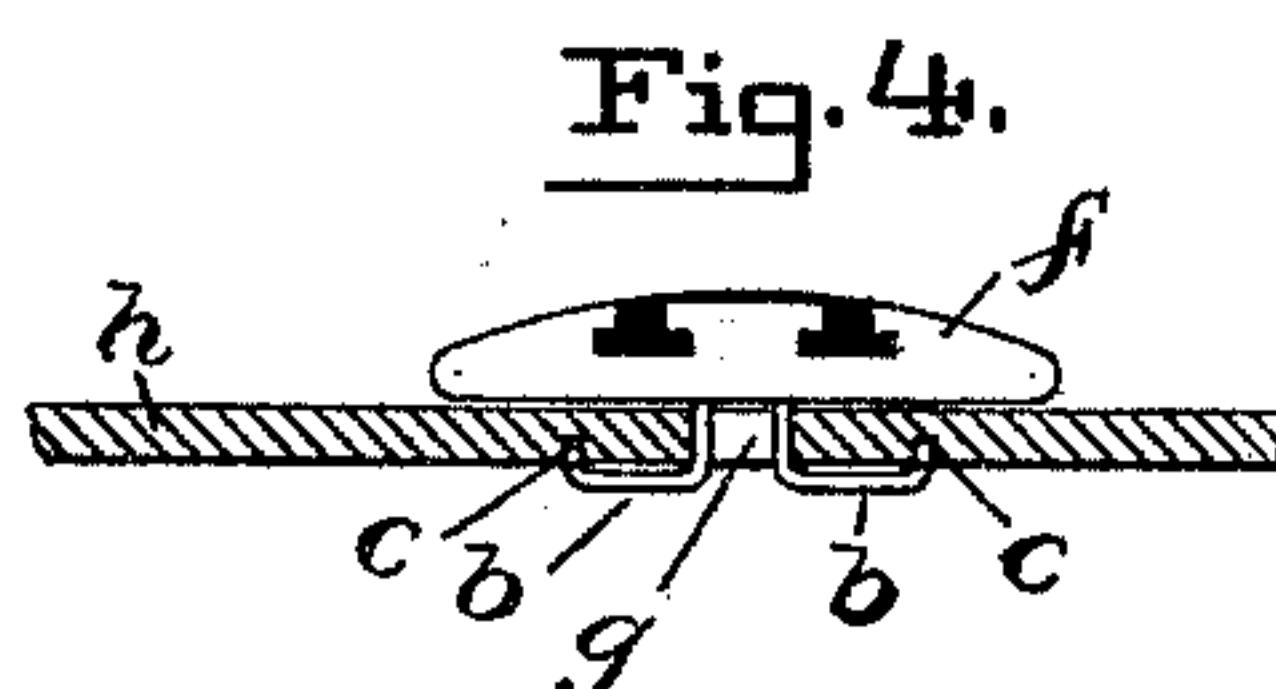
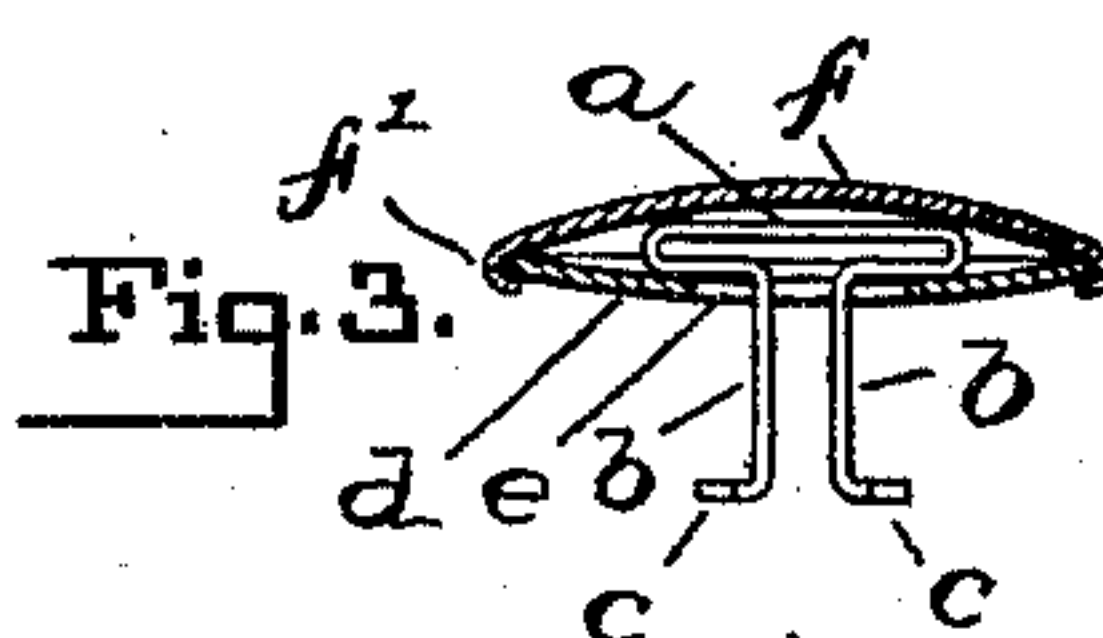
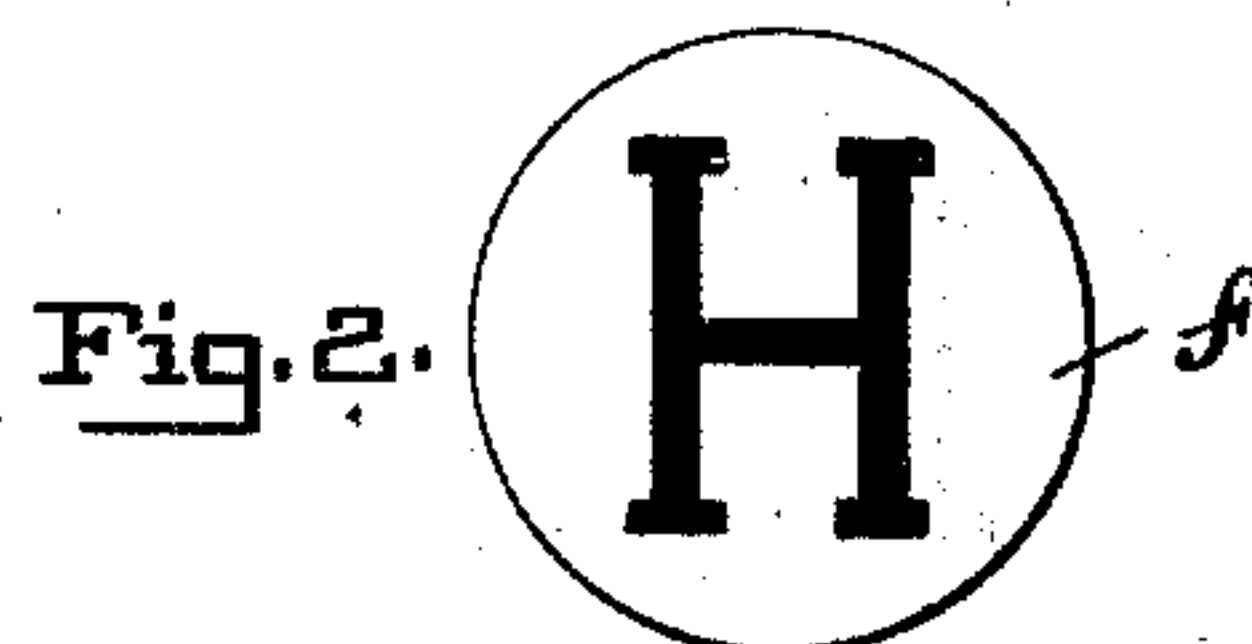
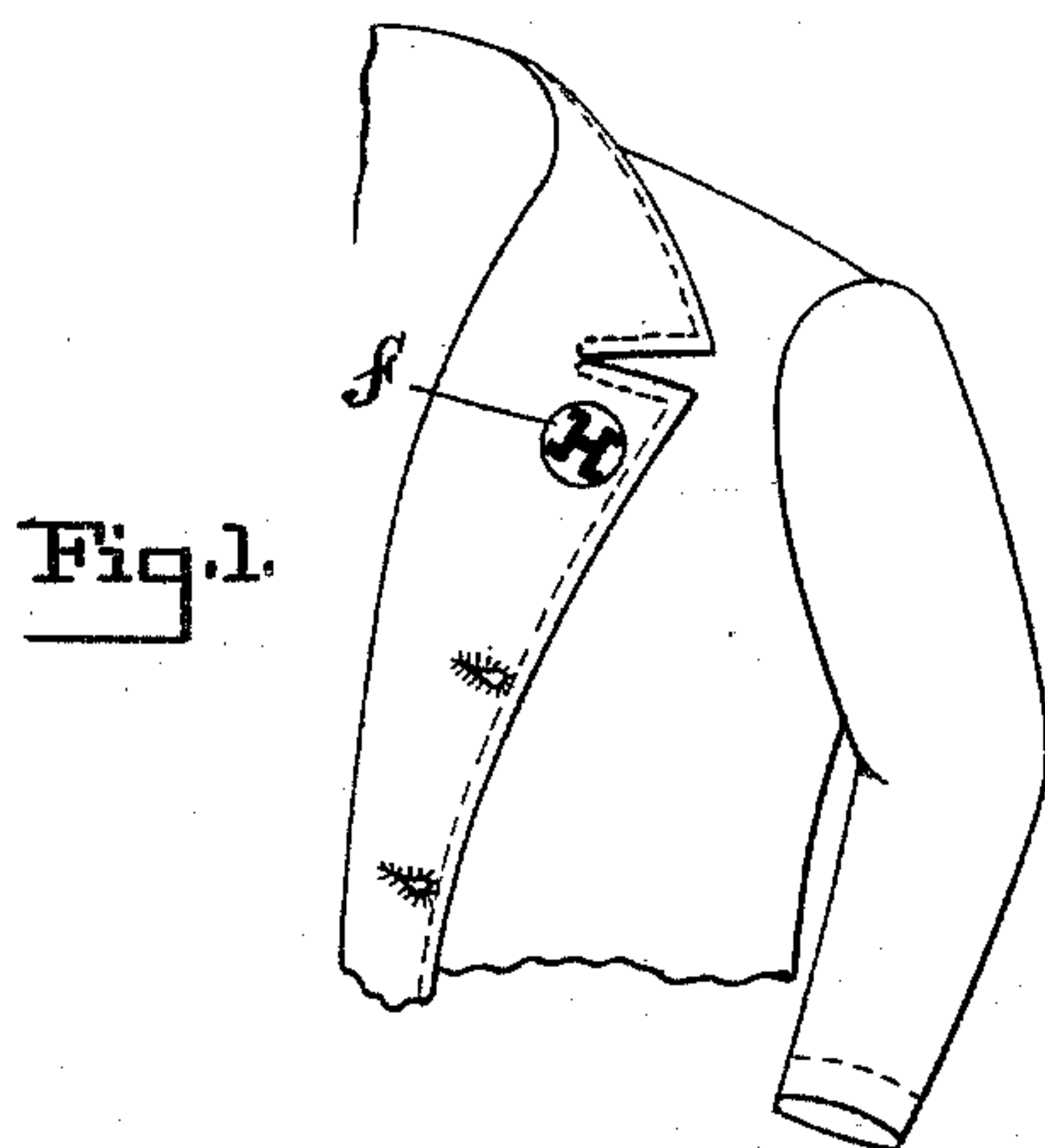


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD L. TORSCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore city, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Button-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a fastener for securing to a button-hole, buttons, rosettes and political or society emblems; the device is here shown attached to a button.

The object of the invention is to provide buttons and like articles with a simple fastener adapted to be inserted through the button-hole and then suitably engaged with the fabric on the underside so as to prevent it from turning in the button-hole and prevent its accidental removal therefrom.

The drawings illustrate the invention.

Figure 1 is a view of a part of a coat showing a button held to its position on the lapel by my fastener. In this figure the fastener is not seen. Fig. 2 is a face view of an emblematic button; the letter, "H," shown on this button is merely illustrative of the idea of an emblem. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a button showing the construction for attaching my fastener. Fig. 4 is a section representing a coat-fabric and button-hole and an edge view of the button in position. This shows the mode of applying the points to engage the fabric. Fig. 5 is a view of the flat blank from which the fastener is made. Fig. 6 is a side view of the fastener separate from the button. Fig. 7 is a view of a solid metal button to which my fastener is attached in a different manner than that shown in Fig. 3,—for instance by solder.

The buttons of the class here referred to have emblems or symbols on their faces, and it is important that the button be retained in a definite or fixed position so as to expose the emblem upright properly; my fastener is designed to accomplish this.

This fastener comprises a central head, *a*, and two parallel prongs, *b*, each having a lateral tapered point-end, *c*, extending at right-

angles to it, and the two point-ends projecting in opposite directions; the arms forming the prongs are attached to the head at an opposite side and bent inward toward each other, as at, *b'*, and then bent at a right-angle, as at, *b''*, in a direction away from the head, and thus form the two parallel prongs, *b*.

The button, see Fig. 3, has a back-disk, *d*, with a central hole, *e*, and a face-plate, *f*, whose rim is crimped in as at, *f'*, so as to inclose the edge of the back-disk and thus the disk and plate form a chamber in which the head, *a*, of the fastener is secured or clamped while the two parallel prongs, *b*, project through the central hole, *e*, of the back-disk.

To attach this device to a coat-lapel the prongs, *b*, are passed through the button-hole, *g*, and then the prongs are bent away from each other, as seen in Fig. 4, and the lateral tapered points, *c*, are thus made to engage with the fabric, *h*. It will be seen that by having the lateral tapered points, *c*, and engaging the same with the fabric the button cannot turn in the button-hole and consequently the emblem on the face of the button will always remain in its proper upright position.

In the case of a solid metal button or like device, *i*, see Fig. 7, the head, *a*, of the fastener, it is obvious, may be attached to the button by solder or by a pin.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is:—

As an improved article of manufacture, a button for attachment in a button-hole, the same comprising a head, *a*, and two parallel prongs, *b*, attached to said head, and each having a laterally-projecting point-end, *c*,—the two point-ends extending in opposite directions.

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

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