

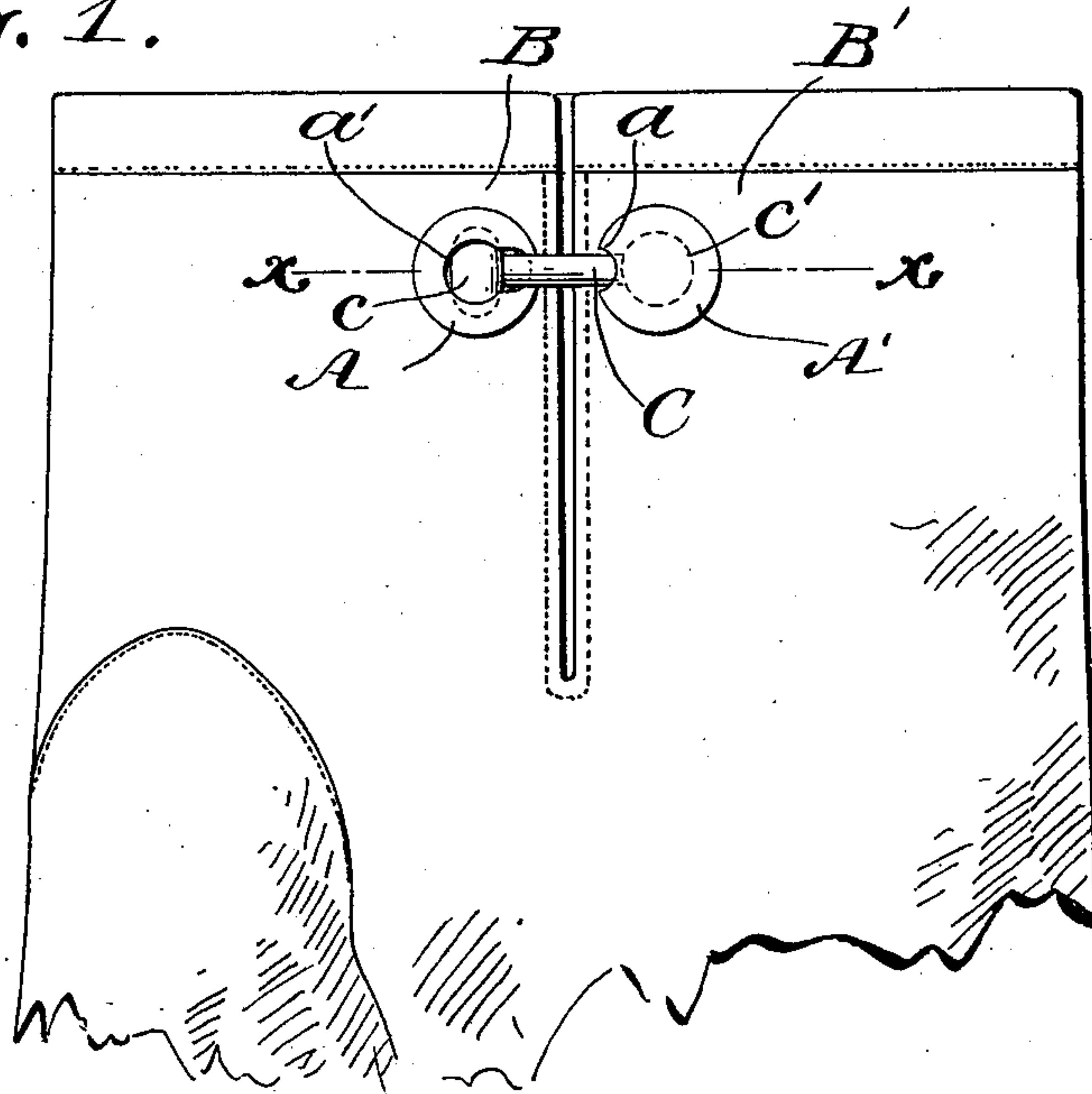
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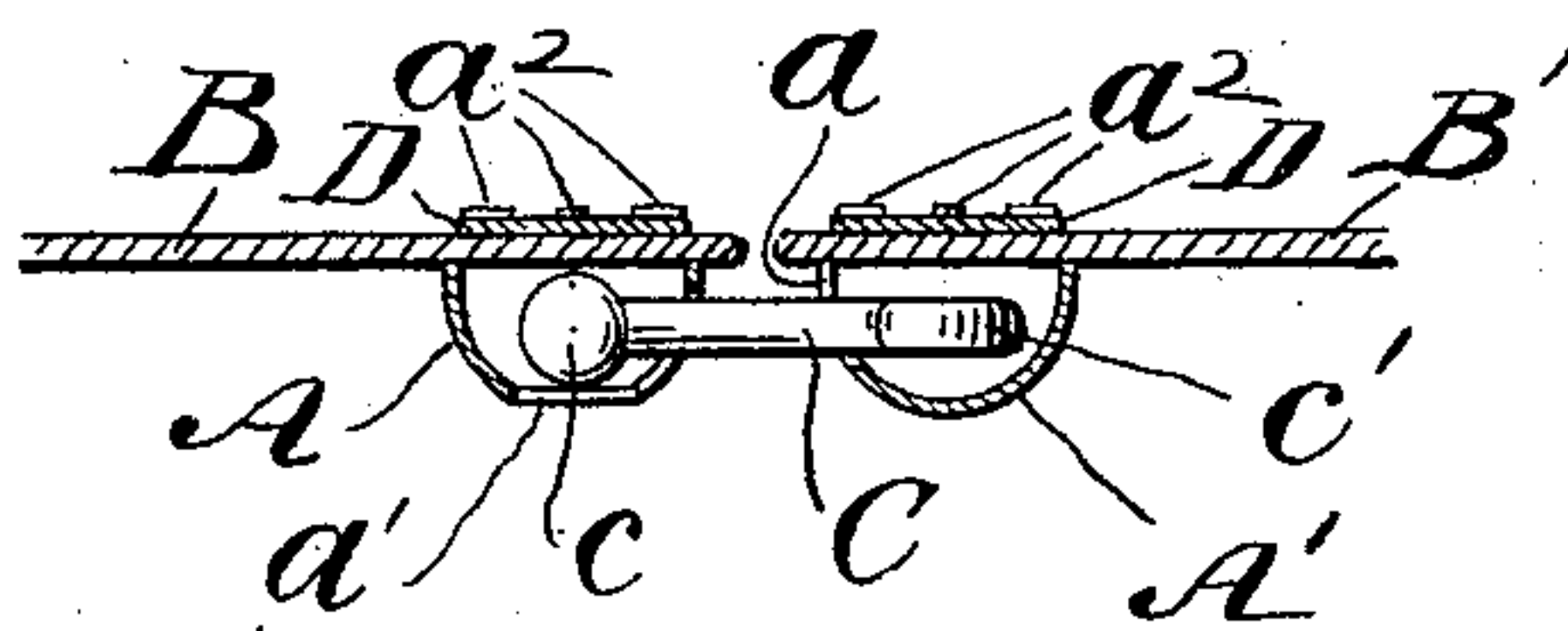
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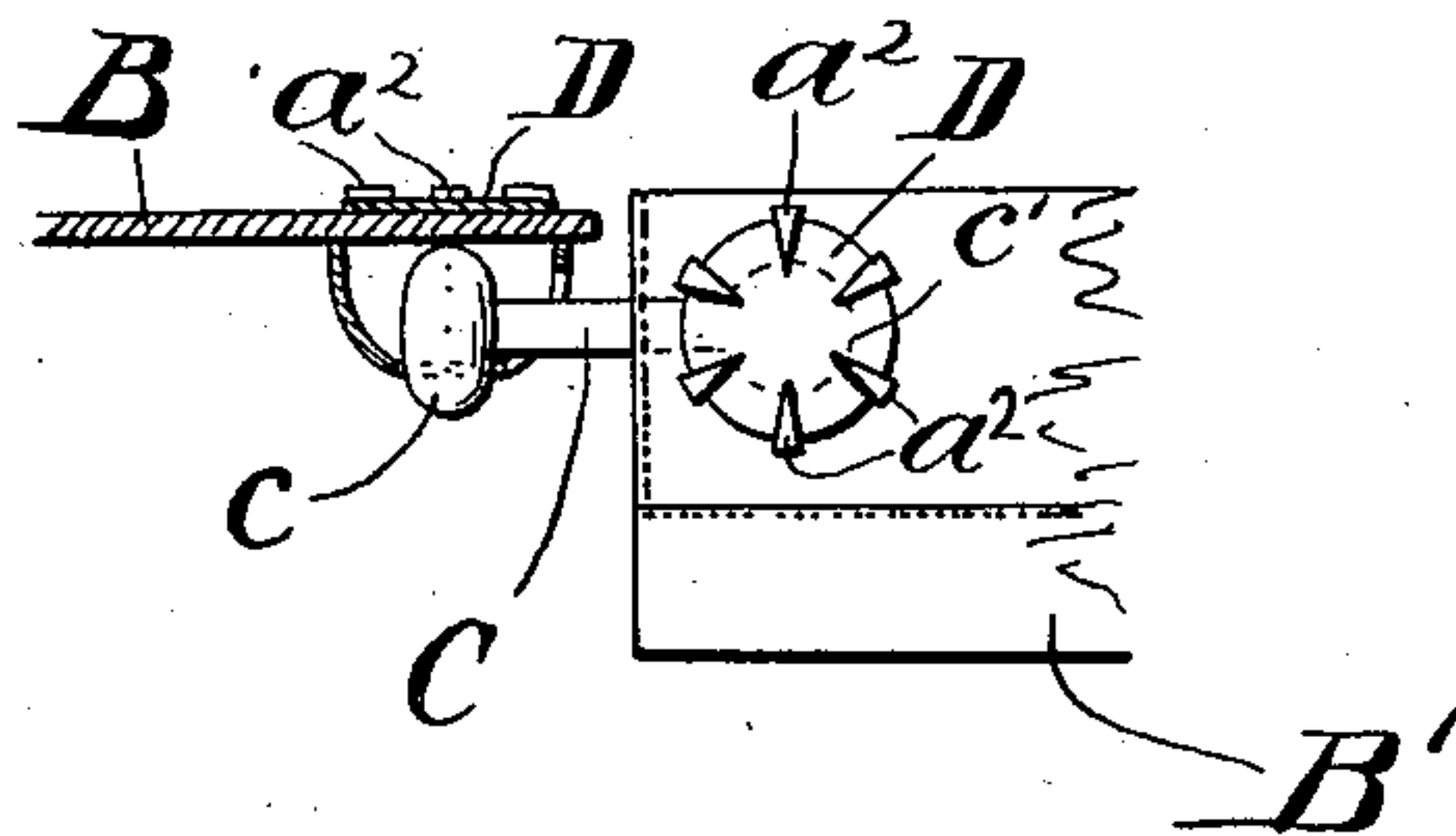
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## GARMENT-CLASP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM GLENN MCGEE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Wilmington, county of New Castle, and State of Delaware, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Clasps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which  
10 similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to improvements in garment-clasps; and the object thereof is to provide an inexpensive and durable device  
15 of this character adapted for connecting two adjacent sections of a garment in such a manner as to preclude the possibility of accidental displacement or unfastening thereof, while at the same time the device may be readily  
20 and easily unclasped when desired.

The invention will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the annexed claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming  
25 part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a portion of a glove having my improved fastener attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view taken on the line *xx*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a similar view, illustrating the device in position assumed in the act  
30 of unfastening.

In the practice of my invention I provide two sheet-metal casings A and A', these casings being preferably of a semicircular contour and adapted for attachment, respectively,  
35 to the adjacent flaps or sections B and B' of a garment. Connecting these two said casings when the device is clasped is a rod C, having heads *c* and *c'* formed upon its respective ends. The head *c'* is preferably of circular contour, and it is of a thickness equal to the diameter of the rod C; but this said head may be spherical, if desired. The head  
40 *c* is of an oval shape, whereby, in combination with the rod, an approximately T-shaped extension is provided, this said extension normally lying flat against the garment, the rod being extended through an aperture *a*, leading through the casing A'.

The casing A is supplied with a key-shaped  
50 opening *a'*, adapted for the emission of the oval head *c* of the rod C, whereby when the garment is clasped, as illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the head cannot be removed from the casing by pressure of the body of  
55 the wearer.

The casings A and A' are respectively supplied with projecting prongs *a''*, and in connecting the casings to the garment these prongs are pierced through the material there-  
60 of and then bent over upon disks D, thus securely fastening the casings to the garment.

In the operation of the device in order to clasp the garment the section B' thereof, which carries the extended rod C, is bent out-  
65 wardly until the T-shaped head thereof is at right angles with the vertical edge of the opposing section B. This will allow the head *c* to enter the aperture *a'* of the casing A, after which the section B' of the garment is  
70 turned back to its normal position, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, whereby the clasp is securely locked against all accidental displacement.

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

In a garment-clasp, the combination of two oppositely-located semispherical casings and a rod having a flattened circular head there-  
80 on socketed within one of the said casings, the said rod having an oval head upon its free end which engages within the other casing, said casing having a key-shaped aperture leading therethrough, and means for fas-  
85 tening the said casings to the opposing flaps of the garment, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in pres-  
90 ence of two witnesses, this 28th day of May, 1897.

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