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TACK FASTENED BUTTON.

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Fig. 1

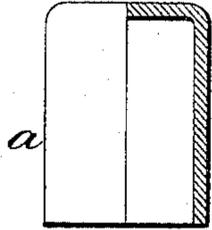


Fig. 2

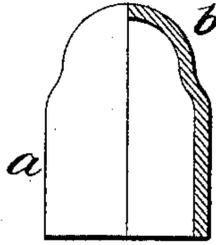


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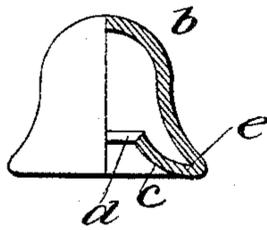


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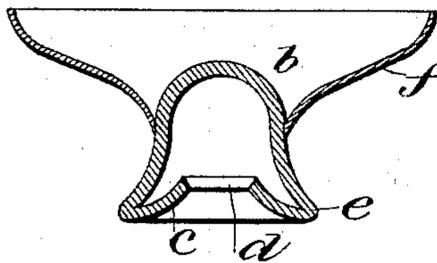


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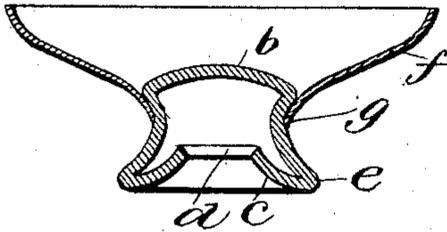
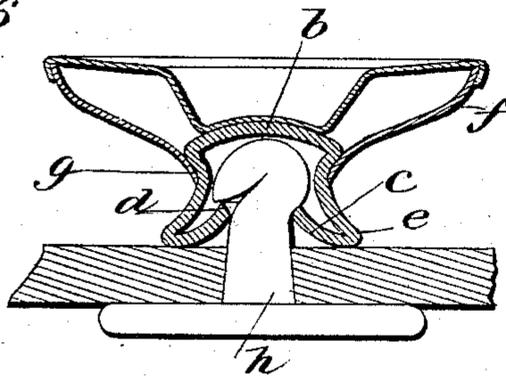


Fig. 6



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TACK-FASTENED BUTTON.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD L. ASHLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waterbury, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Tack-Fastened Buttons, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to that class of buttons in which the device used for fastening the button to a garment is a tack, which tack has its point upset or clenched within an anvil or clenching-piece, which forms a part of the button-head. In such buttons a shank or hub or other spacing device is employed for elevating the button-head a sufficient distance from the garment to receive the button-hole or suspender-tab or other object which it is desired to fasten by means of the button. Such shanks, hubs, or spacers have been made and applied in a variety of ways; but ordinarily the anvil and the shank, hub, or spacer are more or less intimately united. Of course the greater the number of parts to be assembled in so small an object as a button the less economically in point of time and labor may such button be produced; and, again, the union of the several parts must be rigid, or, in any event, an absolutely secure one, in order to prevent the dismemberment of the button in handling or in applying it to a garment, and since buttons are produced in enormous quantities and largely by automatic machinery it becomes a matter of considerable moment to the manufacturer to be assured that his product shall stand the roughest handling to which it may be exposed by both skilled and unskilled operatives. In view of these facts I combine in my invention the anvil and the spacer, hub, or shank in one integral piece and adapt the same to be rigidly applied to the collet or back of a button in a simple and expeditious manner and with such a degree of certainty as to greatly minimize the liability of defective buttons being produced or passing inspection.

My invention consists in a button having an anvil and a hub, shank, or spacer made of

one integral piece, substantially in the manner hereinafter more particularly set forth and finally claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating my invention, in the several figures of which like parts are similarly designated, Figure 1 is a half-section and elevation of the first treatment of the blank. Fig. 2 is a half-section and elevation of the blank with its closed end drawn up. Fig. 3 is a half-section and elevation of the combined anvil and spacer ready for insertion in the collet or back of the button. Fig. 4 is a cross-section with the collet or back and the combined anvil and spacer assembled in position to be united. Fig. 5 is a cross-section showing the collet or back and the combined anvil and spacer united and ready to receive the face-plate or cover of the button. Fig. 6 is a cross-section of the finished covered or closed-face button tacked to a piece of fabric and illustrating the mode of application of the invention.

In carrying out my invention I take a blank of suitable shape and from it form a cup, as shown at *a* in Fig. 1, the same being a tube having one end closed and the other open and with parallel side walls. This blank may be made of steel or other suitable metal. The closed end of the said blank is then drawn up, as shown at *b*, and of a less diameter than the remainder of the cup. This portion *b* is subsequently utilized as the anvil. The open end is then flared outwardly, and the edge of such open end is inturned to form the elevated washer *c*, which contains the central opening *d* for the passage of the tack or other fastening medium through the fabric and into the anvil. The lateral spreading of the walls of the open end, as at *e*, makes an extended foot or base for the button, and when assembled in a button-head the portions *c* and *e*, which are outside of the back of the button, constitute the shank, hub, or spacer, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6. The collet or back *f* of the button-head and the combined anvil and spacer are assembled as in Fig. 4, and then by longitudinal pressure the crown *b* is flattened out or depressed, as in Figs. 5

and 6, so as to spread it laterally and provide a circumferential depression *g*, in which rests the edges of the opening in the center of the collet or back in such manner that the
 5 collet or back and the combined anvil and washer may not be readily separated. As is obvious, the lateral swell of the crown or anvil proper prevents displacement of the
 10 button-head in the direction of the said anvil or crown and the flare of the foot prevents displacement in that direction.

As illustrated in Fig. 6, the tack *h* is driven point foremost through the fabric and into the anvil, and its point is upset or clenched
 15 or broken down and forms a knob which rests upon the inturned edges of the washer *c*, this anvil itself or the head thereof having no function in the final union of the upset
 20 end of the fastening and the button, and in this respect differing from those anvils which have a chambered head, in which the point of the tack is upset and confined; and in this connection I wish to observe that I am aware
 25 that I am not the first to construct a combined anvil and shank, but I am the first to construct a combined anvil and shank in which the shank has an inturned lower edge which
 30 forms a washer and which receives the overturned, upset, or clenched point of the tack and forms an anchorage therefor.

I have shown my invention as applied to a closed-face button; but I wish to be understood as not limiting my invention to that
 35 particular kind of button, as it is obvious that it is equally applicable to open-face buttons.

Some among other advantages of my invention are that by means thereof I may produce
 40 economically and easily a receiving-chamber for the tack which is of uniform and exact size and shape; also, by it there is an absolute certainty of the combination of the external shank, hub, or spacer and the internal anvil or turning portion; also, by it the
 45 assembling of the parts of the button is greatly facilitated, and, finally, there is a saving of one part as compared with those buttons in which the anvil and the shank, hub, or spacer

are separate structures subsequently united when applied to a button-head. 50

What I claim is—

1. A button, having an anvil or tack-point-turning medium, and a hub, shank or spacer provided with an inturned bottom edge, which constitutes a washer, the anvil, hub and
 55 washer being constructed as a single piece, and compressed longitudinally and thereby united with the button-head, substantially as described.

2. A button, having a combined anvil and
 60 spacer constructed of a single piece, and with the lower edge of the spacer turned inwardly and forming a tack-point passage and the seat or anchorage for the upset or clenched point of the tack, substantially as described. 65

3. A combined anvil and spacer, hub or shank for buttons, comprising an anvil proper, and a spacer having laterally-flaring edges, and an inturned bottom extending inwardly
 70 toward the anvil, and having a central opening which forms the seat or anchorage for the upset end of the fastening, said anvil and spacer being made of one integral piece, substantially as described.

4. A combined anvil and shank for tack-
 75 fastened buttons, made of a single piece, having an inturned lower edge which forms a washer to receive the upset end of the tack, substantially as described.

5. A button, provided with a combined an-
 80 vil and spacer having an open end which extends outside of the back of the button and has its edge turned inwardly, substantially as and for the purpose described.

6. A button, having a single-piece anvil or
 85 tack-point-turning device, the lower edge of which is inturned so as to reduce the tack-receiving chamber, said inturned edge forming an anchorage for the clenched or upset
 90 point of the tack, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of July, A. D. 1897.

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