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Fig. 1.

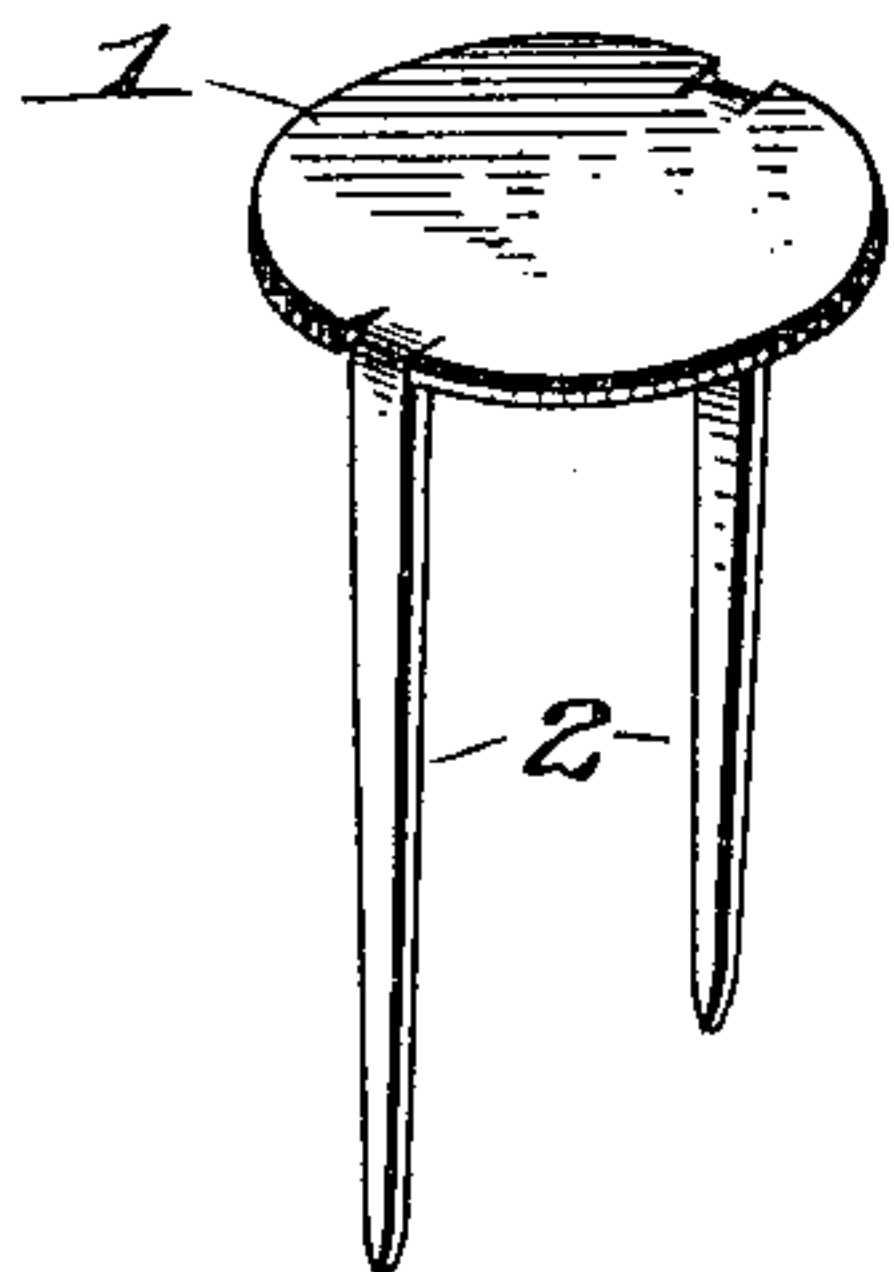


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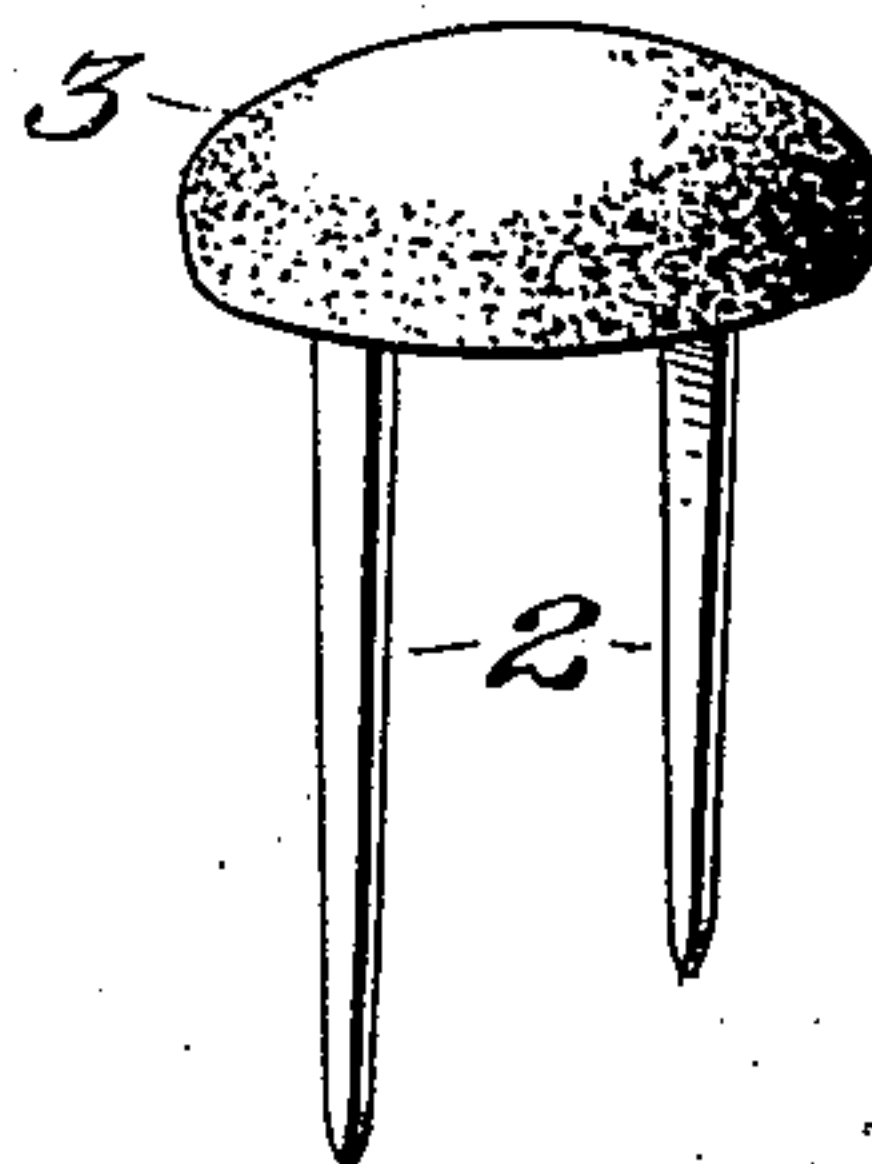


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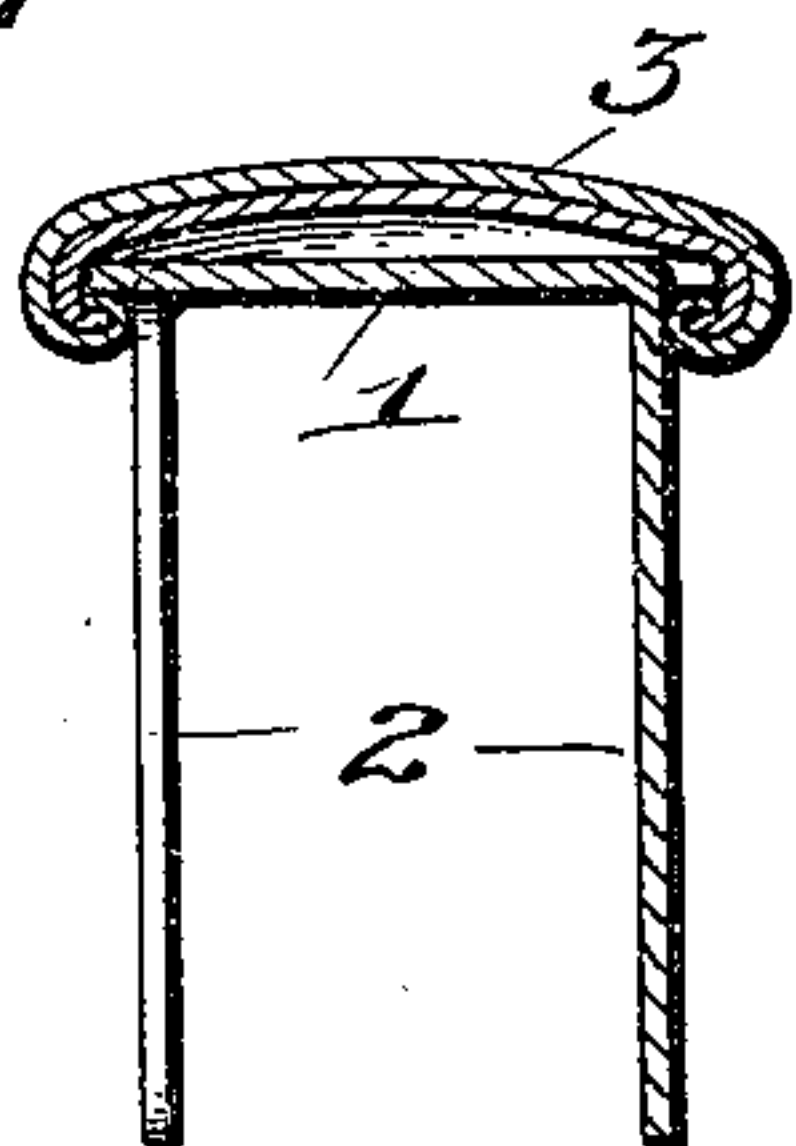


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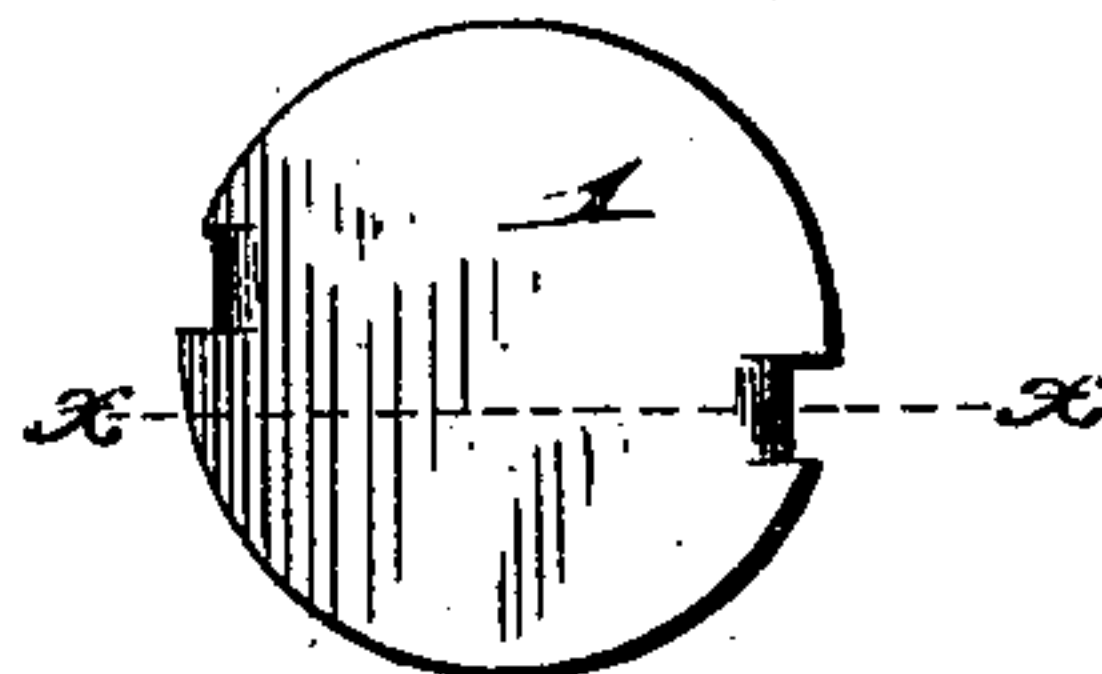


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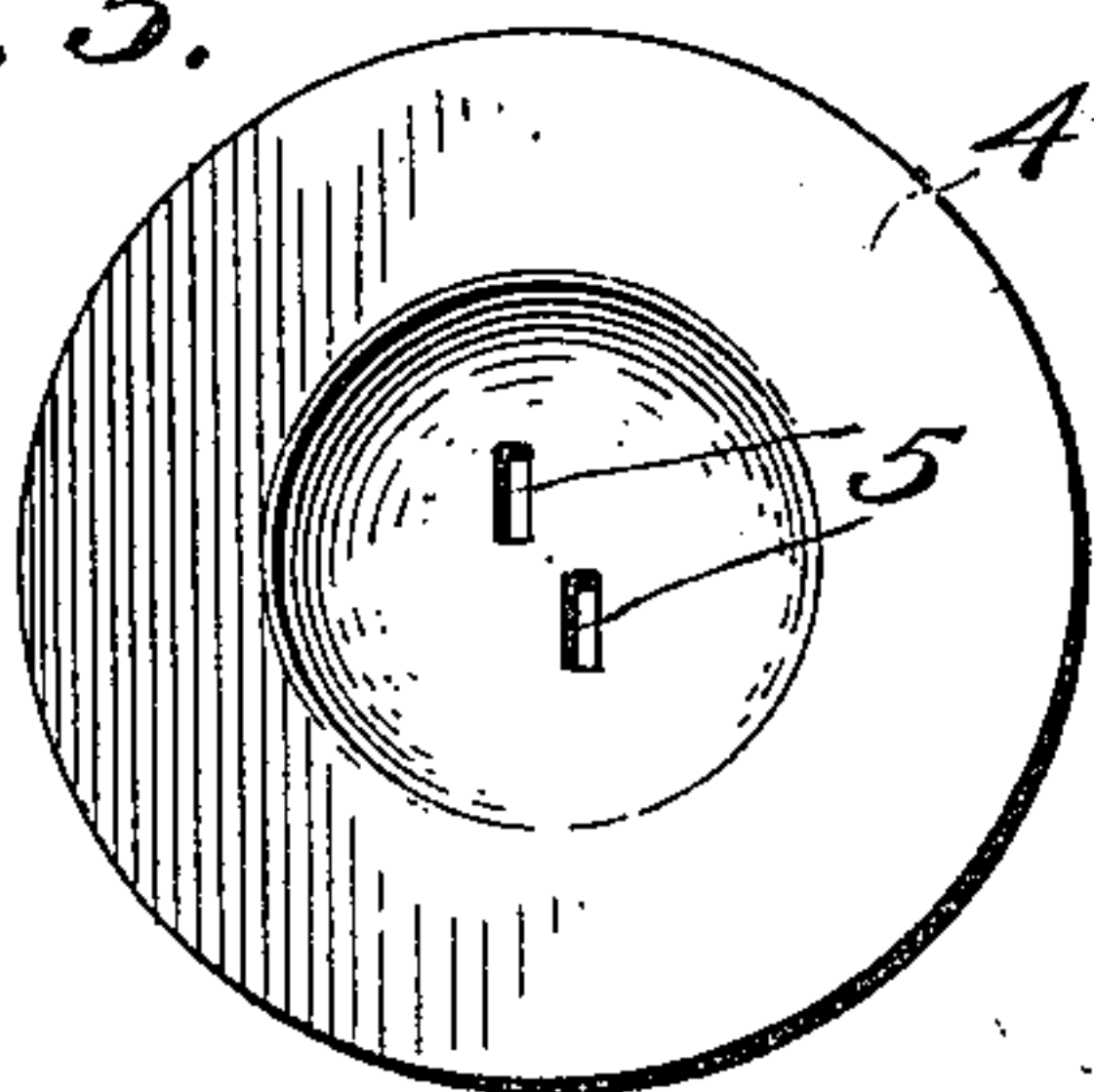
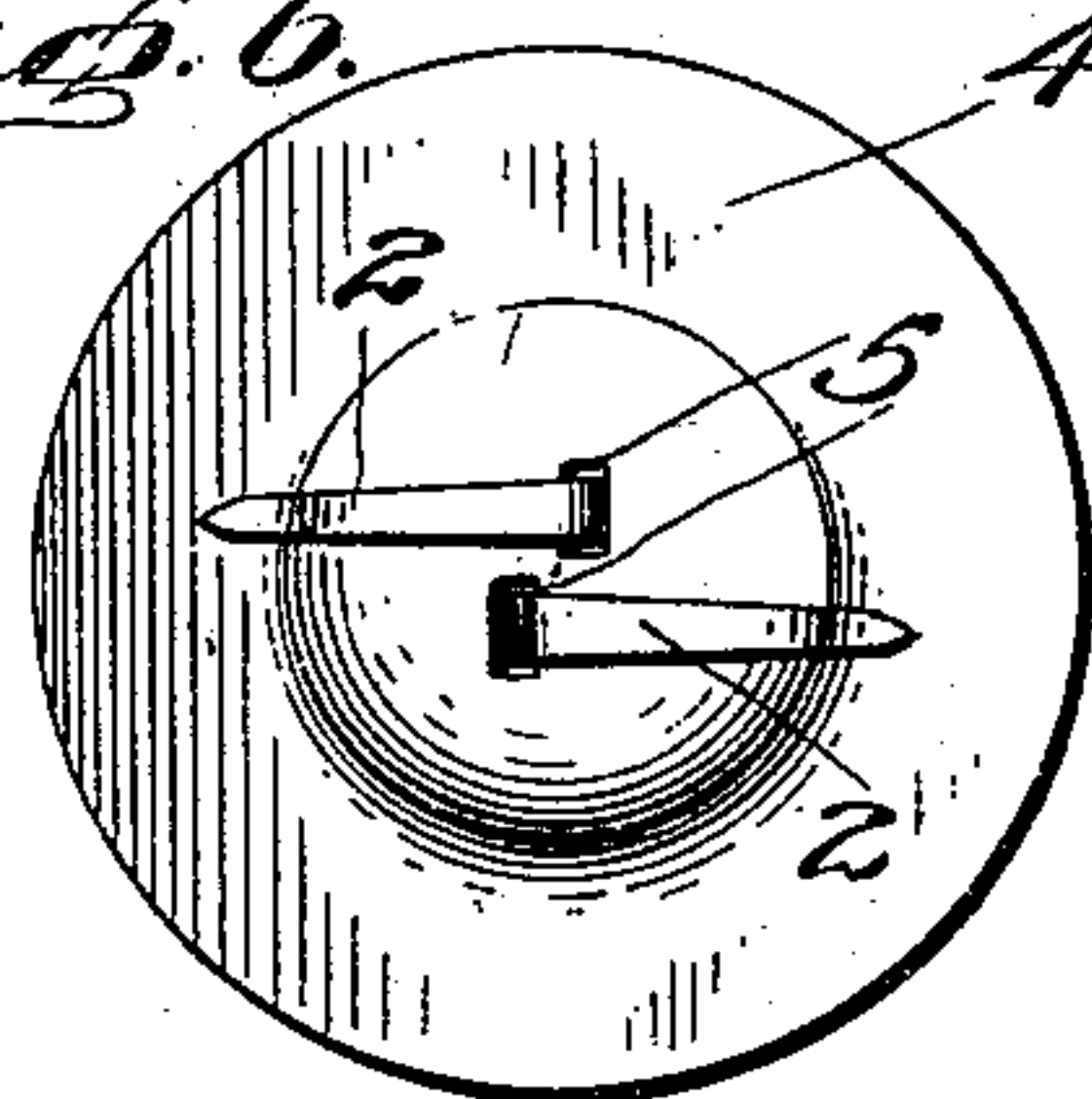


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## UPHOLSTERING-BUTTON.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BRIGHT B. FIXEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Eola, in the county of Du Page and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Upholstering-Buttons; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to upholstering-buttons.

The object of the invention is to provide a button of this character which shall be simple of construction, durable in use, and comparatively inexpensive of production and which may be quickly attached.

With this object in view the invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the button before its upholstered cap has been attached to its head. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the upholstered cap attached. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on line  $x x$ . Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the button before the upholstered cap has been attached. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the washer; and Fig. 6 is a bottom plan view of the washer, showing the prongs of the button passed therethrough and in the position they occupy when in place.

Referring to the drawings, 1 denotes the head of the button, and 2 denotes its prongs. The prongs and head are stamped out of a single piece of metal and are bent to shape, as shown, each prong being upon opposite sides of an imaginary line drawn through the center of the head of the button and the plane of each prong being perpendicular to said line, whereby the prongs may be bent past each other without their contiguous edges coming in contact.

3 denotes an ornamental or upholstered cap clenched or otherwise secured to the head of the button in any suitable manner.

4 denotes a washer having apertures 5 arranged on opposite sides of its center, one above the other. This washer is preferably formed with a concavity in its central por-

tion to guide the points of the prongs to said apertures.

When the prongs are inserted through the upholstered goods at one side thereof, they readily find their way to the apertures of the washer, and in being forced through said apertures they are caused to spread apart, and thus lock the button in place. In spreading apart it will be noticed that one prong crosses the plane of the other prong; but, owing to the fact that they are arranged upon opposite sides of the head and on opposite sides of an imaginary line drawn through the greatest diameter of the head, the contiguous edges will not come in contact and bind, and thereby prevent the spreading of said prongs.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, operation, and advantages of my invention will be readily understood without requiring an extended explanation.

The device is exceedingly useful for the purpose for which it is designed and may be placed upon the market at a comparatively small cost.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

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

1. A button consisting of a head having attaching-prongs, each prong being upon opposite sides of an imaginary line drawn through the center of the head of the button and the planes of each prong being perpendicular to said line, substantially as set forth.

2. A button consisting of a head having attaching-prongs, each prong being upon opposite sides of an imaginary line drawn through the center of the head of the button, and the planes of each prong being perpendicular to said line, in combination with a washer having unaligned apertures arranged on opposite sides of the center, substantially as set forth.

3. A button consisting of a head having attaching-prongs, each prong being upon opposite sides of an imaginary line drawn through the center of the head of the button and the



planes of each prong being perpendicular to  
said line, in combination with a washer hav-  
ing unaligned apertures arranged on opposite  
sides of the center, the central portion of said  
5 washer being provided with a guiding-con-  
cavity, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set

my hand in presence of two subscribing wit-  
nesses.

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