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Fig. Z.

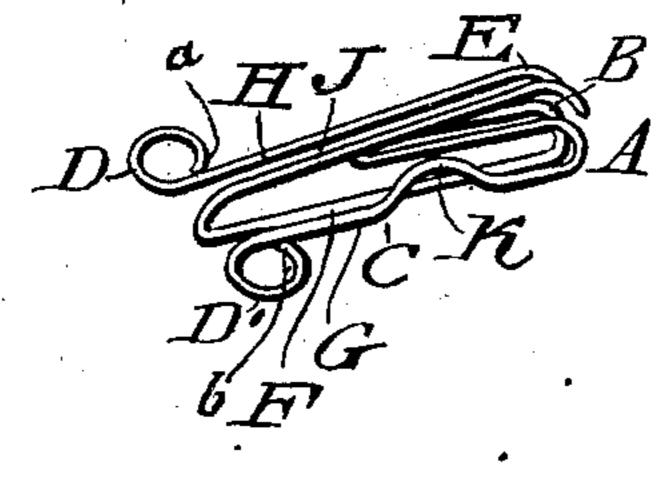


Fig. 2.

D'O'G'EEE

D'O'F'

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Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KATHARINE ZUBER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment Hooks or Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a garment-hook composed of wire having a resilient guard to for the bill thereof, the same being formed of two members, a back formed of two members, a bill, and fastening-eyes, one of the members of said guard being continuous of one of the fastening-eyes and one of the members of 15 said back being continuous of the other eye, the terminals of the piece of wire or other material of which the hook is formed being located at the places of junction of the two attaching - eyes, respectively, with one of the 20 adjacent guard members and with one of the adjacent back members, the raw ends of said material thus being covered and so prevented from cutting, scratching, &c., and being also removed for similar purposes from the bill 25 and guard, and said terminals may be tightly closed against the contiguous members, the guard possessing great resiliency, so as to firmly retain its closed position, and may be readily opened while it overhangs the outer 30 bend of the bill, while the hook is of simplified construction and less expensive than an article of similar class as heretofore made.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a garment-hook embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a bottom plan view thereof. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corre-

sponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a garment-hook, the same consisting of the bill B, the back C, fastening-eyes D D', and guard E.

In carrying out my invention I take a piece of wire or other suitable material and form one of the eyes—say the eye D'—and then continue the wire or material forward, as at G, and bend it into the bill B and continue it backward, forming the member F, the members F and G constituting the back C. The wire or material is again bent forward over the bill B and again backward, producing the two members H and J, which constitute the guard E, the member H being continued and joining the eye D, it now being noticed that

the wire or material has its terminals or ends 55 a b at the inner sides of the eyes D D' and that the back is composed of two members F and G and the guard E overhangs the bill B. Furthermore, the terminals of the material of which the fastener is formed may be pressed 60 tightly against the contiguous members GH, respectively, thus reliably closing the eyes and preventing the existence of open joints through which the fastening-stitching may escape. The guard prevents the eye member 65 from passing over said bill, and thus being disengaged from the hook, it being evident that in applying the eye member it is pressed between the bill and guard and the latter yields, allowing said eye member to reach the 70 bill and be seated thereon, said guard then closing toward or against the bill as its normal position. In order to further retain the eye member on the bill, the member F of the back C is deflected toward the bill, forming the 75 jaw K, which in a measure acts as a barrier to the disengagement of the eye member from the bill, while it is sufficiently resilient to be overcome when the eye member is properly pressed thereagainst in its passage over the 80 bill. It will also be seen that the guard E extends from what may be termed the "rear" of the hook, or from the portion containing the fastening-eyes, and overhangs the outer bend of the bill, so that it is of considerable length 85 and possesses increased resiliency, so that it closes the bill from without and effectually protects the eye member from displacement.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters 90 Patent, is—

A garment - fastener, constructed of two members comprising the back, an attaching-eye continuous of one of said members, a two-part guard, and another attaching-eye, one of the parts of said guard being continuous of one of the back members and the other part being continuous of the last-named eye, the ends of the material of which the fastener is formed being located at the places of junction of the two attaching-eyes, respectively, with one of the adjacent guard members and with one of the adjacent back members.

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