

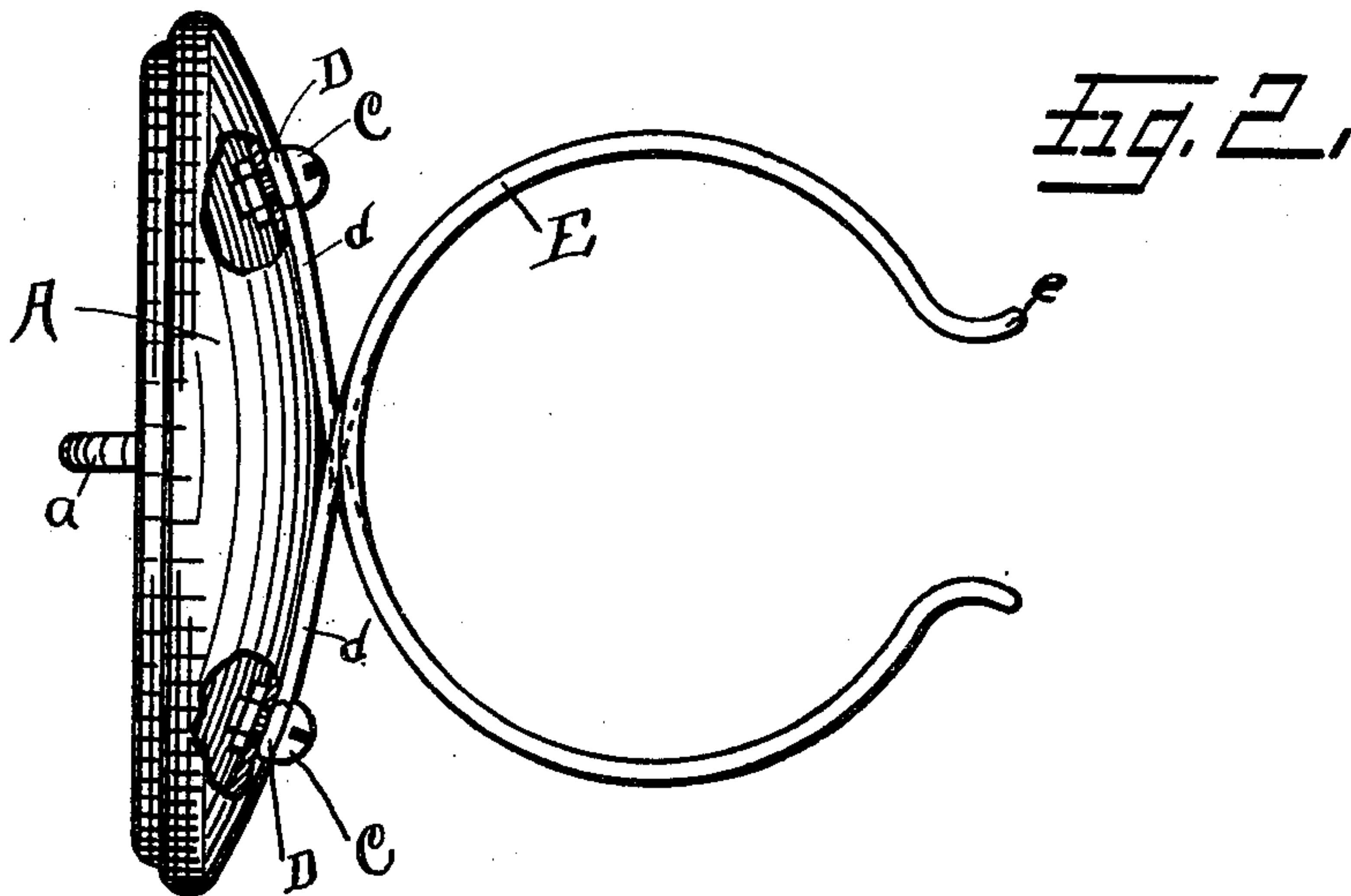
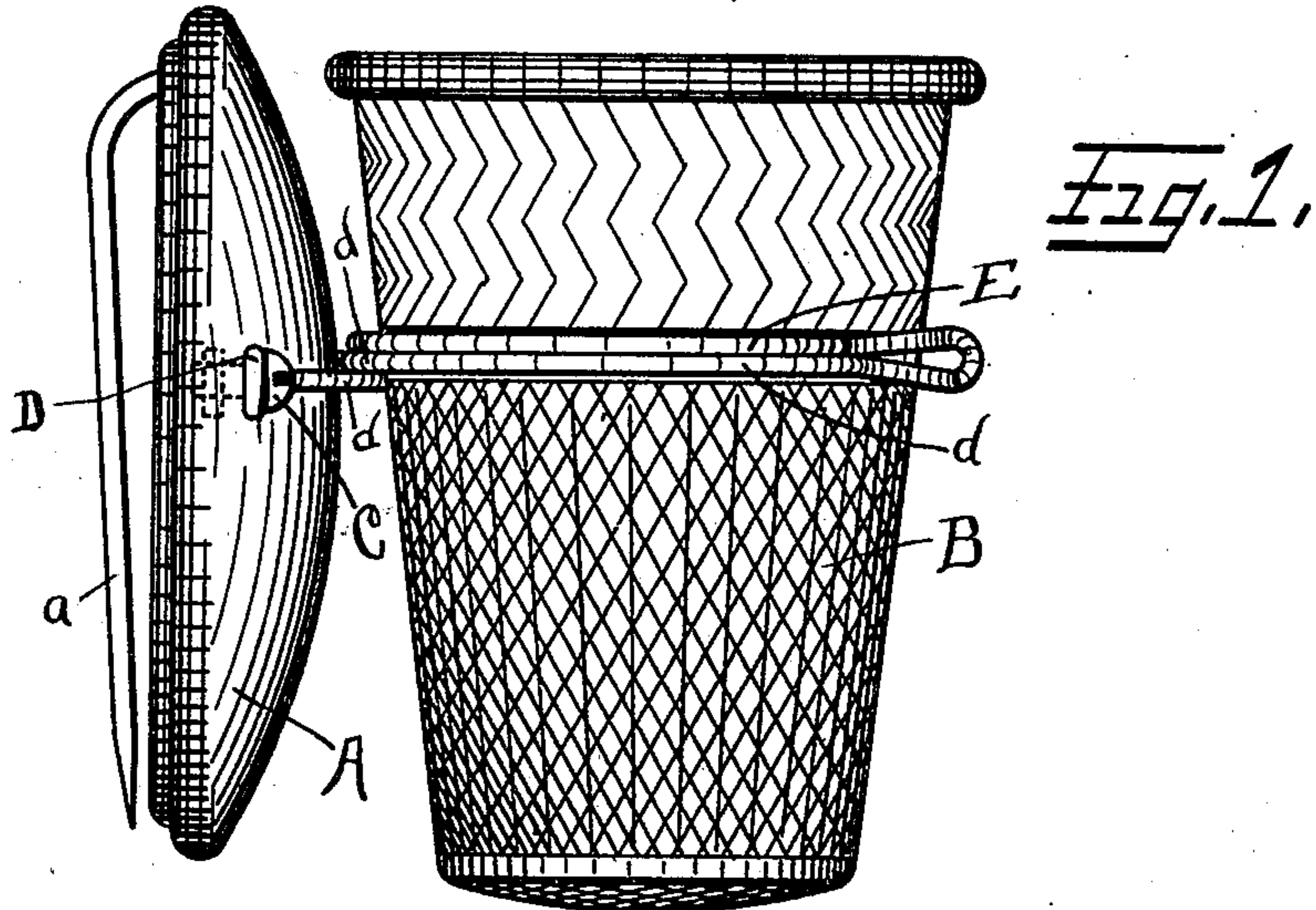
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## THIMBLE-ATTACHER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK A. LEWIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented a certain new and useful Thimble-Attacher, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to thimble-attachers; and the object in view is to provide a simple, convenient, and efficient clasp or holder especially designed to receive and support a thimble, such clasp or holder being combined with a button or analogous device having means for securing the same to the clothing of the wearer, such means consisting, preferably, of an ordinary pin arranged at the back of the button.

The detailed objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the course of the ensuing description.

The invention consists in a thimble-attacher embodying certain novel features and details of construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the drawings, and incorporated in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the thimble-attacher, showing a thimble placed therein. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, partly in section, showing the manner of attaching the clasp or holder to the button, the thimble being omitted.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in both figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a button, which is preferably round and has a convex outer or exposed side and is provided upon its rear side with a pointed pin *a*, adapting the button to be attached securely to the clothing at any suitable point. Connected with the front of the button is a thimble clasp or holder E, constructed in one piece from a single length of wire, the central portion of which is bent in annular form and the terminal portions *d* of which are bent in ogee form or each given a compound bend or curve, as clearly illustrated in the plan view, Fig. 2, said terminal portions being crossed at the center of the button and at one side of the annular portion and having their extremi-

ties connected to the button by means of screws or bolts C, said terminals being for that purpose provided with eyes D, through which the screws or bolts C pass, the fastening devices C passing also through openings in the button, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The clasp or holder is thus made in the form of a split ring and comprises oppositely-located spring-arms which terminate in reversely-bent flaring lips *e*, which facilitate the introduction of the thimble B between such arms, so as to be grasped and held firmly in the clasp or holder. By crossing the terminal portions *d* of the wire and leading them to points near opposite sides of the button increased resiliency is given to the arms of the clasp, which enables such arms to be the more readily spread apart for the introduction and removal of the thimble without danger of breaking or injuriously bending the arms of the clasp or holder.

The advantage of employing a button having a convex outer surface will be understood by reference to Fig. 1, as the receding surface of the button above the thimble-holding arms allows space for the larger end of the thimble and the bead or rim thereon and enables the thimble to be held vertically or perpendicularly to the plane of the holding-arms. This result would not be obtained except for the convexity of the surface to which the holding-arms are connected.

The article hereinabove described may be attached to the clothing at any suitable point and enables a woman to immediately find her thimble when required for use. The thimble is held snugly in the holder and cannot be accidentally dislodged therefrom, and being thus carried constantly on the person is readily accessible at all times—a matter of great convenience to the housekeeper. The face of the button is admirably adapted to receive suitable advertising matter, thus making the device useful as an advertising medium.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a thimble holder and attacher consisting of a button having a convex outer surface provided at the

back with an attaching-pin, and thimble clasp-  
ing and holding arms constructed of a single  
length of wire the central portion of which is  
bent into annular form and the end portions  
5 into ogee form with their extremities crossed  
at one side of the annular portion and ex-  
tended beyond the point of crossing where  
they are provided with terminal eyes which  
are connected individually and independ-

ently by fasteners to different points of the 10  
button, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
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