

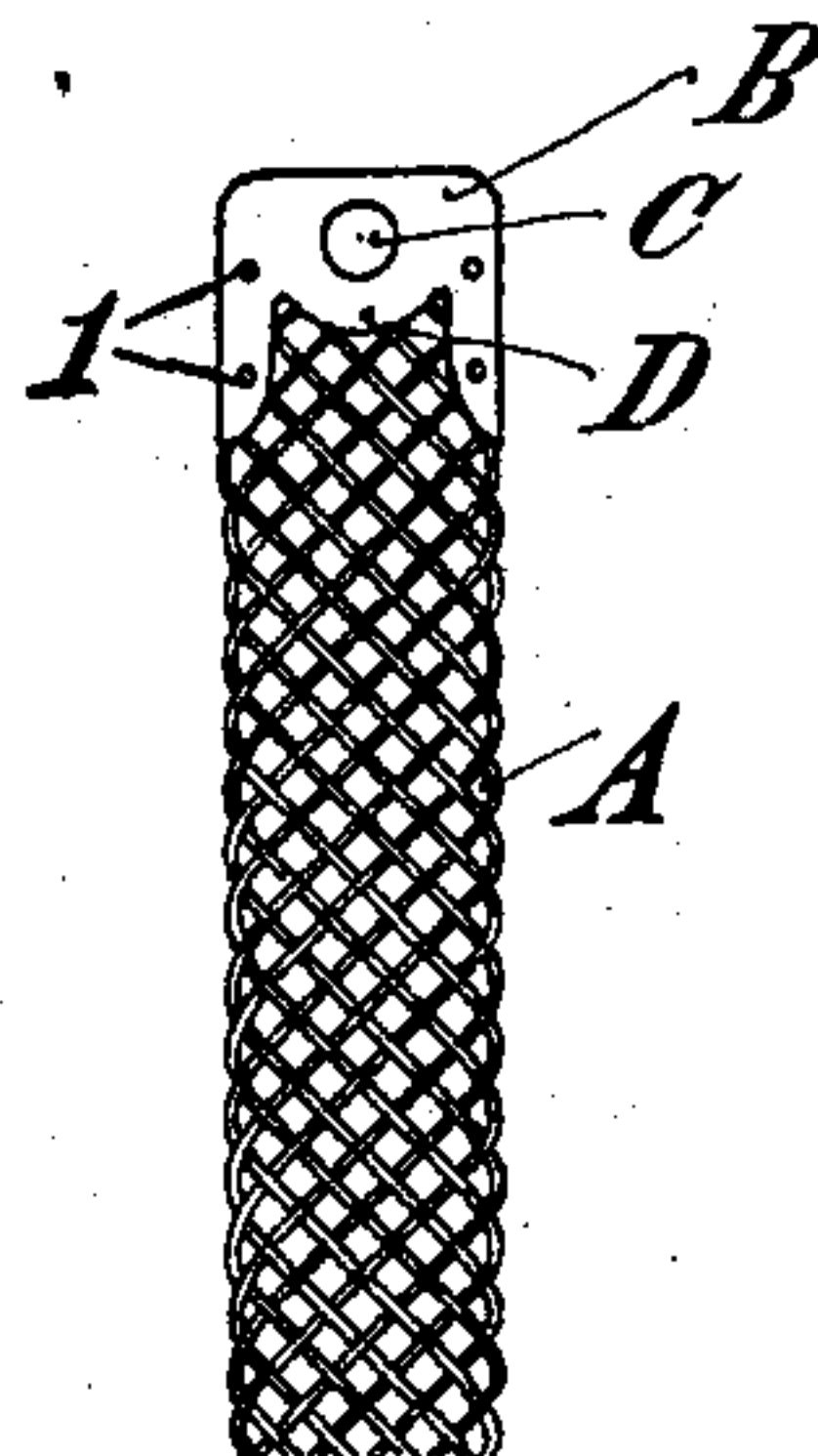
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PETER GEORG WAHLEN, a subject of the King of Prussia, German Emperor, and a resident of Cologne-Ehrenfeld, in the Province of Rhineland and Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, have invented new and useful Improvements in Stiffeners for Ladies' Clothing and the Like, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

The present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in stiffeners for ladies' clothing and the like, and more particularly to the means for fastening the ends thereof.

The invention has, broadly, for its object simplified and efficient means whereby the ends of the woven or braided wire stiffener may be secured without the employment of solder and aims to produce an article of this nature which may be readily slipped over the ends of the stiffener and disengaged therefrom in a like manner.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in certain details of construction, all of which will be clearly described, and fully set forth in the claim.

In the drawing the figure is an elevation embodying the invention.

The woven or braided wire band (designated by reference-letter A) forms the stiffener, the ends of which are provided with the improved cap. This cap B is formed of an integral piece of sheet metal, both sides of

which are identical in construction. Small pins 1 pass through the meshes of the stiffener and are secured to each side of the cap. The cap is provided with an inwardly-projecting central flap D, which gives additional strength to the same. Registering apertures C are provided in each side of the cap, enabling the same to be readily secured by means of thread or the like to the clothing. The cap is applied to the stiffener above the upper end thereof—that is to say, the perforation C therein is above the upper end of A, flap C, and the inwardly-extending side flanges engaging A.

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

In combination with a woven-wire band, a cap adapted to be slipped over the ends thereof, formed of an integral piece of metal having integral side flanges, a central inwardly-projecting flap having an aperture therein carried by each side, pins passing through the meshes of said band and secured to each of said side flanges, said central flaps each having an aperture therein above the upper end of the band, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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