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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

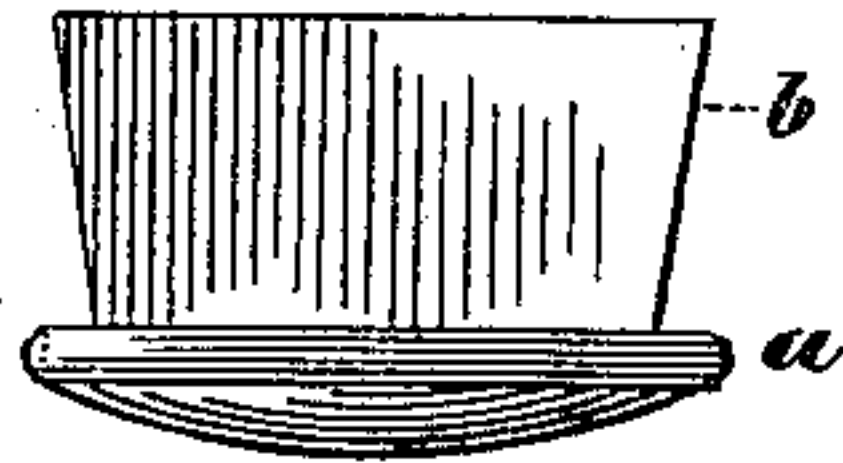


Fig. 2.

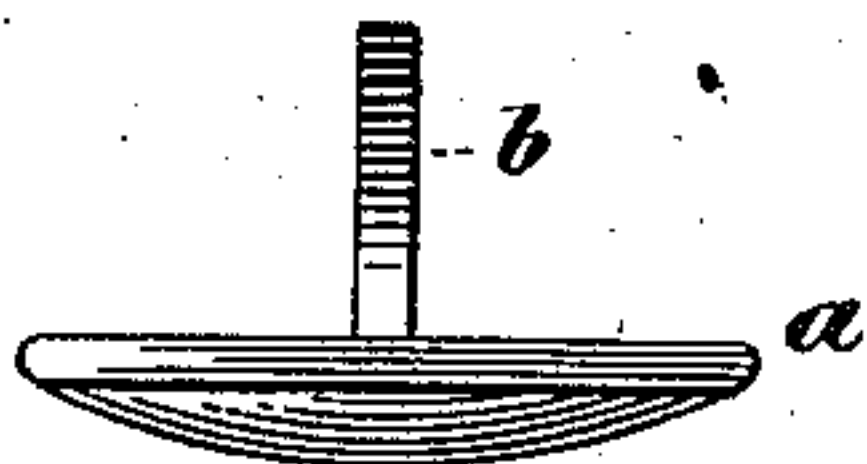


Fig. 3.

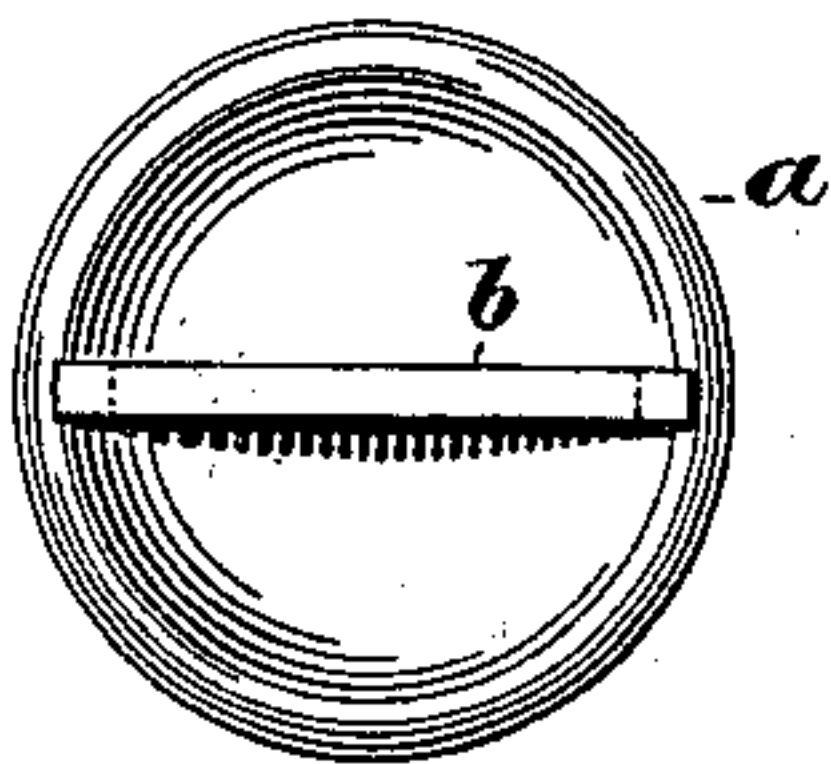


Fig. 4.

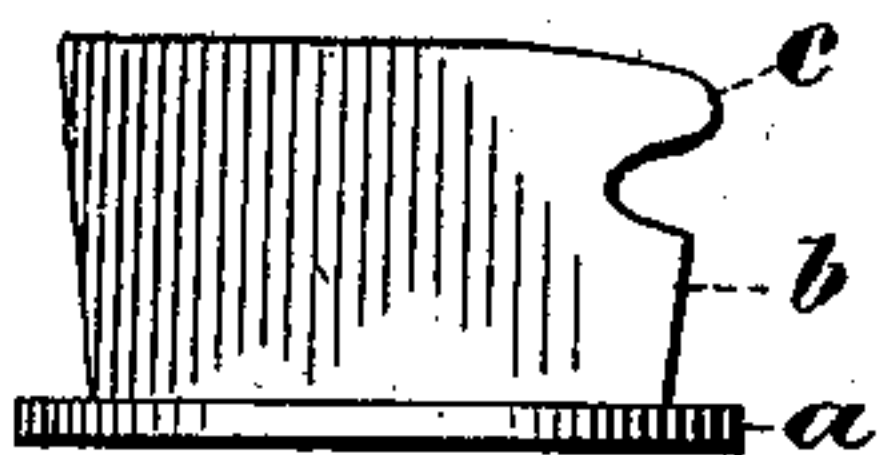
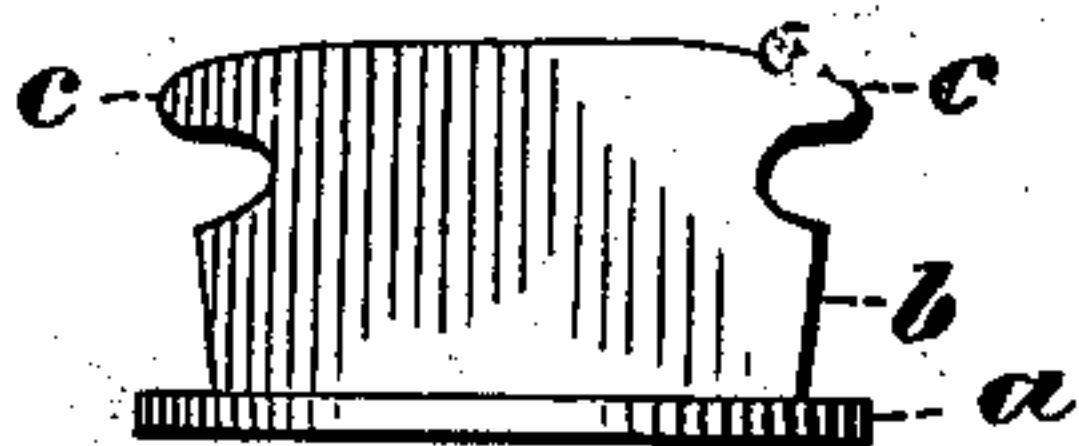


Fig. 5.



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GARMENT-RETAINER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARSHALL H. MALLORY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bridgeport, Fairfield county, Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful article of manufacture designed for use as a retainer for collars, cuffs, and the like. The ordinary buttonhole in stiff or starched goods such as described is long and narrow and under longitudinal pressure plays back and forth on the shank of the retaining-button, thus disarranging the fit of the garment and frequently tending to tear the same. I have discovered that a retainer comprising, primarily, a broad substantially flat plate covering the line of the buttonhole will not only securely hold the parts together without falling out, but will also obviate the difficulties heretofore existing as to the variation in the fit of the garment. In addition to reducing or limiting the longitudinal movement referred to the broad flat plate prevents the rotation of the garment as has heretofore occurred on the central axis of the ordinary collar-button having a round or narrow shank. This results in keeping the respective ends of the garment retained in relatively fixed position to each other. The proportions of my retainer must naturally be with relation to each specific length of buttonhole and the degree of fixity or freedom from longitudinal motion desired.

In the following I have described, with reference to the accompanying drawings, a structure embodying my invention, the features thereof being more particularly pointed out hereinafter in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of one form of my retainer, Fig. 2 being an end view, and Fig. 3 a top view, of the same. Figs. 4 and 5 are side views of modifications.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

My invention consists, primarily, in a disk or oval shaped base *a*, having mounted thereon at substantially right angles thereto an upright plate *b* of long, narrow, and substantially flat proportions. The length of the

plate *b* may approximate the length of the buttonhole into which it is to be inserted, the lower portion of the plate being preferably less in length than the top, the ends of the plate inclining outwardly and upwardly from the base toward the top. It is evident that when the plate extends the buttonhole lengthwise or keeps it extended the pressure of the buttonhole itself on the plate of the retainer will keep the latter in place. Where the ends are inclined as described, the tendency of the incline is to prevent the superimposed fabric materials from rising toward the top of the plate.

The retainer is inserted by presenting one end or corner to the buttonhole, pressing it through, and then pressing the other through, the angular presentation assisting in ready insertion.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a form of retainer provided with a hook *c* at one end, the hook being designed to take over the end of the buttonhole and assist in holding the parts in place. Fig. 5 shows a retainer having a hook at each end of the plate adapted to take over each end of the buttonhole. In both Figs. 4 and 5 the plate is preferably of greater length across the top than across the bottom, as is illustrated in the simpler form shown in Fig. 1, and by reason of the hooks the length across the top may be greater than the length of the buttonhole, the recesses under the hooks permitting ready insertion.

It is obvious that the retainers may be made in varied proportions, of various materials, and with various changes in detail of construction without departing from the spirit of my invention, and I do not restrict myself to the forms or details shown.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a retainer for collars, cuffs and the like consisting solely of a base and a long, narrow, substantially flat plate mounted thereon whereby there is secured a retainer which substantially fills a buttonhole and is held therein by friction.

2. As an article of manufacture, a retainer for collars, cuffs, and the like consisting solely of a base and a long, narrow, substantially flat plate mounted thereon, the side edge of the

plate inclining outwardly and upwardly from the base whereby there is secured a retainer which substantially fills a buttonhole and is held therein by friction.

- 5 3. As an article of manufacture, a retainer for collars, cuffs, and the like consisting solely of a base having a long, narrow, substantially flat plate mounted thereon, said plate being of greater length at the top than at the bot-
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substantially fills a buttonhole and is held therein by friction.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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