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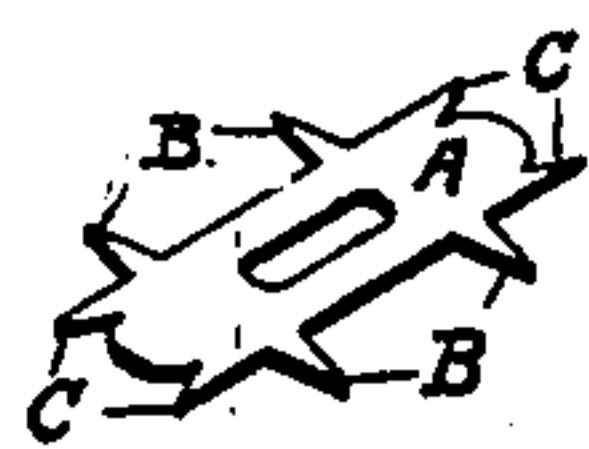


FIG. 1.

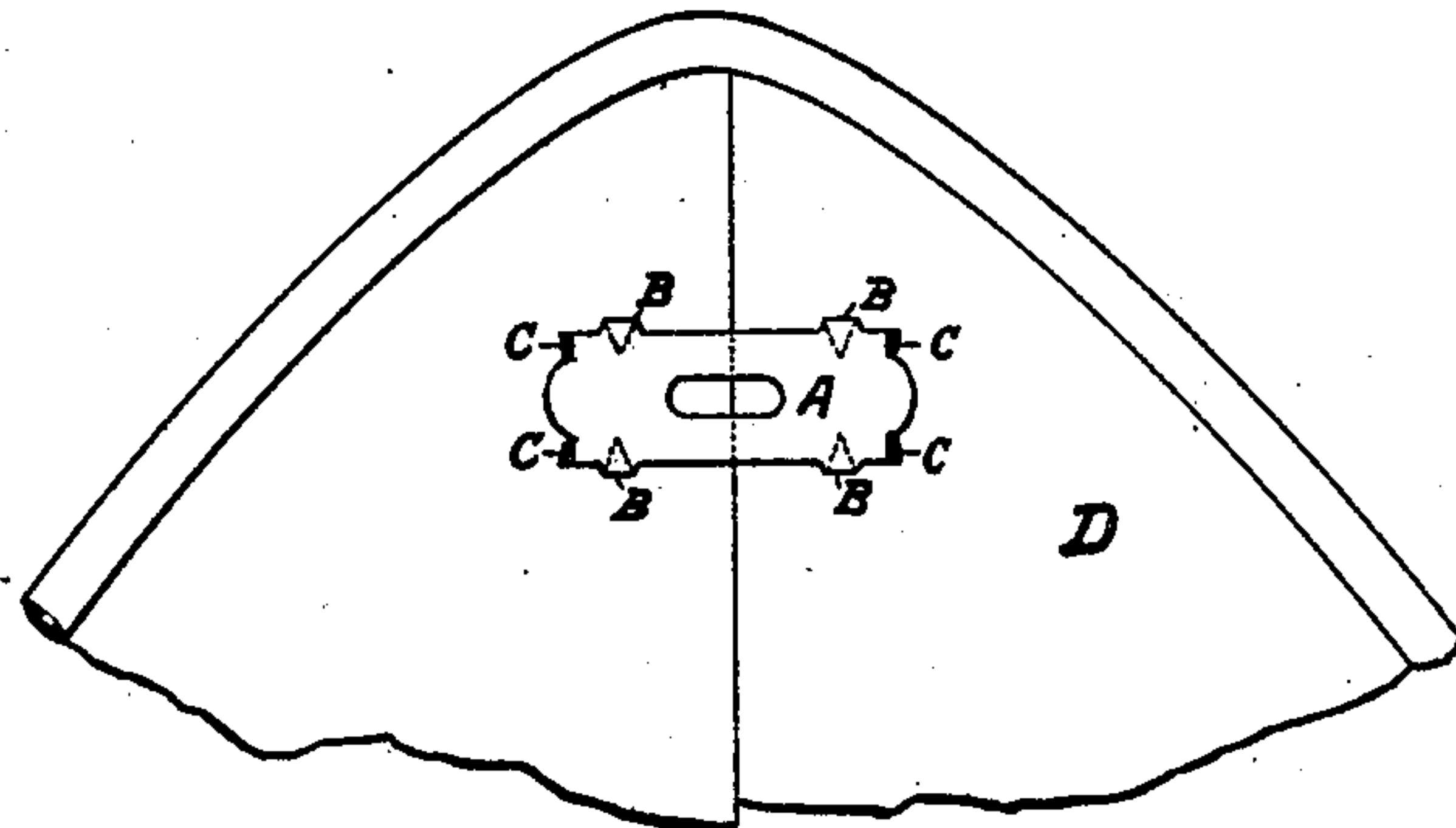


FIG. 2.

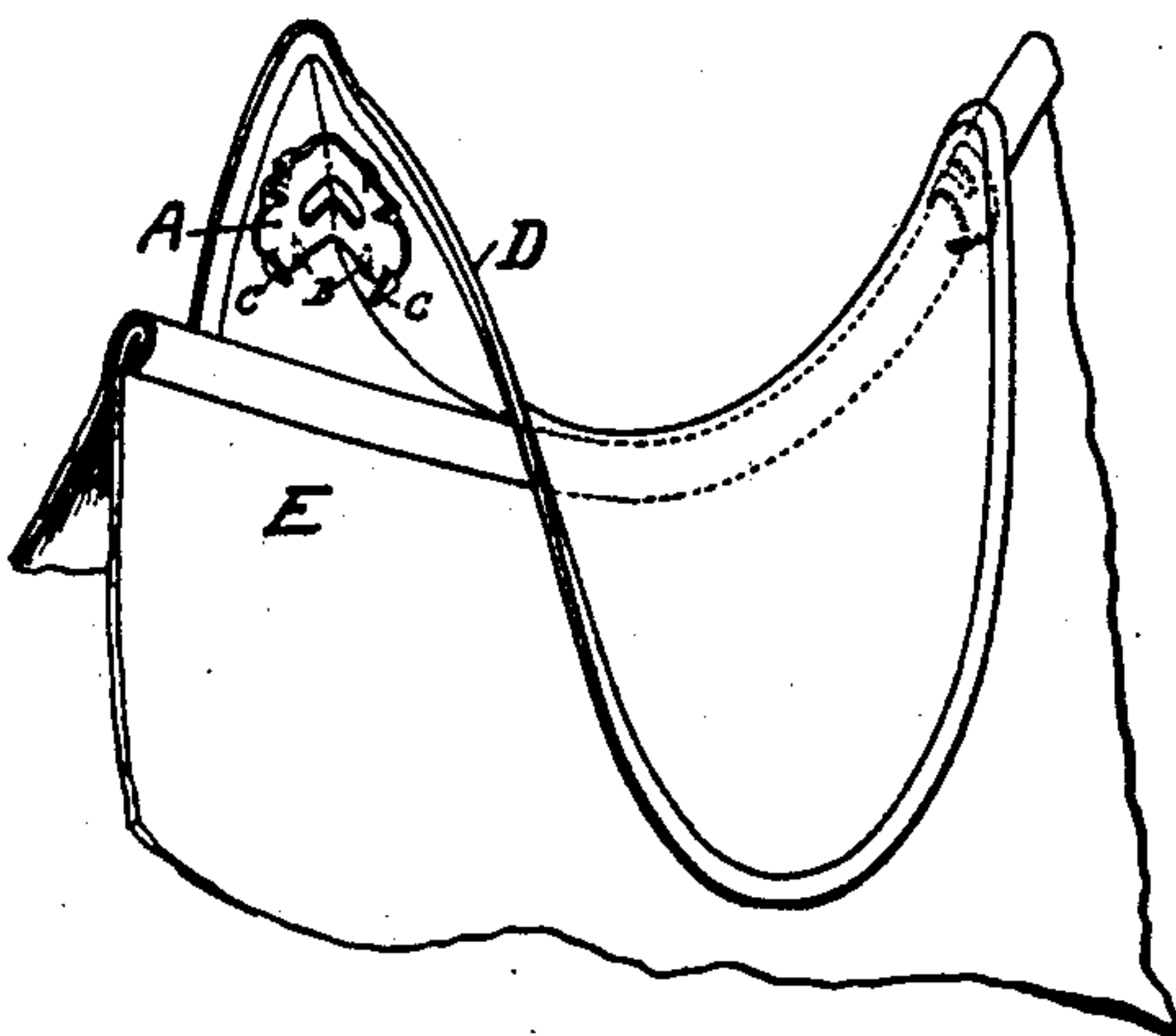


FIG. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILDRED V. W. PATTERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rensselaer, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Shield Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to dress-shields; and the object of my invention is to provide a cheap and efficient attachment for fastening dress-shields to the seam of the dress upon which it is designed to be worn. I accomplish this object by means of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my fastener; Fig. 2, a plan view of one end of the dress-shield with my fastener attached thereto. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a dress-shield with my fastener attached thereto and showing the method of fastening the shield to the seam of the dress.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

I construct my fastener of thin metal properly tempered, so that it may be bent many times without breaking.

A represents the fastener as formed from the metal. The fastener has eight prongs thereon.

B B are two prongs upon each side of the fastener and are designed to be bent all in the same direction and to extend through one or more thicknesses of the shield and then bent toward the center and clamped down, as shown in Fig. 2. By not passing through the lining of the shield it is evident that no part of the metal comes in contact with the flesh of the wearer.

C C are four prongs, two on each end of the fastener, and are designed to be bent in the opposite direction from the prongs B B and are designed to hold the shield upon the seam of the dress.

While the fastener A is tempered, so as to allow it to be bent many times without breaking, still it is made hard enough so that the several prongs will hold in their respective places.

D is a dress-shield, and E is a seam-strip in the sleeve of a lady's dress-waist, to which the shield is designed to be attached.

Two fasteners are attached to each shield, one at each end, and are attached by extending the prongs B B through one or more

thicknesses of the shield and clamped down at equal distances from the center or the fold-line of the shield, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2—that is, the center of the fastener A is placed upon the center of the fold-line of the shield and fastened thereon in that position—so that the shield may be folded, as usual, on the fold-line by bending the fastener in the center, as shown in Fig. 3, and the ends of the fastener, with the prongs C C, will be at equal distances on each side of the fold-line. When attached to the shield, the fastener is bent over in the center upon the fold-line of the shield, so that the ends of the fasteners do not quite come together, but are sufficiently far apart to allow them to pass over the seam of the dress. The prongs C C are bent sufficiently at a little more than right angles to body of the fastener, so that when the fastener is placed over the seam of the dress it may be pressed together by the thumb and finger, so that the two prongs C will enter into the dress goods on one side of the seam or enter the seam itself, and the other prongs C will enter the dress goods or seam upon the other side, and the fastener A is of such temper that the fastener will remain in the position pressed and hold the shield firmly and securely upon the seam of the dress. When the dress is not being worn or when it is desired to remove the shield, the fastener can be spread apart by taking hold of each end of the fastener, as by extending the fingernails under the curved projection at each end of the fastener and opened up sufficiently as to loosen the prongs C C from the dress goods or seam, and so remove the shield and use it upon any other dress desired.

Constructed in this manner my fastener is cheap and efficient and can be used for the lifetime of the shield. It does not come in contact with the flesh of the wearer, is easily attached and detached from the dress, and can be attached to the shields before they are sold and sold with the shields or may be attached to each shield by the wearer.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fastener for attaching a dress-shield to the seam of a dress consisting of a metallic clasp, having eight prongs extending therefrom, two of said prongs, being on each side of said clasp and bent backward therefrom and adapted to be clamped to the under side of the dress-shield two on each side of the

fold-line thereof, and two of said prongs on
each end of said clasp and bent forward and
adapted to penetrate the dress goods upon
opposite sides of the seam of the sleeve of the
5 dress-waist when said fastener is bent over
and pressed upon said seam, substantially as
described.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my
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