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Fig. 1.

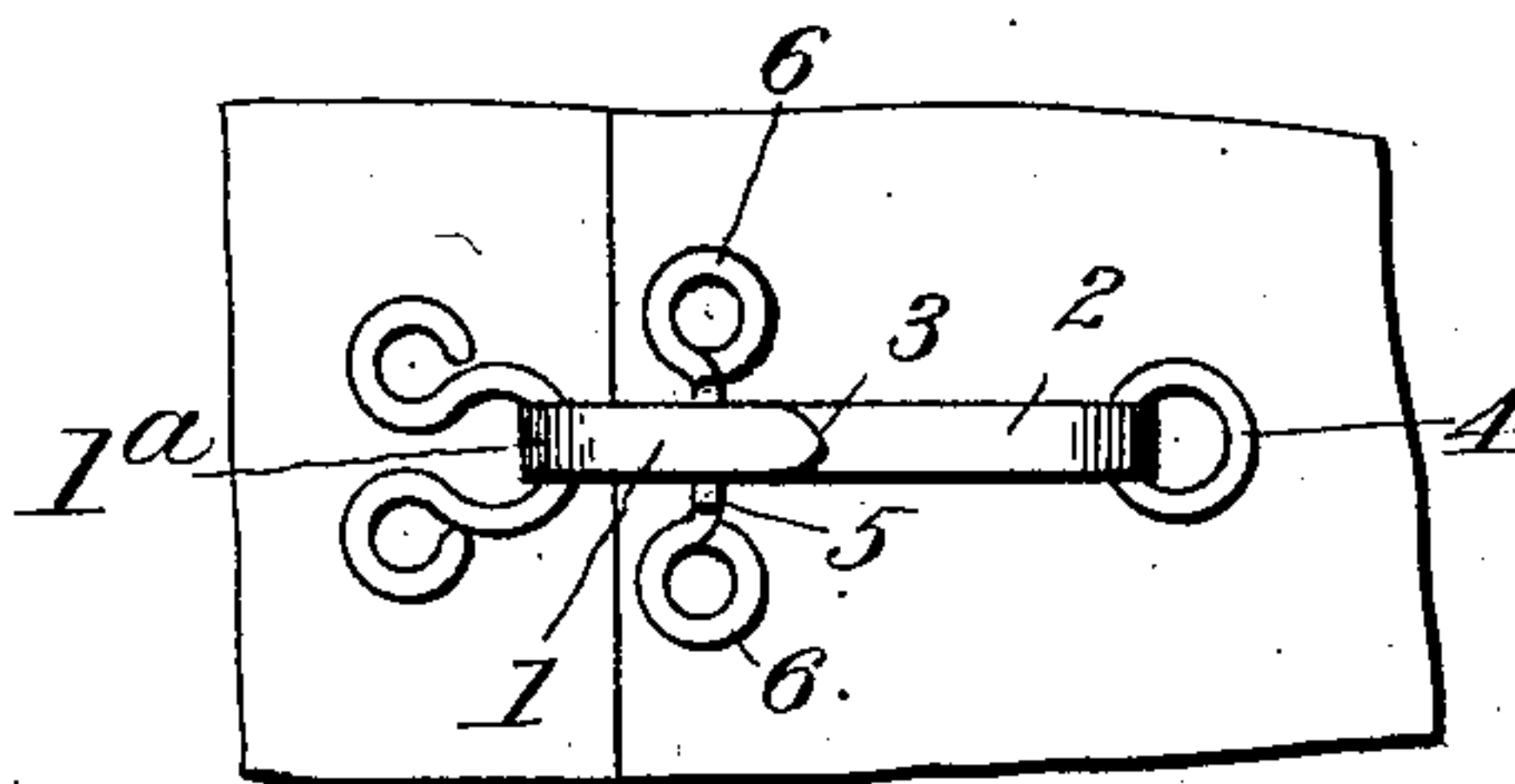


Fig. 2.

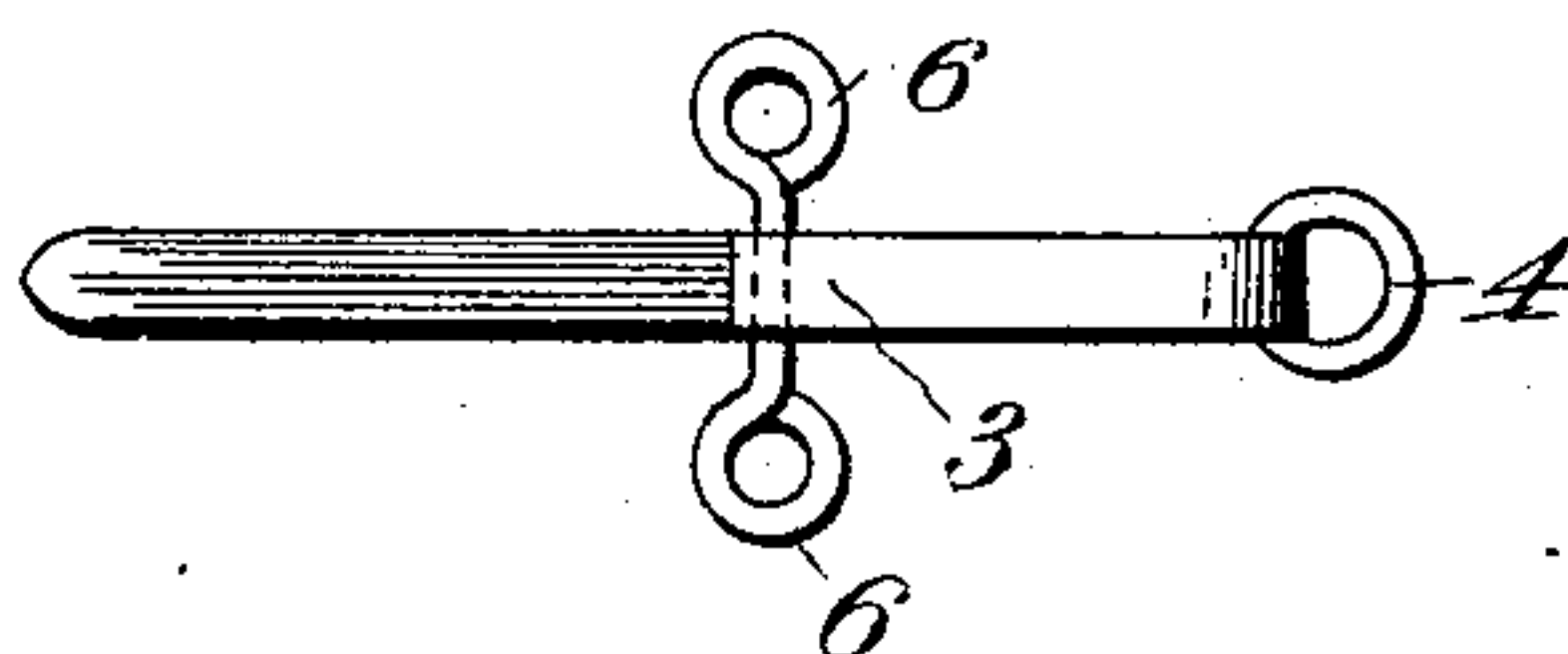


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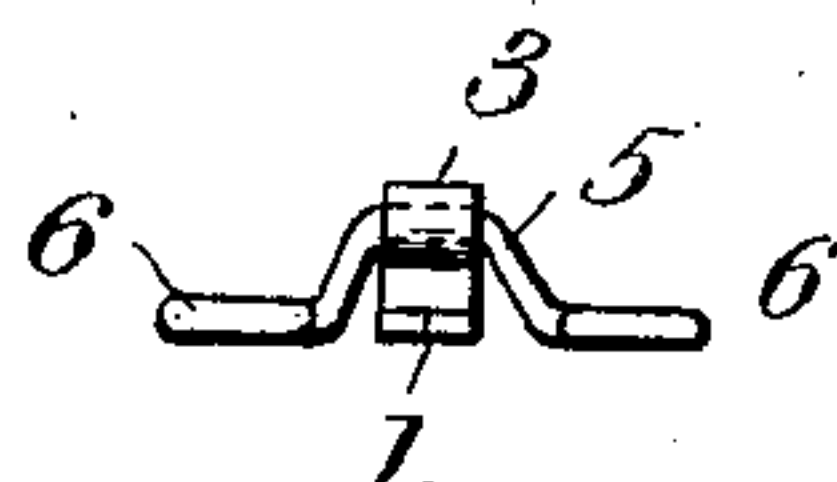
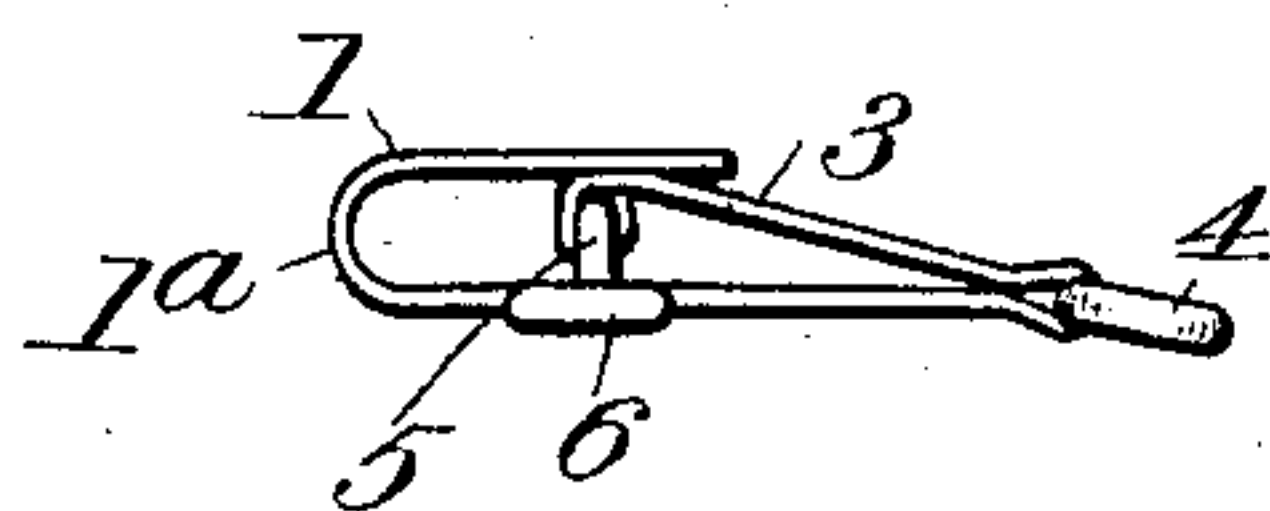


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. CLAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lexington, in the county of Fayette and State of Kentucky, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hooks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

10 My invention relates to garment hooks of the class wherein means is provided to prevent the accidental disengagement of the eye therefrom.

It has for its object to provide a hook of simple construction which will accomplish the desired purpose of
15 retaining the eye more effectively than the hooks generally in use.

The invention consists of the features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter described and specified in the claims.

20 In the accompanying drawings, illustrating the preferred embodiment of my invention: Figure 1 is an enlarged plan view of a hook made in accordance with my invention with an eye of ordinary construction engaged therein. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the hook before bend-
25 ing the hook proper into position. Fig. 3 is an end view of the hook as shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a side view of the completed hook.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the main portion of the hook is made of a single piece of metal,
30 preferably flat as shown, which is bent to form the hook proper 1, the shank 2 and the offset 3. A small ring 4 for attaching the hook to the garment is held in the fold between the shank and offset. Said offset portion extends up near to the under surface of the hook proper
35 and at that point is bent around the central portion of an arch 5 which is preferably made of wire. Said arch spans the shank 2 and has an eye 6 at each end thereof providing means at each side of the hook near the bend 1^a thereof for fastening it to a garment.

40 It will be noted that the portion of the metal piece which is bent around the arch 5 is flattened or squared at the point where it faces the bend 1^a of the hook whereby an abrupt face will be presented to an eye engaged with the hook which prevents the release of said
45 eye without first raising the hook proper. The shank being secured only by the ring 4, is possessed of sufficient resiliency to allow the hook proper to raise when pressed upward by the eye, said shank raising below the arch 15. It will thus be seen that while the move-
50 ment of an eye in a line substantially parallel with the

longitudinal axis of the hook, between the offset and the hook proper is sufficient to place said eye in engagement with the hook, it also requires a movement at right angles to said longitudinal axis, against the hook proper to release said eye. The retention of said eye, 55 when once engaged with the hook, against accidental engagement is, therefore, much more sure than it is in the form of hook having a rounded or curved offset. Another advantage of my hook is that it has means near the bend of the hook proper for securing it to a garment. 60

I claim:

1. A hook of the character described having a shank, a hook proper, an offset extending near to the under surface of said hook proper, and an arch spanning the shank and secured to the offset, said arch having means to secure it 65 to a garment.

2. A hook of the character described having a shank, a hook proper, an offset extending near to the under surface of said hook proper, means at the juncture of the shank and offset for securing the hook to a garment, and an arch 70 spanning the shanks and secured to the offset, said arch having means to secure it to a garment.

3. A hook of the character described having a shank, a hook proper, an offset terminating near to the under surface of said hook proper in an abrupt face for the purpose 75 specified, and an arch spanning the shank and secured to the offset.

4. A hook of the character described having a shank, a hook proper, an offset terminating near to the under surface of said hook proper in an abrupt face for the purpose 80 specified, and an arch spanning the shank and secured to the offset, said arch having means to secure it to a garment.

5. A hook of the character described comprising a body portion made of a single piece bent to form a shank, a hook proper and an offset extending near to the under surface of said hook proper, and an arch spanning the shank and secured to the offset, said arch having means to secure 85 it to a garment.

6. A hook of the character described, comprising a body portion made of a single piece bent to form a shank, a hook proper and an offset extending near to the under surface of said hook proper, a ring secured in the fold between the shank and offset, for the purpose specified, and an arch spanning the shank and secured to the offset, said 95 arch having means to secure it to a garment.

7. A hook of the character described comprising a body portion made of a single piece bent to form a shank, a hook proper and an offset terminating in an abrupt face for the purpose specified, and an arch spanning the shank 100 and secured to the offset.

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

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