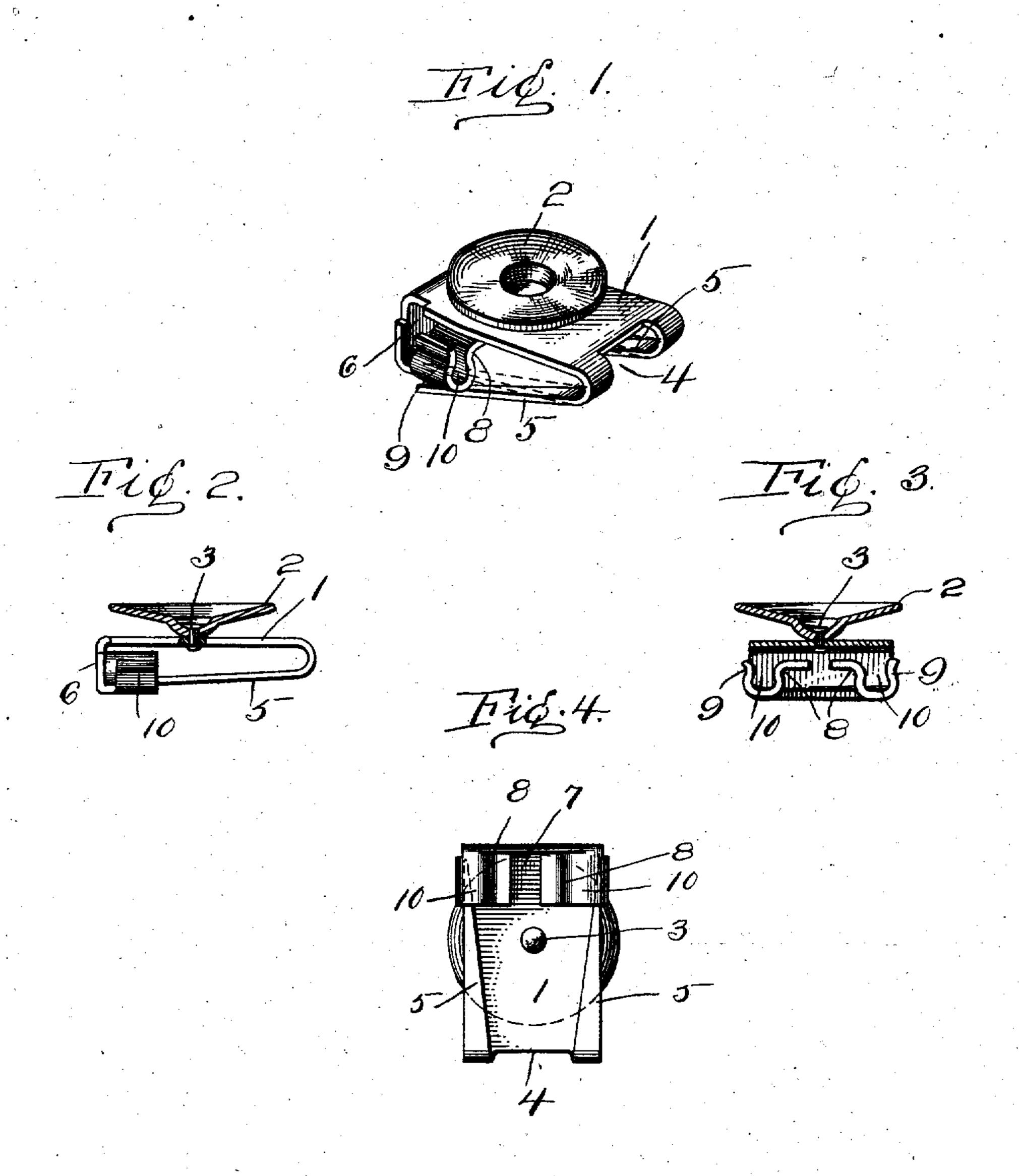
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, William Raum, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Etna, in the county of Allegheny and 5 State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buttons, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in buttons, and the invention has for its object to provide a novel form of button having means by which it can be easily and quickly fastened to a gar-

15 ment or piece of fabric.

The improvement relates to the class of devices known as "bachelors' buttons" or those employed as a temporary holding means when the ordinary buttons are broken 20 or displaced.

The detail construction of my improved button will be presently described, illustrated and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings forming part of this specification, like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my im-30 proved button, Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same partly in section, Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view of the button, Fig. 4 is a bot-

tom plan of the same.

To put my invention into practice, I con-35 struct my improved button of a metallic plate 1 centrally of which is revolubly mounted a conventional form of button 2, said button being held in engagement with the plate 1 by a rivet or pin 3. The end of 40 the plate is bifurcated, as at 4, forming two flat tapering pins 5, 5, which are bent to normally lie in a plane at an angle to the plate 1, the pins in abnormal position lying in a plane approximately parallel with the plate 1. 45 The opposite end of the plate 1 is formed with laterally extending wings 9, 9, and with a transverse cleft between the wings whereby tongues 8, 8, are formed and adapted to be bent toward the body portion 1, leaving a-

also adapted to be bent into sockets 10, 10, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3 to receive the free ends of the pins or prongs 5, 5.

To secure the button upon a garment, the flat tapering pins 5, 5 are passed through the 55 fabric of a garment to the reverse side thereof, and are then passed through the fabric again, similar to an ordinary safety pin. The ends of the pins 5, 5 are then placed in the clasps or sockets 10, the resiliency of said clasps or 60 sockets permitting of the sides of the clasps or sockets receding until the pins rest therein, at which time the sides of said clasps or sockets assume their normal position and retain said pins therein until manually dis- 65 engaged therefrom. The tongues 8, 8, serve an important purpose as they form guards to the inner ends of the sockets 10, 10, to limit the inward movement of the pins 5, 5.

My invention particularly resides in the construction of the plate 1 having integral clasps or sockets and flat tapering pins adapted to engage in said sockets. The plate 1 is constructed of light and durable metal and the simplicity of the same permits 75 of the button in its entirety being manufactured at a comparatively small cost.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

An article of the class described comprising 80 a rectangular metallic body portion having each corner at one end terminating in a depending rounded portion which merges into an elongated prong, said prongs diverging with respect to each other, and said rounded 85 portions constituting spring-hinged connections between the prongs and the body portion, said body portion at its other end terminating in a vertically-extending depending portion of greater height than the rounded 90portions at the other end of the body portion, said vertically - extending portion merging into a pair of transversely-extending wings at a point removed from the outer end of each of the wings, the outer free portion of 95 each wing being of less width than the inner portion, said outer portion bent upwardly in a curvilinear manner and the inner free portion of said wings have a part thereof bent 50 space 7, between them, while the wings 9 are | upwardly in a curvilinear manner, said curvi- 100 linear part of the inner portion of the wing terminating in a transversely-extending part, the curvilinear portions of each wing in connection with that portion which is formed integral with said vertically-extending portion forming sockets to receive the free end of the prongs, said transversely-extending portion of each of the wings arranged in transverse alinement and terminating at a point

removed from each other, and a button se- 10 cured to the body portion.
In testimony whereof I affix my signature

in the presence of two witnesses.

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