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Fig. 1.

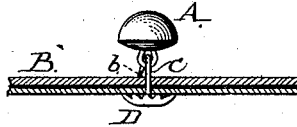


Fig. 2.

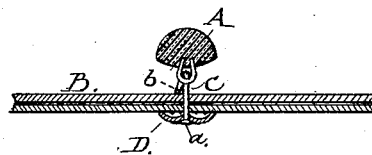


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER G. WILKINS, of Meadville, in the county of Crawford and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Button-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare the following to be a clear, full, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a button secured by my improved fastener. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through the same. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are details.

My invention relates to devices for securing buttons on shoes and other similar articles; and it consists of the combination of elements hereinafter described and claimed.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the exact manner in which I have carried it out.

In the drawings, A represents a button secured to the strip of leather B. The wire or metal pin C is provided with the flat head *a* and point *b*, and D is a washer, countersunk as shown in Fig. 2, through which the pin is passed before being passed through the leather or other material, as shown in Fig. 2. After the pin C has been passed through the washer and through the material to which the button is to be attached the point *b* is passed through

the eye of the button and pressed into a loop or ring completely encircling the metal of the eye and securing the button in position, as shown in Fig. 1.

I am aware that it is not new to pass a headed pin or tack through the material and engage the point with the eye of a button; but such a fastener is objectionable, as when the button is twisted or turned the solid head of the fastener engages with the soft surfaces of the leather or other material, and the result is the button is soon twisted off. My invention overcomes this difficulty, as by the use of the plate or washer D next the leather I furnish a metal surface with which the head *a* comes in contact, and thus I swivel the fastener and protect the button against all danger of being twisted off and lost.

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

The button-fastener herein described, consisting of the pin C, provided with the flat head *a*, and having a looped point adapted to be secured to the eye of the button, in combination with a metallic countersunk washer, D, all constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose described.

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