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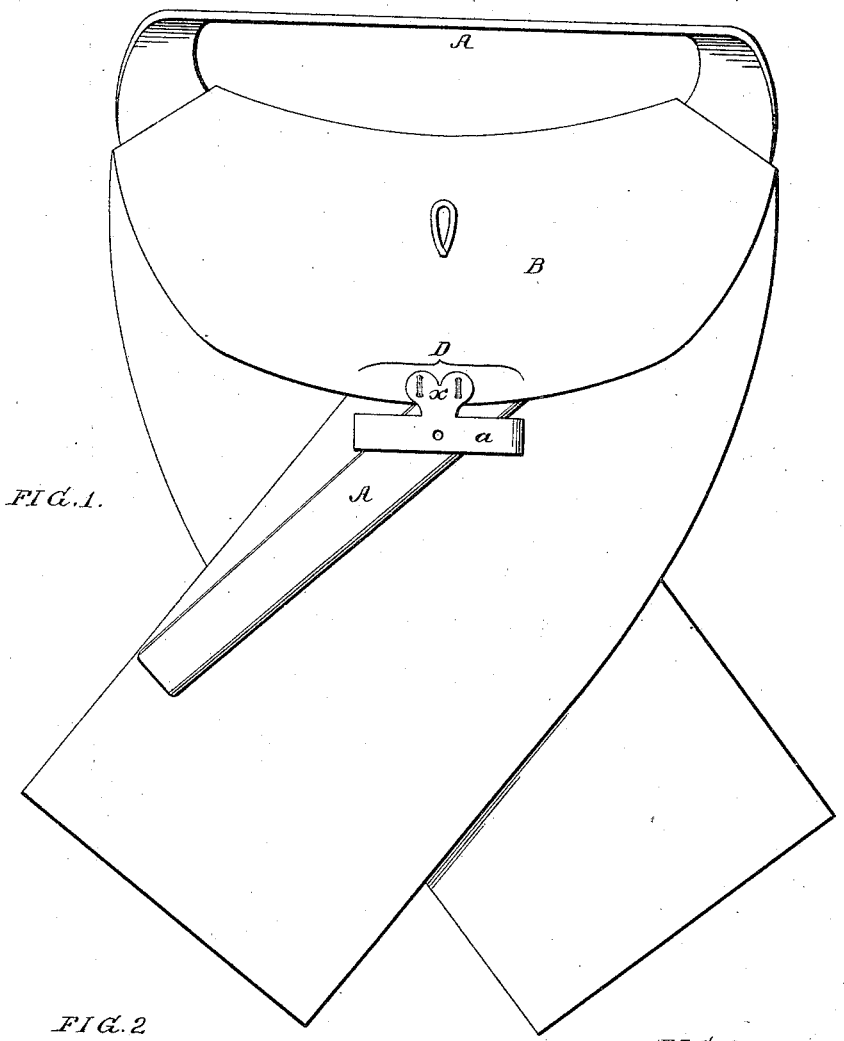
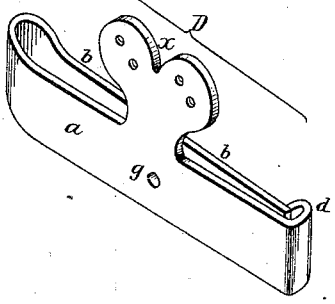


FIG. 1.

FIG. 2



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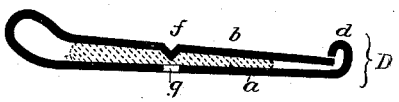

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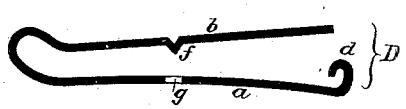

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CLASP FOR THE BANDS OF NECKSCARFS AND OTHER ARTICLES.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 307,382, dated October 28, 1884.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB ELSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Clasps for the Bands of Neckscarfs and other Articles, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a retainer or clasp into which a strap or band can be readily introduced, from which it can be readily withdrawn, and by which it will be securely retained, my improved clasp having been designed, mainly, as a substitute for the pin which is usually employed to secure the neckband of a scarf, but the clasp being also available for other purposes.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the inner side of a neckscarf with my improved clasp applied thereto as a band-retainer; Fig. 2, a perspective view of said retainer; Fig. 3, a sectional view of the same closed, and Fig. 4 a sectional view showing the retainer open.

In neckscarfs as usually made the tucked end of the neckband A is retained by a pin projecting from the lower edge of the shield B of the scarf. Such a retainer is objectionable, because it mutilates the band and has but a slight hold on the shield to resist the strain to which it may be subjected, and, further, on the general ground that it is inadvisable to have sharp-pointed projecting pins in any article of wearing-apparel.

I use in place of the pin a clasp, D, which is secured to the shield by a projection, *x*, the clasp projecting below the lower edge of the shield. The clasp consists of a plate, *a*, of thin and elastic sheet metal, bent over at one end to form a tongue, *b*, and at the opposite end to form a catch, *d*, for said tongue, the point of which engages with the catch when the clasp is closed, as shown in Fig. 3. The band A is retained between the tongue *b* and plate *a*, as shown, and in order to increase the hold of the clasp on the band and prevent the slipping of the same the tongue *b* has a stud, *f*, struck up therefrom, or otherwise formed thereon, and the plate *a* has a corresponding opening, *g*. The projection *x* is also formed on the plate *a*, and in this projection are openings for the reception of the threads whereby the projection is secured to the shield of the scarf; or eyelets, prongs, or other means of fastening the clasp to the shield may be used, if desired. When it is desired to release the band A from the control of the clasp, the catch *d* is moved off the end of the tongue *b*, so as to allow the said tongue to spring outward, and thus permit the ready withdrawal of the band from the clasp. On reinserting the band A the clasp is fastened by pressing down upon the tongue *b*, the catch *d* first yielding to permit the end of the tongue to pass it, and then recovering its position so as to project over and retain said end of the tongue.

Besides the objections to the retaining-pin which I have before mentioned, there is a further one—namely, the slackening of the band as it slips from the point to the base of the pin, thus causing a loose fit of the band to the collar, or requiring the band to be drawn unduly tight in the first instance.

With my improved retainer there can be no slipping of the band in the clasp; hence this objection is effectually overcome.

My improved clasp is adapted for the retaining of bands or straps generally, although especially designed for use on a neckscarf, as shown.

I claim as my invention—

1. The clasp comprising the elastic plate *a*, with tongue *b*, catch *d*, and projection *x* on the upper edge, as set forth.

2. The combination of the shield and neckband of a scarf with the clasp D, secured to and projecting below the lower edge of the shield, and consisting of a plate, *a*, with tongue *b* and catch *d*, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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