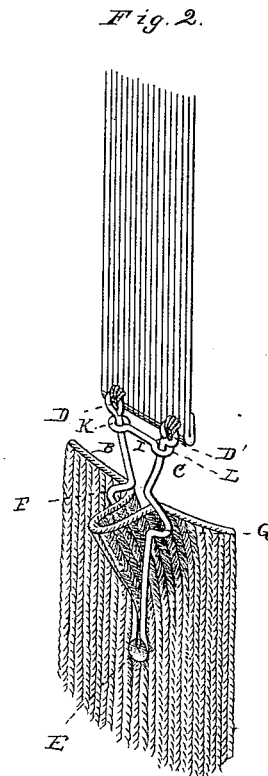
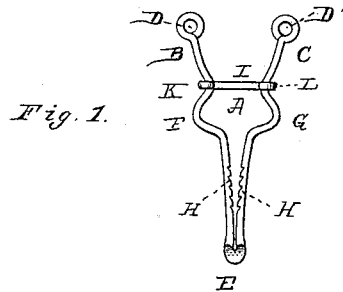


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE FRENCH ATWOOD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Swanton in the county of Franklin and State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stocking-Fasteners; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention, and is a back view. Fig. 2 is a perspective view.

My invention relates to stocking-fasteners; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts, as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates the frame or body portion of the stocking-fastener, which is made from a single piece of wire bent at its middle into a form somewhat resembling the letter V. The ends of the arms B C of the V are provided with eyes D D', by which the frame or body is to be fastened or secured to the fabric, elastic or otherwise, by which the fastener is attached to the clothing of the wearer. The point E of the frame is flattened, and the arms B C of the frame or body portion are provided with bends F and G, which curve outwardly from each other. The inner faces of the arms B C, between the bends F and G and the point of the body or frame, are provided with serrations or teeth H, which engage the fabric of the stocking and hold it, but are not sharp enough to tear or injure the fabric.

I designates the slide-bar, which is a short piece of wire having hooks K L at its ends, which embrace the arms B C between the eyes D D' and the bends F and G, and slides up and down thereon. When slid down, the slide-bar permits the frame to open or expand so that the fabric of the stocking can be inserted between the teeth, which interlock, and by moving the slide-bar up toward the eyes D D' the arms of the body will be compressed upon the fabric, and the teeth will hold it firmly without injuring it. To remove the fabric from the fastener, the slide-bar should be moved toward the bends in the arms, which will permit the arms to spread or expand, so that the fabric may be readily removed from the fastener.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the frame having the eyes at the ends of its arms for attachment, the outward bends intermediate of the eyes and point, and the interlocking teeth, of the slide-bar between the eyes and bends of the arms, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with the frame having the eyes at the ends of its arms for attachment and the outward bends intermediate of the eyes and point, of the slide-bar between the eyes and bends of the arms, substantially as specified.

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

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