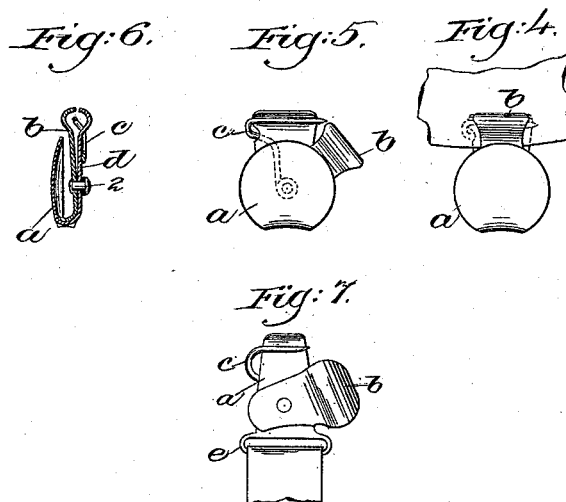
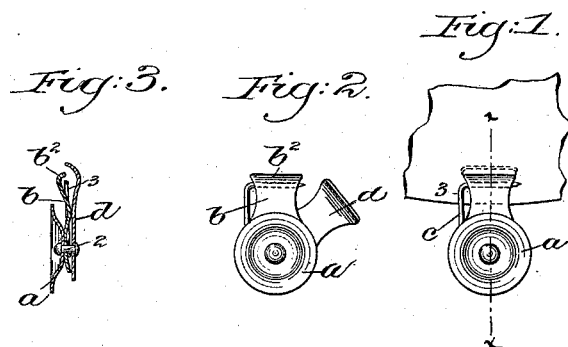


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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. PRESTON, of Cambridgeport, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Garment-Supporters, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object to construct a detachable button or supporter which may be readily applied to garments when desired, and which is very strong, and capable of resisting very considerable strain.

In accordance with this invention a button or disk is provided with a pin bent at right angles and connected to the button or disk, preferably loosely, the outer or bent end of the pin having a long holding portion to engage the material. The holding or engaging end of the pin is inclosed within or between two bent jaws, which serve as a clasp to engage and hold the material in addition to the pin, the said jaws also serving as guards for the pin, thus preventing it from being bent out of its normal position by a pull of the material upon it. One of the jaws is swiveled with relation to the other, so as to be turned aside to permit the pin to engage the material and thereafter be returned to hold the material engaged by the pin.

Figure 1 in front elevation shows a detachable button embodying this invention; Fig. 2, a similar view showing one of the jaws turned aside to expose the pin; Fig. 3, a vertical section of the detachable button shown in Fig. 1, taken on the dotted line *xx*; Fig. 4, a front elevation of a modified form of detachable button; Fig. 5, a similar view to Fig. 4, showing one of the jaws turned aside; Fig. 6, a vertical section of the button shown in Fig. 4, and Fig. 7 a modification to be referred to.

The button or disk *a* (see Figs. 1 to 3) has connected with it, as by a pin or rivet, 2, a jaw, *b*, bent at its outer end, as at *b*<sup>2</sup>, to form a recess. A pin, *c*, formed of wire is connected at one end with the rivet 2, and at its opposite end the pin is bent at right angles, as

at 3, to present a long holding or engaging portion. The holding or engaging portion of the pin *c* is contained within the recess at the end *b*<sup>2</sup> of the jaw. A second jaw, *d*, is loosely connected with the jaw *b* and disk by the same rivet, 2, said jaw being bent at its outer end like the jaw *b*, but in the opposite direction, to form a recess to receive not only the holding or engaging part of the pin but also the end of the jaw *b*. The jaw *d* being thus loosely connected with or swiveled to the remaining parts, as described, may be turned aside, as shown in Fig. 2, and when thus turned aside the pin is exposed to enter or engage any suitable material, after which the jaw *d* will be closed upon the material, and, co-operating with the jaw *b*, will form a clasp to aid or assist the pin in holding the material. By this construction, the jaws, when in position to hold or assist in holding the material, serve as guards for the pin, that it may not be bent outwardly under undue strain.

Figs. 4 to 6 show a modified form of button, wherein the button or disk *a* is formed integral with or attached to the rear jaw, *d*, the other jaw, *b*, being loosely connected with the jaw *d* by the rivet 2, the pin being attached at one end to the rivet 2, while its opposite end is bent or made to enter between the jaws like unto Fig. 3. The operation of this modified form is similar to that above described.

Referring to Fig. 7 a loop or eye, *e*, is attached to or it may be formed integral with one of the jaws, and when thus made may be employed as a garment-supporter, the strap being attached to the loop or eye.

I claim—

1. The button, disk, or loop, and the pin, bent as described, to engage the material, combined with a jaw or guard having a recess to receive the bent or holding portion of the pin, substantially as described.

2. The button, disk, or loop, and the pin, bent as described, to engage the material, combined with the jaws *b* *d*, inclosing the pin, substantially as described.

3. The button, disk, or loop, and the pin, bent to engage and hold the material, com-

bined with the jaws *b a*, bent at their outer ends to form a recess to receive the pin, substantially as described.

4. The button, disk, or loop, the pin, and a  
5 jaw connected with the pin, combined with another jaw movable with relation to the first jaw, substantially as described.

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

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