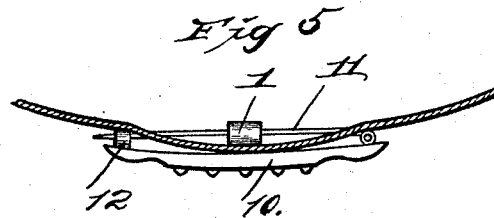
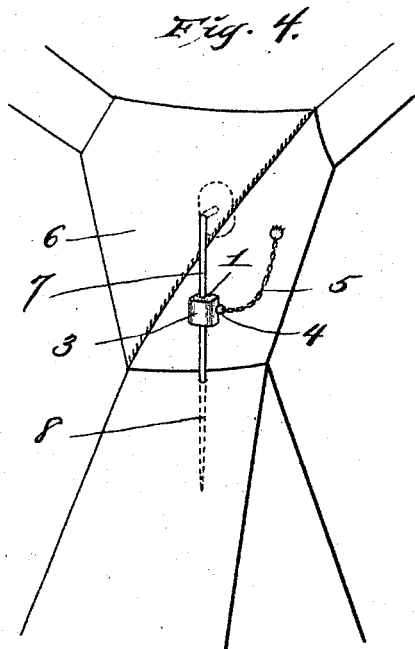
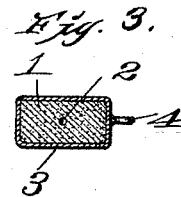
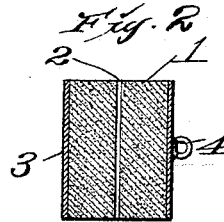
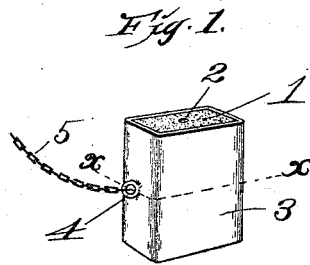


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JONAS F. RUFFNER, of Raton, Colfax county, Territory of New Mexico, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Retainers for Scarf or Breast Pins, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to retainer devices for scarf-pins, breast-pins, &c., and more particularly to that class where the pin is held from disengagement with the material should the point become unfastened, and my object is to provide a device for this purpose which is cheaper, equally effective, and more easily secured in or removed from position than previous devices of the kind.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1, is a detail perspective view of a retainer block embodying my invention. Fig. 2, is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3, is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line  $x-x$  of Fig. 1. Fig. 4, is a rear view of a scarf, and showing the pin thereof, also showing the retainer block secured in operative position upon said pin. Fig. 5, represents a sectional view of a portion of a dress and showing a breast pin provided with my retainer device.

In the drawings, 1 designates a block, of rubber or other suitable material and of any suitable size and preferred shape, and this block is formed with an aperture 2 extending therethrough. If desired, also an ornamental shell or covering 3 may be secured around said block, and provided with an eye 4, to which a small chain 5 may be attached. It is to be understood, however, that the block 1 of any suitable material may be used without the shell or covering, if desired.

In applying my retainer device as a scarf-pin fastener, I first pass the pin 7 through the scarf 6 in the usual manner, and then slip the

retainer-block upon the pin, said pin passing through the aperture 2 until the block is a suitable distance above the taper or sharpened end 8 of the pin. The sharpened end of the pin is now forced through the lower portion of the scarf. This aperture 2 is of very small diameter, so that it is necessary to apply a suitable pressure upon the block in order to force it to the required position upon the pin. Therefore it will be seen that should the lower end of the pin in any manner become disengaged from the scarf and the upper portion of the pin work through the upper portion of the scarf, the retainer block coming in contact with the rear side or back of said scarf will prevent the pin being entirely or accidentally withdrawn.

If desired, additional security may be gained by attaching the chain 5 through the eye 4, and then sewing or securing in any suitable manner the opposite end of the chain to the back of the neck-tie or scarf.

When used in connection with a breast-pin 10, the pin 11 thereof is first passed through the goods, and then the retainer block is slipped thereon so that it shall occupy a position at the inner side of the goods. The pointed end of the pin is then passed upwardly through the goods again and engaged by the clasp 12 in the usual manner. When used in connection with breast-pins it is preferable to use simply the block of rubber or other suitable material without the shell or covering, and the abrasion of the rubber block against the inner side of the goods affords an additional safe-guard against the pin becoming unfastened, because it resists any longitudinal movement of the pin in position; also the rubber block fitting tightly upon said pin, should the pin become unfastened from the clasp would prevent the breast-pin from accidental disconnection with the dress.

From the above description, it will be seen that I have produced a retainer for pins for various purposes, which is easily attached to the pins, and which is simple, durable and inexpensive of construction.

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

5 In a pin retaining device, the combination with a pin, of a block of elastic material having a passage in which the pin fits tightly, a metallic sleeve or band fitting tightly around and carried by the elastic block and provided

with an eye, and a chain attached to said eye, substantially as set forth.

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

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