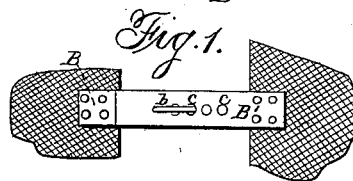
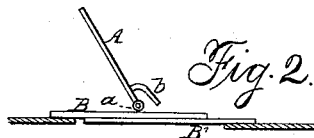


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IMPROVED FASTENING FOR GARMENTS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH EDWARD DALLON, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fastenings for Garments and other Articles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents an inside face view of a fastening constructed in accordance with my improvement, showing the same closed and as applied to two pieces of fabric or two ends or portions of a garment it is desired to connect;

Figure 2 is an edge view of the same when open; and

Figure 3, a longitudinal section of said fastening under a closed condition of its parts.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The fastening, which is the subject of this invention, is generally designed as a substitute for a clasp or buckle, but may be used where a clasp or buckle would not be convenient or applicable, and the same is not restricted to any particular garment or purpose, as a like combination or arrangement of parts may be used under various forms or modifications and changes of size to suit different garments or purposes. It may here, however, incidentally be named that the invention is well adapted to be used as a corset or suspender fastening; also, may be used as a fastener for boots or shoes, and gloves, likewise as a harness-fastening.

The invention consists in a flap hinged to a plate or strap that carries the one-half or portion of the fastening, and provided with a bent tongue on its one side or face, in combination with a perforated plate or strap, arranged to form the other half or portion of the fastening, and through which the bent tongue of the hinged flap is made to enter when closing the fastening.

Such improved fastening is not only simple and cheap to produce, but is easily operated and perfectly secure when closed against being accidentally opened, a pull upon it, in line of the plates or straps which attach it to the article or garment, serving to increase the security of its hold or lock, and the fastening, when secured, lying close or flat with its locking-tongue out of the way, as regards any objectionable protrusion of it.

Referring to the accompanying drawing—

A represents the flap of the fastening, hinged, as at *a*, to a plate or strap, B, that may be united by stitching or otherwise to the one end or portion of the fabric, garment, or article it is proposed to apply the fastening to.

Arranged to project from the inner side or face of the flap A is a bent tongue, *b*, which, when the flap is shut down on the plate B, projects through a perforation therein, or it may be over the end of the same, and through any one of a series of perforations, *c*, in a second plate or strap, B', secured to the other end or portion of the fabric, garment, or article, and the several parts being so constructed and arranged that, when the fastening is closed, the plates B B' and flap A all lie close or flat, and the bent tongue *b* in a snug locking position on the inside of the plate B', and so that its nose-end or portion is directed backwardly toward the hinge *a*, and is out of the way, as regards any objectionable protrusion of it in a crosswise direction of the plates, which, when the fastening is applied to a garment, is an important consideration, as under such arrangement there is no danger of the hook or bent tongue sticking into the person of the wearer.

The bent tongue *b* also, when in lock with the plate B' through any one of the perforations *c*, according to the adjustment required of the fastening, forms a safe and positive lock at its root with the plate B', and which is only made yet more secure by any effort to move apart the plates B B' in direction of their length.

To open the fastening, it is only necessary to lift or swing the flap A, as represented in fig. 2, till its tongue *b* is disengaged from its locking perforation *c*, when the plates B B' are at liberty to be slid apart or be otherwise moved away from each other.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The flap A, hinged to the one plate or strap B, attached to one side or edge of the garment or other article it is applied to, and provided with a bent tongue, *b*, on its inner side or face, in combination with the perforated plate or strap B', attached to the other side or edge of said garment or other article, substantially as specified.

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