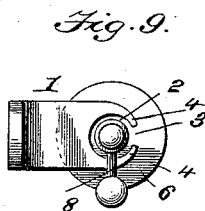
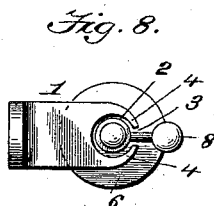
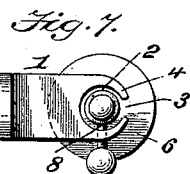
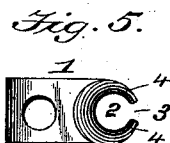
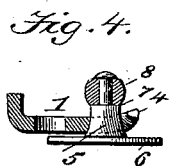
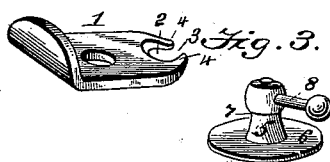
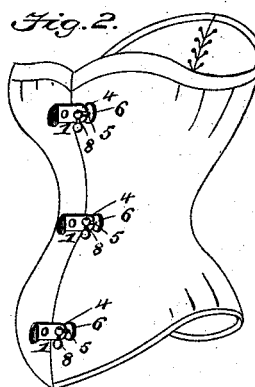
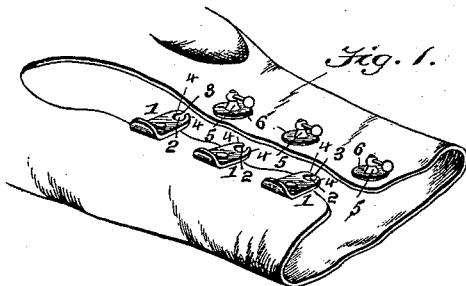


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENNY BERNSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Garments; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to improvements in fastenings for garments, articles of wearing apparel, and other articles of various descriptions, and it has for its objects to provide a clasp or fastening the parts of which may be cheaply constructed, readily applied, conveniently locked and unlocked and which will be ornamental in appearance.

To this end the invention consists of a clasp or fastening formed of two parts, a keeper and an interlocking device constructed and arranged as more fully hereinafter set forth, illustrated and specifically claimed.

The above mentioned objects are attained by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 represents a view of a glove, and Fig. 2 a view of a corset showing my fastening applied thereto; Fig. 3 represents a view in perspective of the parts of the fastening detached; Fig. 4 represents a vertical, sectional view of the parts interlocked; Fig. 5 a bottom view of the keeper, and Fig. 6 a front view thereof; Fig. 7 a plan view showing the keeper over the shank in its first position when effecting a locking of the parts; Fig. 8 a plan view showing the parts in their second position when being interlocked and Fig. 9 a plan view showing them in their third or interlocked position.

Referring to the drawings in which the same reference numerals designate like parts in the respective figures, the numeral 1 indicates the keeper which consists of a small plate of metal or other suitable material, the ends of which are curved or turned upward as shown in Figs. 4 and 6. The forward end is provided with an aperture 2 and slot 3, forming open lips, or lugs 4, the underside being countersunk and tapering toward the outer end so as to form inclined ways which will guide the

locking arm into the slot between the lips when the keeper is passed over the end of the shank and its lock-arm, and pressed upon the same.

The interlocking device consists of a shank 5 that is attached to or formed with a flat base 6. The upper end of said shank is contracted so as to form a shoulder 7, against which abuts a swiveled lock-arm or latch 8 which is weighted at its free end as indicated, the sleeve of the said arm, which surrounds the contracted portion of the shank being secured thereon by upsetting the end of the shank. The said lock-arm is of such diameter as to pass freely between the lips of the keeper, and to permit the circular opening to surround the shank, said shank being of greater diameter than the opening between the lips of the keeper so as to prevent the unlocking of the parts, when the weighted bar falls out of line with the opening between the lips. The keeper is secured to the article by means of a rivet and washer, and the base of the shank is provided with a projection below, being secured to the article by passing it through a washer and upsetting its end, or the parts of the fastening may be secured to the article in any other suitable manner.

My invention, it will be perceived is applicable to innumerable uses where the adjoining edges or over-lapping edges of garments are to be fastened, and where the ends of bands are to be secured, such as used for garters, umbrellas &c., and makes a convenient and easily operated clasp or fastening.

The operation of my device is as follows: The edges of the article are brought together and the keeper placed upon the top of the shank of the lock-arm as shown in Fig. 7 when, upon pressing the keeper upon the lock-arm the inclined sides of the countersunk aperture of the keeper will bear against the weighted arm and cause it to turn around toward the opening between the lips of the keeper as shown in Fig. 8 permitting the end of the shank which is of greater diameter than the width of the slot or opening between the lips and the weighted arm to pass into and through the keeper as in Figs. 4 and 9. The weighted arm falls naturally out of line of the slot of the keeper keeping the shank in place. The curved lips, when strain is upon the article

are naturally pressed outward, holding said keeper securely under the lock-arm and against its shank.

To unlock the fastening the weighted lock-arm is simply moved around until in line with the opening between the lips of the keeper, as in Fig. 8 when the lock-arm can escape.

The upset of curved rear end of the keeper forms a convenient handle and facilitates the manipulation of the fastening, but is not essential.

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

In a fastening device, the combination, with a keeper plate having at one end and on its under side a circular countersunk aperture

and a slot leading out from said aperture, the plate being upturned at the sides of said slot forming inclined guideways, of a base plate, a circular shank on the base plate, of greater diameter than the slot in the keeper plate, adapted to enter the aperture in the keeper plate and an arm swiveled on said shank and adapted to pass into the slot in the keeper plate, said arm being weighted at its free end, substantially as shown and described.

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

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