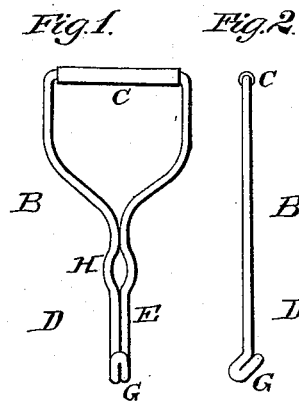


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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE BRADSHAW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Clasps; 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 letters of reference marked on the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a device embodying my invention; and Fig. 2, a side elevation thereof.

The object of my invention consists in making a garment clasp bent from a single piece of wire. This wire is round so that it will not cut or injure the fabric, and the clasp end is bent back upon itself in the form of a hook, which acts to force the fabric into a bunch at that point.

For these purposes my invention consists in the following construction and arrangement of a garment clasp, the details of which will first be described, and the novel features then set forth and claimed.

In the drawings—B. represents my improved garment clasp. C is a cross-piece or bar by means of which it is attached to the garment.

D is the clasp end comprising two parallel pieces of wire having slight spaces between them. The lower ends of these parallel pieces E are bent over upon themselves, so as to form a hook shaped end projection G, which stands out on the face of the bars E. The parallel wire pieces E at their upper ends diverge or branch outwardly to afford a space within which the fabric to be held is drawn, prior to being forced down between the parallel pieces into engagement. The resiliency of the wire permits the fabric to slide downwardly until it reaches the hook G, which latter standing at the side of the wires E catches

the goods as they are crowded down upon the hook and securely holds them within the clasp. The hook G adds to the rigidity of the structure at its lower end and prevents the wires E from spreading unduly apart at that point.

It will be noticed that the hook portion G as a whole is bent bodily out of line with the wires E. This construction gives great strength and rigidity to that portion of the clasp and prevents the wires spreading and allowing the goods to slip out. A still more important result accrues from bending the hook G out of line and that is that no matter which side of the clasp is applied to the fabric the hook G still stands out from each side of the wires E for the purpose stated above.

H is an elliptical opening formed between the wires E, which has the effect of retarding the fabric above that caught by the lower end of the hook in such manner that the goods full up and assist the bunching of the fabric at the lower end, whereby a more secure hold is obtainable than has been possible by similar clasps in common use. Especially is this the case where there is a temporary slack on the strap or tape.

I claim—

1. The garment clasp herein described having parallel wires, as E, between which the cloth of the garment is secured and an intermediate enlargement or opening, as H, the parallel wires closing both above and below said opening.

2. The garment clasp herein described having parallel wires, as E, between which the cloth of the garment is secured an intermediate enlargement or opening, as H, the parallel wires closing both above and below said opening, and a projection, as G, at the outer extremity of the parallel wires.

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

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