

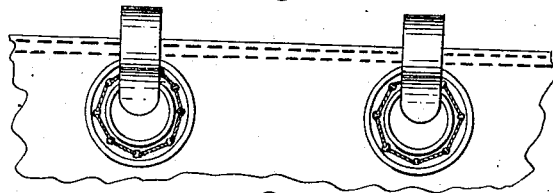
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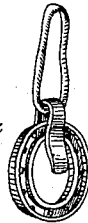
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR WEARING APPAREL.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, ROBERT C. NICHOLS, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Fastening for Wearing Apparel, &c., of which the following is a specification:

This fastening is designed for attachment by sewing with thread to garments and other objects made of flexible material, in cases where considerable strain calls for large holding-surface in order to distribute the stress and the holding and securing thread-stitches over ample area.

In the drawing, the improved fastening is shown in Figure 1 in face elevation, as sewed to a waistband of a skirt or other clothing, in readiness to be connected to a shoulder-strap harness, for the purpose of transferring weight where it is most easily borne with the least injurious effect. Fig. 2 shows, in perspective, the improved fastening as caught into a link of a pair of braces or suspenders; and Fig. 3 shows an edge view of the fastening attached to the waistband of a pair of drawers, and caught upon the waistband of a pair of trousers.

The fastening is preferably made by a stamp-

ing and punching operation with suitable dies from sheet metal, the hooked part being afterward bent to the curves desired. Said bent part is marked *a* in the drawing, and is integral with the flat part *b*, which is lightened by removal of its center, so that a flat ring is formed, which is pierced with many holes, through which the thread and needle is passed in the act of sewing the hook to any textile or other suitable flexible material like furs, leather, &c. The inner and outer edges of the ring are raised above the surface pierced with thread-holes, so as to protect the thread from wear by chafing.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, the fastening shown and described, consisting of the hooked part combined with the flat ring pierced with thread-holes, as and for the purpose specified.

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

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