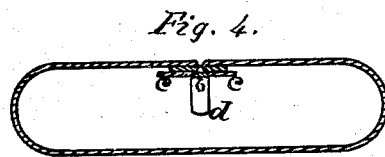


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Band-Fastener.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BAND-FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN DRESSER, of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Metallic Fastener for Holding the Ends of Bands, particularly applicable to confining the ends of elastic bands on diaries, pocket-books, and memorandum-books; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making part of this specification—

Figure 1 being a top view of the fastener; Fig. 2, a side view thereof; Fig. 3, a cross-section of the same; Fig. 4, a cross-section of the fastening, together with the ends of the band secured thereto.

Like letters designate corresponding parts in all of the figures.

My invention consists in a plate, A, of metal, in which a central slot, *a*, is formed by cutting a narrow strip or bar, *b*, of the metal at its side edges, the ends thereof remaining joined to the main plate, and then swaging the said strip down somewhat below the plane of the plate far enough to introduce the re-

spective ends *cc* of the band between its edges and the edges of the slot. These ends of the band are then retained in place by pressing or swaging back the strip or bar *b* toward the plane of the main plate as closely as the material of the band will permit, thereby pinching them securely, so that they cannot be drawn out. The fastener is provided with suitable tangs or clips *d d*, to be inserted through the side thickness of the diary or other article to which the band is attached, and then be bent down close upon the inner surface thereof.

Any unessential variation from the construction, as herein described, may be made, provided the feature claimed is substantially retained.

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

A fastener, A, for holding the ends of elastic and other bands, provided with a slot, *a*, and retaining-bar *b*, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

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