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Bracelet-Fastening.

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Fig. 1

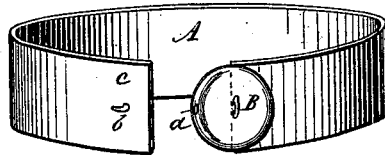


Fig. 2

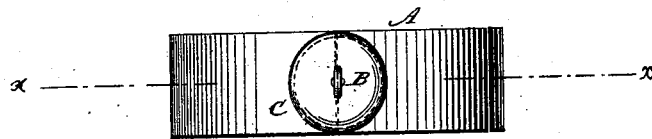
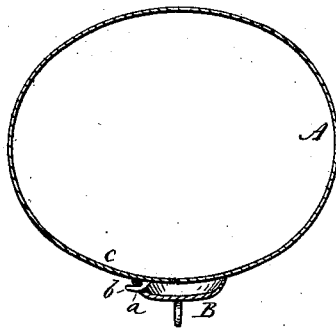


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN BRACELET-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEON VAN PRAAG, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Fastener for Bracelets and other Articles, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bracelet having my improved fastener applied. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on line *x x* in Fig. 2.

My invention relates to fasteners for bracelets and other similar articles.

Referring to the drawing, A is a bracelet, which consists of an elliptical band formed of a strip of spring metal, which may be of any desirable shape or configuration. To one of the ends of the strip of which the bracelet is formed a concave plate, B, is soldered, so that one half of it projects over the end of the strip. In the projecting portion of the concave plate, near its edge, there is a hole, *a*, for receiving a hook, *b*, that projects from the bracelet-strip near its plain end *c*.

The bracelet is fastened by slipping the plain end *c* under the concave plate B, and inserting the hook *b* in the hole *a*.

The bracelet may be easily fastened and unfastened by one hand.

I do not claim any tongue or fastening end in one piece with the band, as this would not answer in bracelets requiring a close fit where the ends join; but

What I do claim is—

A bracelet constructed of a piece of spring metal, and provided on one end with a concave apertured plate, B, soldered on the outside of said end, and projecting half-way over the same, and on the other end provided with a hook, *b*, arranged as shown and described.

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