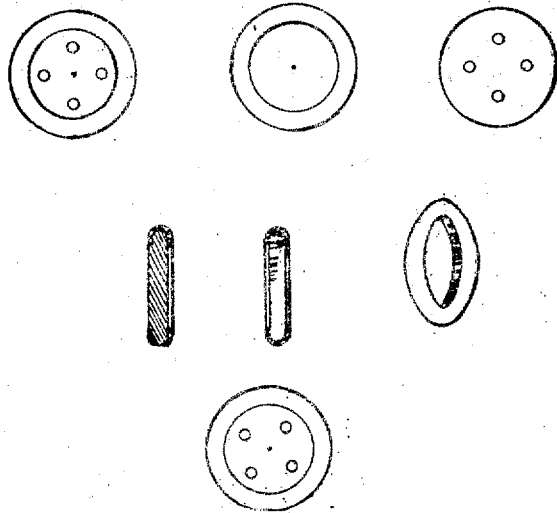


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The Exhibit referred to in the Bill of Sale and making part of the same containing a description in the words of the said De Grasses Fowler himself of his improvement in the mode of making wood Buttons, commonly called dead eyed Wood Buttons.

To all persons to whom these presents shall come, De Grasses Fowler of Branford in the County of New Haven and State of Connecticut sends the Greeting. Whereas that I the said De Grasses Fowler have made invented constructed and applied to use a new and useful improvement in Wood Buttons commonly called dead eyed Wood Buttons and such as are now commonly used for suspenders and other purposes, which improvement I specify & describe in the words following viz. This improvement consists in adding to the common wood Button called the dead eyed Button such as is now commonly used for suspenders more particularly & also for some other purposes, a rim of some suitable metal such as tin, brass, copper or other proper metal around the circumference of said Button, and extending toward the middle of said Button far enough in the back side of the Button to have said rim firmly set on upon the circumference say one fifth to one quarter part more or less of the radius of the Button and extending on the front side of the Button perhaps twice as far so that the same may make an ornamental joint, which bead raised in the middle of the front part of the rim and depressed towards the edge of the Button and toward the inner part of the front side of the rim, and thus leaving about one half of the front side of the Button uninclosed. The hole through which the Thread or cord by which the Button is made fast to the garment are to be three or four more or less in number and inside of the said rim of the Button. By this means increased firmness and durability are given to the common wood Buttons, above described, while the same is sufficiently ornamental to be used upon such garments as are usually worn in this Country. What I claim

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as my improvement and for which only I submit a claim is the addition of a metallic rim or edge to the common wood Ratchet now used for suspensions and some other purposes, by means of which the said Ratchet is rendered firmer and more durable.

In testimony that the above is a true specification of my said improvement as above described I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 6th day of May 1831.

Witness

Sam^l J. Mathercock

Malby Fowler

Dea. Asa Mathercock

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