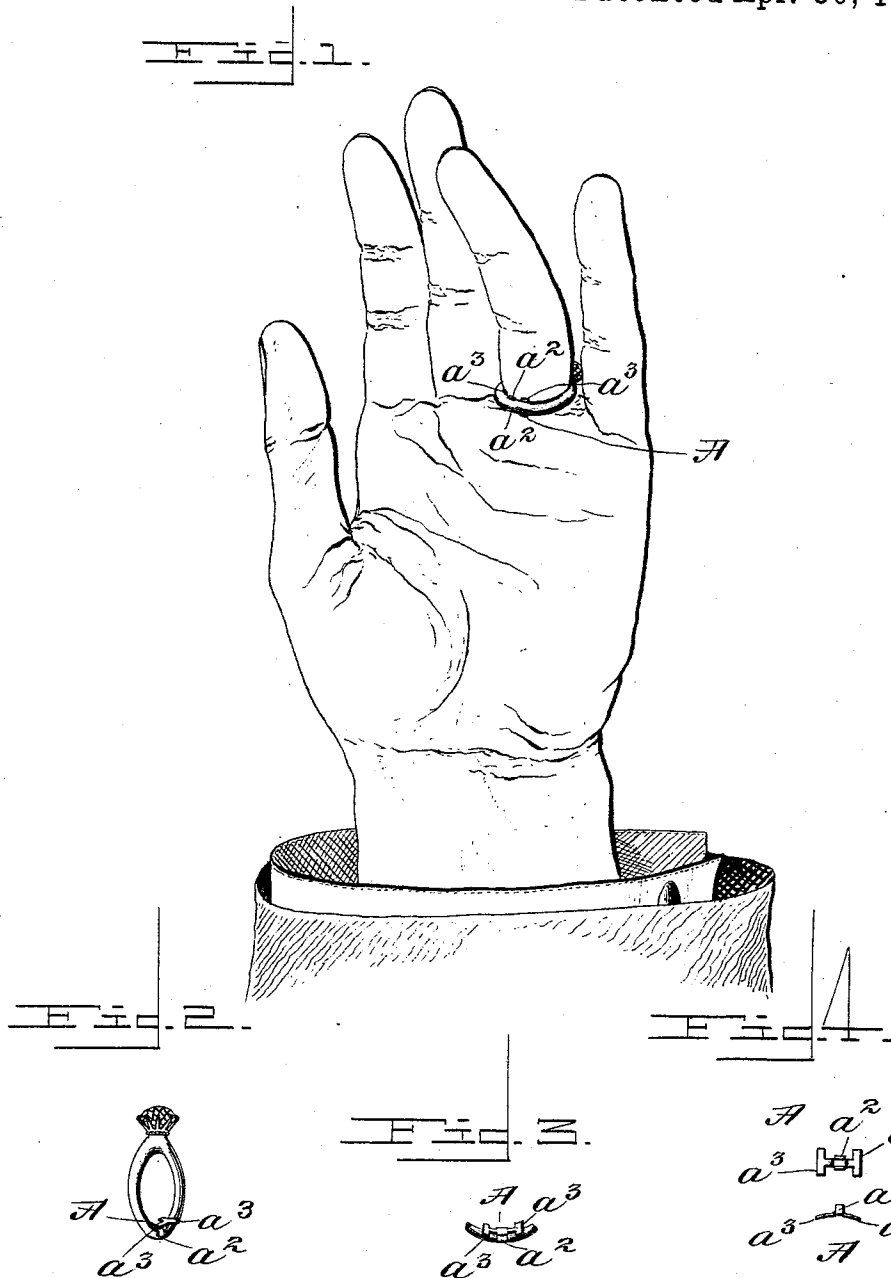


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES BARTLETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Locks for Finger-Rings, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to locks for finger rings.

The object is to produce a device by which a plain or set ring may be held in proper position upon the finger, in a manner to prevent its being lost, as by slipping over the knuckle; and further, to retain the stone or set centered and against moving from side to side.

With these objects in view, the invention consists in a certain novel construction which will be hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective, showing one embodiment of the invention applied to a ring in position upon the hand. Fig. 2 is a view of the ring, showing the relative position of the device. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view in detail. Fig. 4 is a view showing the device in plan and elevation.

In the drawings, A, represents the lock or catch, which is stamped out from a single piece of metal, preferably gold, and consists of a body a , slightly bowed, to serve as a spring, and provided centrally, on opposite sides, with upturned lugs a^2 , designed to embrace the sides of the ring, at a point diametrically opposite the stone or set. The body is enlarged at or near its ends, by having lateral extensions a^3 , projecting from opposite sides thereof. These enlargements serve as bearing surfaces, and being comparatively broad, are adapted to rings varying in width.

It is well known that wearers of finger rings are compelled to use an extra large size, so that the ring may be got over the knuckle of the finger nearest the hand, which is usually larger than the finger proper, and after being placed upon the finger, owing to the enlarged diameter, the ring slips from side to side, causing great annoyance and oft times injury to the finger, as when the ring contains a stone or set. It is the purpose of this invention to effect a snug fitting of the ring, and prevent free play thereof.

In use, the device is placed, so that the central lugs embrace the sides of the ring, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, of the drawings; and by reason of the bowed form of body portion, the ring will be held upon the finger, under a constant tension, which may be regulated by increasing or decreasing the curve of the bow.

Among the many advantages of the device, may be mentioned, its extreme simplicity of construction and low cost of manufacture, together with its neat appearance and effectiveness in use, whereby it may be worn without discomfort, and, while serving to retain the ring in position, also insures it against being lost.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A lock for finger-rings consisting of a slightly bowed spring having at its center, one on each side, lugs adapted to embrace the ring thereat, and at its ends, flat lateral extensions adapted to lie flat and bear upon the finger, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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