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GLOVE FASTENER.

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Fig. 1.

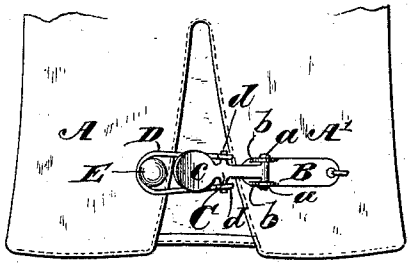


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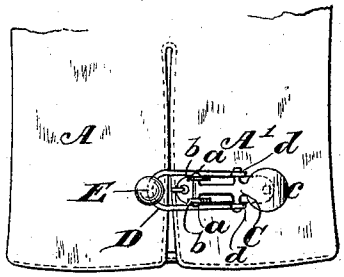


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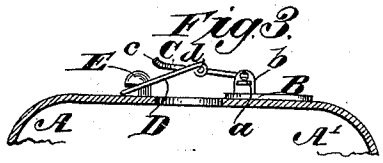


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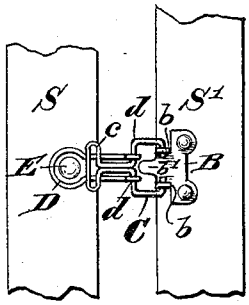


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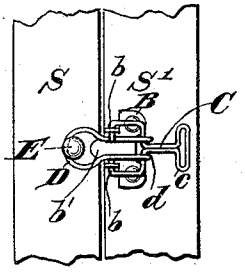


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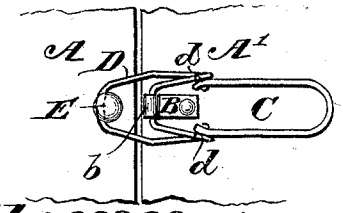
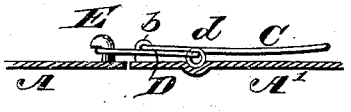


Fig. 7.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. THOMPSON, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fasteners for Gloves and other Articles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a novel fastening device for gloves, corsets, and other articles; and to such end the invention consists in the features of construction and combination of devices, hereinafter described and claimed, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a face view of a fastener as attached to a glove, the flap being separated. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the flaps drawn together. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a face view of a modified form as adapted for corsets. Fig. 5 is a similar view showing the front of the corset closed. Fig. 6 is a plan view of a fastener adapted for overshoes. Fig. 7 is a sectional elevation of Fig. 6.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, referring at present to Figs. 1, 2, and 3, the letters A A′ designate the flaps of a glove. To one flap, A′, is secured a base-piece, B, having near its inner end two ears, *b b*, to which is pivoted one end of a lever, C, which lever I shall hereinafter call the "closing-lever C." At a distance from the pivot, as at *d d*, this lever has attached to it a link or eye, D, which can swing freely about its points of connection *d d* with the closing-lever. Upon the flap A is secured a stud or hook, E, which can be encompassed by the link or eye D when the closing-lever C is in its forward position, as shown in Fig. 1. When the said lever is thrown to the position shown in Fig. 2, the link or eye D engages the stud or hook E and draws the flaps of the glove together. The lever C is provided with a head or finger-piece, *c*, which is wider or greater in diameter than the width of the link or eye D, so that said lever, when open, cannot fall beneath the eye, and the same is always in a position in which it can readily be grasped by the fingers.

To hold the lever C in its closing position I form two small projections or locks, *a a*, on the exterior of the ears *b b*, which project laterally therefrom and engage the opposite sides or arms of the eye or link D as the same is drawn downward to the position shown in Fig. 2. The link or eye, being elastic, yields slightly, allowing it to be passed over the locks in either direction, when the device is operated by hand, but still prevents the link from inadvertently swinging out.

In Figs. 4 and 5 a fastener is shown which is adapted to use for corsets, but also for gloves. In this example the closing-lever C is made of wire and pivoted to ears *b b*, as before, the said wire being bent, as shown, and to the same is attached a link or eye D, as before. The head *c* of the lever is formed by bending the wire outward, and the link or eye D is provided with a contracted shank, so that the head *c* can be readily grasped. The locks *a a* can be formed by the inner ends of the wire forming the closing-lever C, which impinges upon the shank of the link or eye D.

To prevent undue strain upon the link or eye D of the fasteners while fastening the corset, the base-piece B on the steel S′ is provided with a projection or catch, *b′*, which extends over the steel S when the fastener is closed.

Heretofore a fastener for gloves and other articles has comprised a base-piece secured to one flap of the glove, a lever pivoted at one end to said base-piece, and an eye or link pivoted to the lever to engage a lug on the opposite flap of the glove, and such, therefore, I do not claim.

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

1. A fastener for gloves and other articles, consisting of a base-piece, a closing-lever, C, pivoted at one end to the base-piece, a link, D, swiveled to the lever beyond its pivot-point, locks constructed, substantially as described, to engage with the opposite sides or arms of the link when in its closed position, and a stud adapted to be engaged by the link.

2. A fastener for gloves and other articles, consisting of a base-piece on one flap of the article, a closing-lever, C, pivoted at one end to the base-piece, a link, D, swiveled to the lever beyond its pivot-point, said lever being constructed, substantially as described, to engage with the link when the link is in its

closed position, and a stud on the opposite flap of the article.

3. A fastener for gloves and other articles, consisting of the base-piece B, having the ears *b b*, provided on their outer sides with laterally-projecting lugs *a a*, the closing-lever C, pivoted at one end to the base-piece, the elastic link D, swiveled to the lever beyond its pivot-point and having its opposite sides or arms adapted to be respectively engaged by the said laterally-projecting lugs, and a stud, E, adapted to be engaged by the link, substantially as described.

4. A fastener for gloves and other articles, consisting of a base-piece secured to one flap of the articles, a closing-lever, C, pivoted at one end to said base-piece, a link, D, swiveled to the lever, the projection or catch *b'* on the base-piece, adapted to overlap the opposite flap, and a stud on the latter flap, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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