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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN EAR-RINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. STEVENS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ear-Rings; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 represents a front view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same. Fig. 3 is a side view of the same when the spring-guard is thrown open.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in a swinging spring-guard, in combination with the body of the ear-ring, and with a supporting-pin, which extends from the back of said body in such a manner that when the spring-guard is thrown open, the supporting-pin can be readily passed through a hole in the lobe of the ear, and when the spring-guard is closed, it catches over the end of the supporting-pin, and thereby the ear-ring or pendant is securely held in position.

In the drawing, the letter A designates the body of my ear-ring, which may be made in any desired form or shape, with or without additional ornaments or pendants. From the back of this body extends a pin, *a*, which is pointed at its end, so that it can be readily passed through a hole in the lobe of the ear. In said back is also formed a tube, *b*, which

forms the bearing for the shank *c* of the spring-guard *d*, said shank being curved and made of elastic, wire, or other suitable material, so that the guard can be turned up to the position shown in Fig. 2, or that it can be thrown open, as shown in Fig. 3. In the inner surface of the guard is a cavity, *e*, and if said guard is turned up to the position shown in Fig. 2, this cavity catches over the point of the supporting-pin *a*, and thereby the guard becomes locked.

By this arrangement an ear-ring is produced which can be made cheap, and which can be attached to the ear and detached therefrom with little trouble, and at the same time when my ear-ring is secured in position, it is not liable to work loose accidentally.

It must be remarked that my spring-guard can be constructed in different forms, and it may be connected to the body of the ear-ring in various ways, which will readily suggest themselves to a skillful mechanic.

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

The spring-guard *d* having its bearing in a tube, *b*, so as to be turned on its axis, in combination with the supporting-pin *a* and ear-ring A, all constructed and arranged to operate substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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