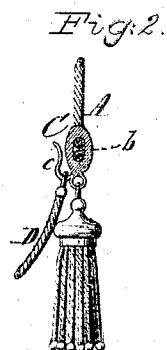
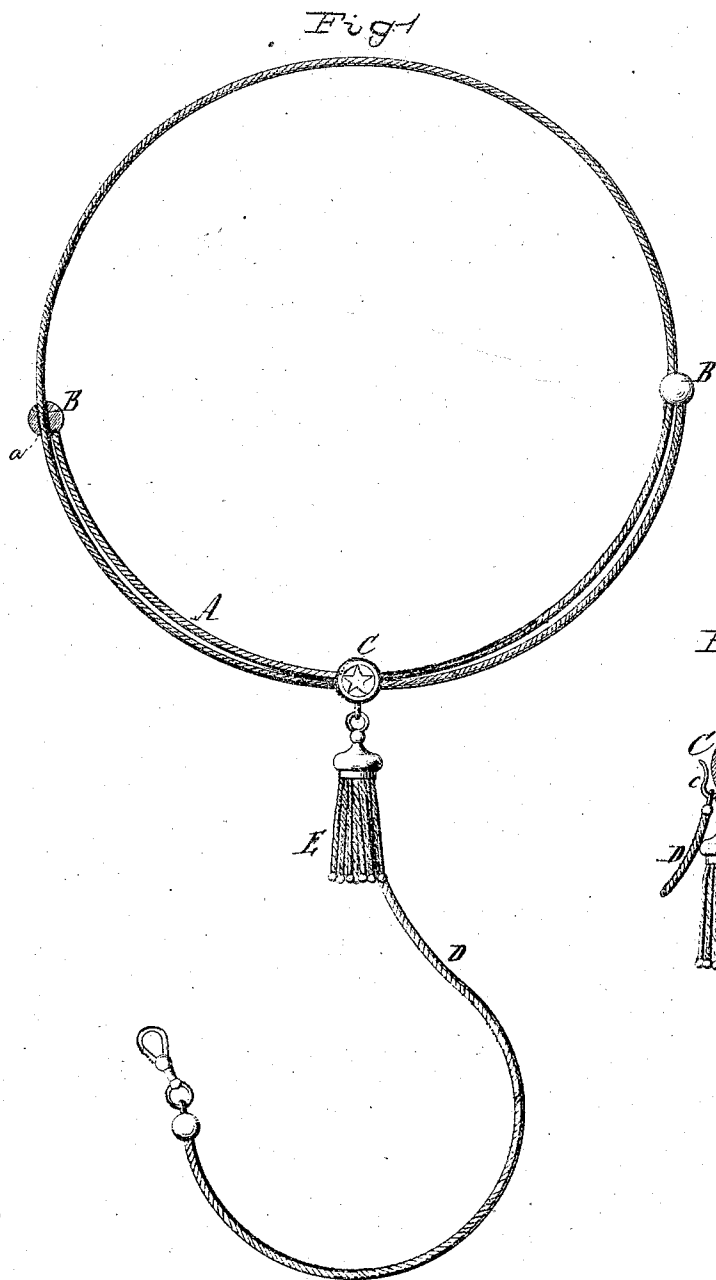


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To all whom it may concern:

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 Neck-Chains; 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 sectional plan of this invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same, the line *x x*, Fig. 1, indicating the plan of section.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in the arrangement on a chain of two slides, one being fastened to each end of the chain, and each being provided with an aperture, through which the chain slides, in combination with a center slide forming a guide for two strands of the chain, in such a manner that the chain can be extended to pass over the head of the person intending to wear it, and after it has been slipped over the head it can be drawn up round the neck to any desired degree, the ends of the chain being retained by the outside slides, while the center slide confines the two strands of the chain situated between the outside slides; and furthermore, said center slide forms an elegant ornament for the chain; also, in the arrangement of a hook or other fastening on the center slide of the neck-chain, the ends of which are secured to the outside slides, in combination with an additional chain provided with a device to engage with said fastening, in such a manner that, by extending the neck-chain and fastening an additional chain to the center slide, an elegant watch-chain is obtained, which extends round the neck, and which can be lengthened or shortened at pleasure by means of the outside or end slides.

In the drawing, A designates my neck-chain, the ends of which are secured to slides B B, and each of these slides is provided with a hole, *a*, to form a guide for the strand of the chain which is secured to the other slide. That por-

tion of the chain A which is situated between the two slides forms two strands, which are confined in a suitable cavity, *b*, in the center slide C, (see Fig. 2,) which slide is fitted on the chain, so that both strands can be readily drawn through it in either direction. On the back of the center slide is secured a hook, *c*, or any other suitable fastening, to which the additional chain D can be attached with ease and convenience. This additional chain is intended to serve as the connection between the neck-chain and a watch. By pulling on those portions of the neck-chain beyond the end slides said chain is extended so that it can be conveniently passed over the head of the person intending to wear the same, and by moving the end slides back away from the center slide the chain is shortened until it fits the neck as closely as may be desirable. The center slide, being fitted loosely on the chain, can always be brought in the desired central position, and if the additional chain D is attached to said center slide my article serves the double purpose of a necklace and of a watch-chain. The end slides, and particularly the center slide, can be made in any desired form or shape, and when properly made they form ornaments to the chain. With the center may also be combined a tassel, E, or any other trinket, locket, or ornament to suit the taste of the public.

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

1. The arrangement on a chain of two slides, one being fastened to each end of the chain, and each being provided with an aperture through which the chain slides, in combination with an intermediate slide forming a guide for the chain, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The arrangement of a hook or other fastening on the center slide of the neck-chain A, in combination with an additional chain, provided with a device to engage with said fastening, substantially as set forth.

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