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Fig: 1.

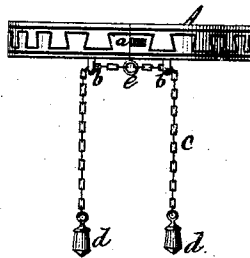
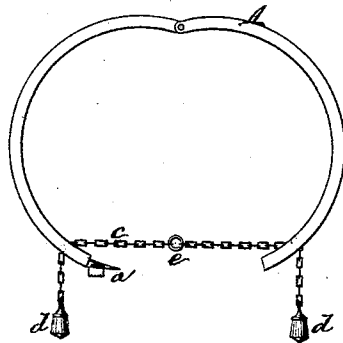


Fig: 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN GUARD-CHAINS FOR BRACELETS.

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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 Guard-Chains for Bracelets; 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 drawings, forming part of this specification, in which drawings—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my invention when the bracelet is closed. Fig. 2 is a plan or top view of the same when the bracelet is open.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in the arrangement of a stop at or about the middle of the length of a guard-chain for a bracelet, as well as at its ends, said guard-chain being made to slide freely through loops secured to the bracelet in such a manner that when the bracelet is closed the middle stop prevents the chain from drawing through the loops of the bracelet spontaneously, and from dangling about all on one side, and when the bracelet is opened the end stops prevent the chain from getting out of the loops.

In the drawings, the letter A designates a bracelet, which is made of two parts or jaws connected by a hinge-joint, and provided with a locking-catch, *a*, to fasten the open ends of the jaws together when the bracelet is closed.

To each of the jaws of the bracelet, at or near its open end, is attached a loop, *b*, and through these loops passes the guard-chain *c*. This chain is provided with stops *d* at its ends, to prevent said ends from slipping through the loops, and a stop, *e*, is provided at or near the middle of the chain, so that when the bracelet is closed said chain is prevented from slipping through the loops and from dangling down all on one side. By means of this middle stop the guard-chain is always retained in a graceful position, and if the end stops are made in the shape of tassels or in any other ornamental form or shape my guard-chain materially improves the appearance of the bracelet. When the bracelet is opened, the middle stop, *e*, does not interfere with the motion of the guard-chain through the loops, and the bracelet can be easily slipped over the hand and attached on the wrist in the desired position.

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

1. A middle stop, *e*, on the guard-chain of a bracelet, substantially as herein shown and described.
2. A sliding guard, in combination with a bracelet, as described.

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