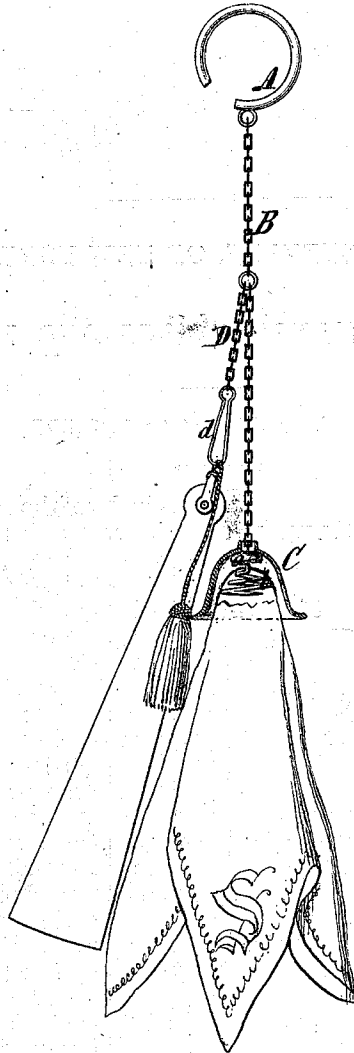


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IMPROVEMENT IN HANDKERCHIEF AND FAN HOLDERS.

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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 Improved Handkerchief and Fan Holder; 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, which drawing represents a sectional front view of my holder.

This invention consists in the arrangement of an open ring in combination with the chain, bell, and fastening device of a handkerchief-holder in such a manner that said handkerchief-holder can be conveniently adapted to fingers of different size, and worn suspended from a finger, or that it can be locked into a button-hole or other part of a dress, leaving both hands free. With the retaining-ring, the main chain, and the fastening device is combined a branch chain containing a hook to receive a fan. The fastening device consists of a bell containing a button with aspiral pin.

In the drawing the letter A designates an open ring, which connects by means of a chain, B, with a button, *a*, from which projects a spiral pin, *b*. Said chain is passed through a hole in the apex of a bell, C, so that when this bell is allowed to sink down to the position shown in the drawing it conceals the spiral pin; another fastening may, however, be substituted for the spiral pin, if desired. The ring A, being cut open, is rendered adjustable to fingers of different size; or, if it is desired to have both hands free, said ring can be

attached to the dress by hooking it into a button-hole or into any convenient portion of the dress. The spiral pin *b* is similar in construction to the spiral shanks of shirt-buttons, with the exception, however, that it is provided with a sharp point, so that it can be readily made to enter the handkerchief, said point opening its own hole. By this spiral pin the handkerchief is securely retained and all danger that the same may become disengaged accidentally is avoided. From the main chain B extends a branch chain D, to the end of which is attached a hook, *d*, of any desirable construction, a snap-hook being used by preference. The object of this branch chain and hook is to combine with the handkerchief-holder a device for retaining a fan; or, if desired, any other articles, such as an ornament, may be suspended from said hook *d*.

By combining with the handkerchief-holder a fan-holder, the convenience and usefulness of my device are materially improved, since ladies are enabled thereby to carry their handkerchiefs and fans without encumbering their hands.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a handkerchief-holder and fan-holder combined, substantially in the manner set forth.

2. The open ring A, in combination with the chain B, bell C, and with a fastening device, substantially as described.

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