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SHAWL-STRAP.

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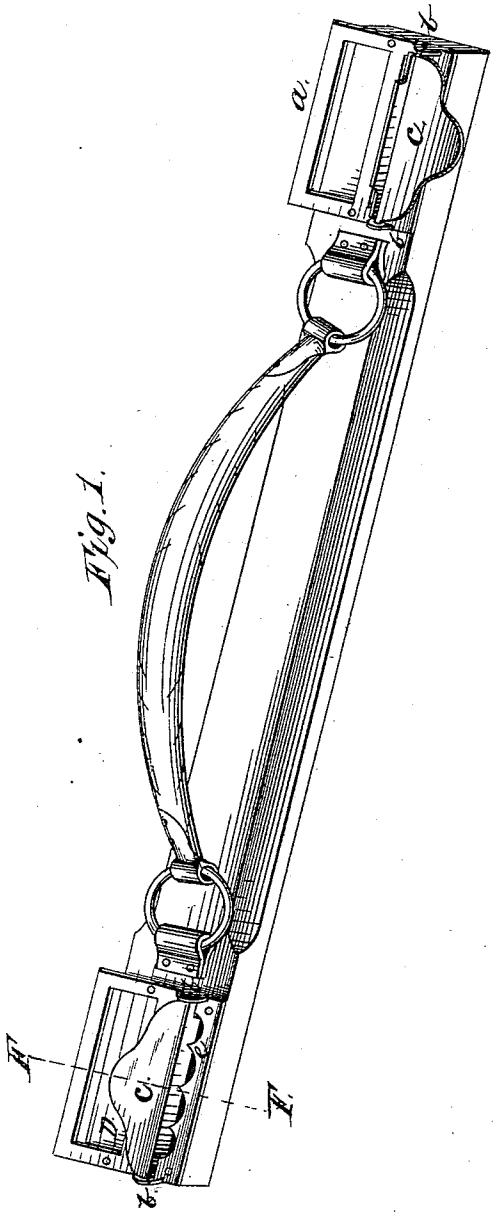


Fig. 1.

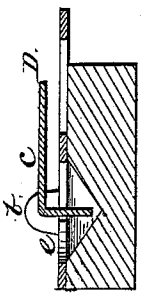


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SHAWL-STRAPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WM. P. FERGUSON, of Brooklyn, county of Kings, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shawl-Straps, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to an improved retaining device for shawl straps, whereby a strap of leather, webbing, or embroidery may be used without perforating the same; and consists of a bar curved to form a handle, or a bar having a handle attached, bearing on each end of said bar, a flat plate of metal, having a longitudinal slot, to permit a right-angled lever to turn into the same, held in place by two raised ears attached to the ends of the plate, and by such operation describing a half-circle, forcing a strap at right angles against a serrated side of said longitudinal slot, to prevent slipping. To release the strap, the upper or longer part of said right-angled lever is raised by the fingers or an upward motion of the loose end of strap.

But, to describe my invention more particularly, I will refer to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, which shows the operation more in detail.

Figure 1 shows the plates in position, fastened to a flat bar. Fig. 2 is a transverse section cut through the line F F.

a is the flat plate, slotted longitudinally, having the raised ears *b b* attached thereto, holding the right-angled lever *c c*, which describes a half-circle, assuming the position D, to force a strap against the serrated side *e*.

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

A shawl-strap, consisting of a handled bar in combination with a right-angled lever, *c c*, revolving in raised ears *b b*, and the longitudinal slot having the serrated side *e*, all constructed to operate substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

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