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Glove Clasp or Fastener.

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Fig: 1

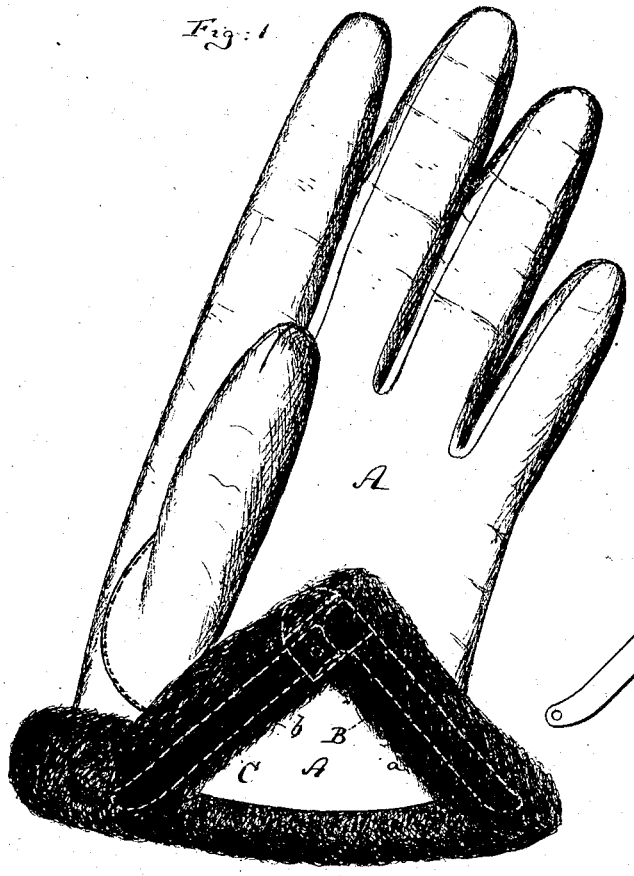


Fig: 4

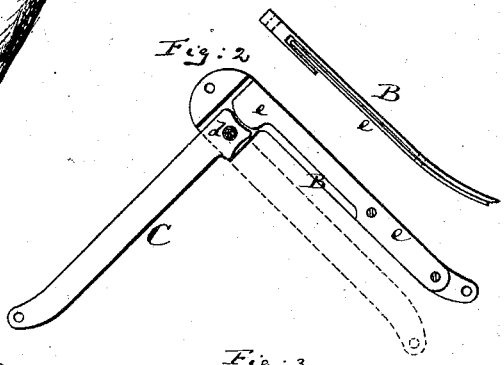
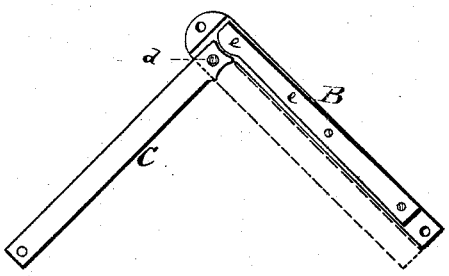


Fig: 2

Fig: 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN GLOVE CLASPS OR FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC LEWINE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Glove-Closer, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a face view of a glove having my improved closer inserted within it. Figs. 2 and 3 are face views of the closer, showing two styles of the same. Fig. 4 is an edge view thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to a new mechanism which, when applied to the slit of a glove, will serve to hold the same open or closed, as may be desired.

The invention consists in the use of a jointed pair of levers, carrying a spring, which, bearing against the end of one of the levers, serves to throw the same off or against the other lever, as may be required, and to hold it in either position. This device is applied to a glove, along the slit thereof, and serves to open and close the glove, and to hold it open and closed.

A in the drawing is a suitable glove or mitten. B is a lever or metal plate, confined within or attached to the glove along one edge, *a*, of the slit. C is another lever or plate, applied along the other edge *b* of the slit. The lever B has an enlargement at its lower end, in the angle of the slit, and to this enlargement is pivoted the lower end of the lever C by a pivot-pin, *d*. *e* is a spring secured to the lever B, and bearing against the end of the lever C, or vice versa, after the manner of a knife-blade.

When this apparatus is confined to a glove by stitching, or otherwise applying it along both sides of the slit of a glove, as indicated in Fig. 1, it will be easy to close the glove on the wrist by slightly touching the upper end of one of the levers, as the spring *e* will then snap the levers together; and it will afterward be equally easy to open it by slightly swinging one of the levers aside, when the spring will complete the motion, and throw the slit open, as in Fig. 1. After a completed motion the spring holds the parts together or apart, as desired. The use of buttons or other fastenings on gloves is thus entirely dispensed with.

In heavy winter gloves, made of thick material, the levers B C will be made to leave a space between them when they are closed, as indicated by the dotted position in Fig. 2, to accommodate the thickness of material, whereas for finer gloves they may close nearer together, as in Fig. 3.

I claim as my invention—

In combination with the opening of a glove, the levers B and C, pivoted together, as described, and the spring *e*, which is rigidly secured to the lever B, and bears against the pivoted end of the lever C, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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