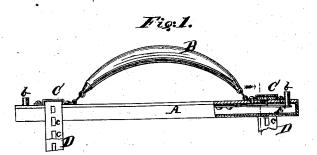
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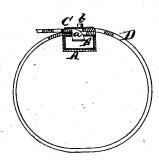
#### Shawl-Strap Handle.

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### Fig. 2.



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#### IMPROVEMENT IN SHAWL-STRAP HANDLES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 164,848, dated June 22, 1875; application filed May 28, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAZARUS LOESER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Straps for Shawls and other articles, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which-

Figure 1 represents a sectional side view. Fig.  $\bar{2}$  is a transverse section in the plane x x,

Fig. 1.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts. This invention consists in a spring-latch, in combination with the hollow supporting-bar of straps for shawls and other articles, and with loops, which form the guides for the straps, the nose of the spring-latch being square at one and oblique or curved at its opposite edge, in such a manner that by pulling the straps in one direction they are retained automatically by said spring-latches, and the operation of tightening the straps round a package is materially facilitated.

In the drawing, the letter A designates a bar, the body of which is made hollow, as shown in the drawing. Said bar may be constructed of metal, wood, or any other suitable material or combination of materials, and it may be covered with leather or other suitable material, or it may be left uncovered, if desired. On this bar is secured the bail B and two loops, C C, which form the guides for the straps DD. In the exterior of the hollow body of the bar A, and beneath each of the loops C, is situated a spring-latch, E, which is provided with a nose, a, and with a fingerpiece, b, both the nose and the finger-piece being guided in openings in the top plate of the bar A. The nose a is square on one edge and curved or inclined on its opposite edge, as shown in Fig. 2, and the straps D are provided with a series of oblong slots, c, intended to engage with the nose a. One end of each of the straps is firmly fastened to the bar A, and the other end is carried round the package, and then it is passed through its loop C, and, by drawing the loose end through said loop, the straps become tightened round the package, being retained automatically by the nose of the spring-latch E.

When it is desired to release one of the straps, the corresponding spring-latch is depressed by its finger-piece b, and then the strap can be drawn back, or its loose end can

be drawn out of its guide-loop C.

By these means a strap for shawls and other articles is obtained, which readily adapts itself to the size of the package to be carried, and which can be fastened round said package with the greatest facility.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure

by Letters Patent, is—

In a strap for shawls and other articles, the combination of the hollow bar A, spring-latches E, guide-loops C C, and straps D D, all constructed and operating substantially in the manner herein shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of May, 1875. LAZARUS LOESER. [L. S.]

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