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Buttoner.

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Fig. 1.

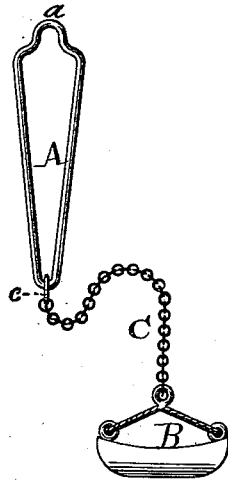
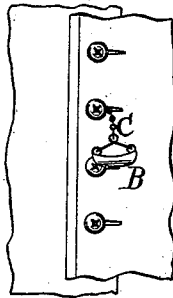


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTONERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. STEVENS, of East Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Buttoners, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my buttoner. Fig. 2 shows the same attached to a vest.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to buttoners for shoes and gloves; and consists in the combination, with a link-shaped buttoner, adapted at one end for buttoning shoes and at the other end for buttoning gloves, of a chain or cord having one end attached to said buttoner by a slipping ring, and the other end attached to a charm, as will be hereinafter more particularly described.

In the drawing, the letter A designates my buttoner. B is the charm, and C is a chain by which the two are connected together.

The buttoner A is composed of an elongated link, preferably of wire, which is so shaped that both of its ends can be used for buttoning, and so that one end forms a shoe-buttoner and the other end a glove-buttoner. I thus produce a very useful article at a trifling cost.

The charm B may be composed of any desirable ornament, and may, if desired, be connected to the buttoner A by a cord in lieu of the chain C. By passing the buttoner A through a button-hole in a vest or other garment, so as to bring the buttoner on the inside of the vest and the charm B on the outside thereof, as shown in Fig. 2, the buttoner is secured to the garment without marring its appearance, and so that it can be readily de-

tached. The chain C is attached to the buttoner by a slipping ring, *c*, which may be easily moved from one end of the buttoner to the other, so that either the shoe or glove buttoner may be used, as desired.

In order that the buttoner may be held snugly and securely on the inside of the vest when not in use for buttoning purposes, and also that it may be adapted for use with large shoe-buttons with small shanks, the large end of said buttoner is provided with a narrow extension, *a*, which, while the larger portion is adapted to pass over the button, is capable only of embracing the shank, and, of course, can slip upward to escape. In securing the buttoner to a lady's vest, the large portion is passed over a button, and the narrow extension drawn upon the shank, the buttoner having been previously passed inwardly through the button-hole of the button next above that to which attached, with the charm hanging out by the chain.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the link-shaped buttoner A, made wider at one end than the other, to adapt it for a shoe or glove buttoner, the wide end being constructed with a narrow extension, *a*, and provided with a slip ring, chain, and suitable ornament, for the purpose of securing it in the button-hole of a vest or other garment, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of August, 1878.

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