

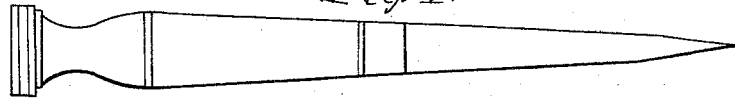
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*Bodkin.*

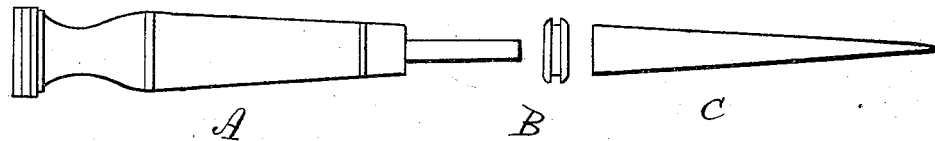
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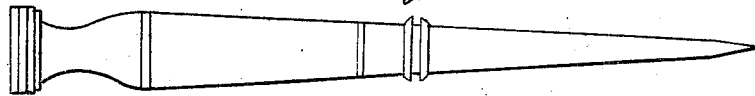
*Fig. 1.*



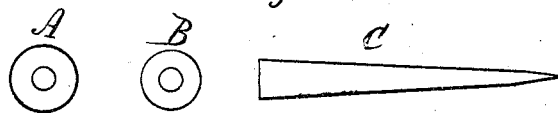
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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BODKIN FOR INSERTING CORSET OR OTHER GROOVED RINGS INTO CLOTH OR CANVAS.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 181, dated April 25, 1837.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JONATHAN S. TURNER, of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful and Improved Bodkin for Inserting Corset - Rings or other Grooved Rings into Cloth or Canvas.

The object of this invention is an instrument that will make a hole in the cloth of the size of the neck of the ring to be inserted and at the same time convey the ring and leave it in place. This I have effected by means of a machine or instrument which I describe as follows:

15 Take a bodkin five inches long and three fourths of an inch in diameter at the base or handle and terminating in a regular taper at a point. Cut this bodkin into two parts, by a cross section two inches from the point. 20 The largest of these sections I call the handle. The other I call the point. Then bore a hole into the base of this conical point about an inch deep and insert a corresponding pin, into the small end of the handle; 25 then by slipping the point upon this pin to its junction with the handle, the bodkin appears again as one piece. A bodkin in this form is used for inserting the rings in the following manner. The point being removed, I place the ring upon the pin, and 30 then replace the point upon the same pin, thereby confining the ring between the handle and the point. The point is then thrust through the cloth crowding the threads apart and thus making a hole nearly the size 35 of the ring. I then remove the point, and the edge of the cloth around the hole is forced over the lip of the ring, by the thumb nail, or scissors or any other suitable instrument; during this time the ring is held in 40 place by the handle and pin. The handle is

then removed and by stretching and rubbing the cloth it will contract around the neck of the ring and hold it firmly in place.

Points of different diameters for the insertion of rings of a less or larger size may be used with the same handle. 45

This bodkin may be made of ivory, bone, wood, or metal, turned in a lathe, the handle and the pin making one piece, and the point 50 a separate piece.

For further illustration I refer to the model deposited in the Patent Office, and to the drawings accompanying this specification as part thereof exhibiting the same 55 jointly and in parts separately.

No. 1 of the drawings exhibits the bodkin with the handle and point united on a pin in the center; No. 2 at letter A, a handle and pin in one piece; B, a ring; C, the point; 60 No. 3, the handle, the point and a ring between them ready for insertion; No. 4, A, larger ring; B, smaller ring; C, a point for the insertion of smaller rings with the same handle. 65

What I claim as my invention and improvement, is—

The division of the bodkin into two parts, in such manner that by the aid of a center pin it may embrace and carry forward the 70 ring, while it makes the hole for its insertion, and holds it firmly till secured in place, all as above specified, and therefor and for the combination of the known parts necessary to construct the same, resulting in the 75 improved bodkin as specified I solicit Letters Patent.

Witness my hand this 7th of April, 1837.  
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