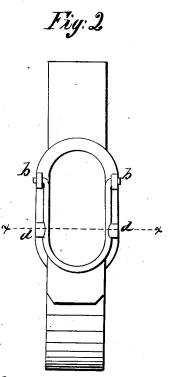
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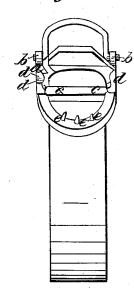
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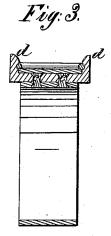
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Fig.1.







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## IMPROVED SPRING-LEVER CLASP.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 53,671, dated April 3, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Gustavus D. Pike, of Chatham, in the county of Middlesex, State of Connecticut, have invented a new Spring-Lever Clasp as a Substitute for a Buckle; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in providing a clasp with a spring-lever that shuts between ears upon a strap, and thereby pressing the strap to the body of the clasp and fixing it permanently.

The clasp is constructed as follows, and con-

sists of two parts.

Figure 1 represents the body of the clasp. a represents the strap-hole in the body of the clasp. b b represent where the spring-lever is attached to the body of the clasp. cc represent where the strap is riveted to the body of the clasp. d d represent the ears with

shoulders that admit the spring-lever beneath them to press the strap upon the body of the clasp. ee e represent teeth in the body of the clasp, upon which the strap is pressed by the spring-lever.

Fig. 2 represents the spring-lever. b b represent the place where the spring-lever is attached to the body of the clasp.  $d\ d$  represent where the spring-lever shuts between the ears upon the body of the clasp.

Fig. 3 is a section in the line  $x \tilde{x}$ , Fig. 2. What I claim as my invention, and desire

to secure by Letters Patent, is—
The employment of the spring-lever 2, and the ears d d, and the teeth e e e, or their equivalents, combined with the strap-hole a and the riveting of clasp to strap, for the purposes specified.

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