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WATCH CHAIN ATTACHMENT.

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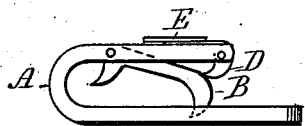


Fig. I.

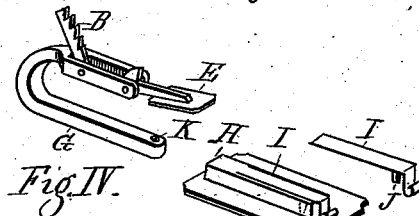


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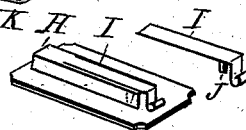


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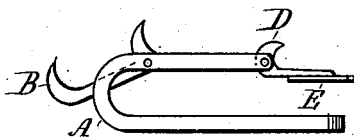


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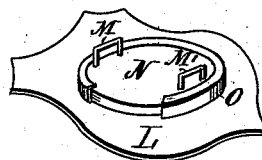


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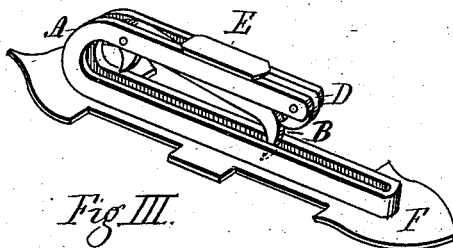


Fig. III.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY M. STROUD, of Chase, in the county of Rice and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Locks for Watch Chains and Guards, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my device when locked; Fig. 2, the same with spur-bar and cam-lever open; Fig. 3, a perspective view with an escutcheon attached; Fig. 4, a modified form of my device adapted to adjustable escutcheons or other appropriate ornaments; Fig. 5, an escutcheon with recess to receive the outer arm of the yoke, also the spring to retain the same; and Fig. 6, rear view of an adjustable ornament with rotating disk.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, convenient, and effective lock or fastening for watch chains or guards. It may be readily attached to or removed from its appropriate place on a garment, and when locked thereon cannot become detached by accident or by force without carrying with it the part of the garment to which it is fastened.

The device consists of a yoke made of suitable metal, so constructed as to clasp the edge of a vest or other article of apparel, and be secured thereon by the action of a cam-lever operating upon a bar provided with suitable spurs or teeth, which are pressed into the cloth and against the opposite arm of the yoke. The yokes are so constructed that they readily adapt themselves to cloths of various grades of thickness and texture. If it be desired to attach them to a delicate fabric, the bar may be made without spurs or teeth, and a rubber lining placed in the groove or slot in the outer arm of the yoke, so that the lock may be firmly attached without danger of rending the cloth.

The outer arm of the yoke offers an appropriate place for an escutcheon or other form of ornament, which may be either permanently attached thereto or adjustable. A variety of ornaments may thus be fitted to one and the

same yoke and worn interchangeably, as will be hereinafter explained.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A designates the yoke, having a slot, in one end of which is pivoted a bar, B, provided with spurs. The cam-lever D is pivoted at the other end of the slot and operated by the thumb-catch E. Fig. 3 shows the yoke attached to an escutcheon, F. Fig. 4 represents the bar B provided with teeth, which are better adapted than spurs to certain grades of cloth. The same figure, in connection with Fig. 5, illustrates the manner of attaching the adjustable ornaments to the yoke. The arm G is pressed into the recess H by raising the spring I with a stud, J, which engages the orifice K in the end of the arm. By this arrangement it will be seen that the ornament is so secured that it cannot be released except by opening the lock. Fig. 6 represents an ornament, L, which may be attached to the yoke by the staples M-M', by which it is secured to a disk, N, which may be rotated within the circular flange O, so that the ornament may be adjusted in position independently and without reference to the position of the yoke.

What I claim as new is—

1. A lock for watch chains or guards herein described, consisting of a metallic yoke having slotted arms, and provided with a spur or toothed bar and cam-lever for locking the same to a vest or other garment, substantially as herein set forth.

2. A lock for watch chains or guards herein described, consisting of a metallic yoke or U-shaped piece, one end of which has a locking-lever, in combination with an escutcheon or other ornament attached to the other limb, substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, this 15th day of August, 1887, in the presence of witnesses.

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