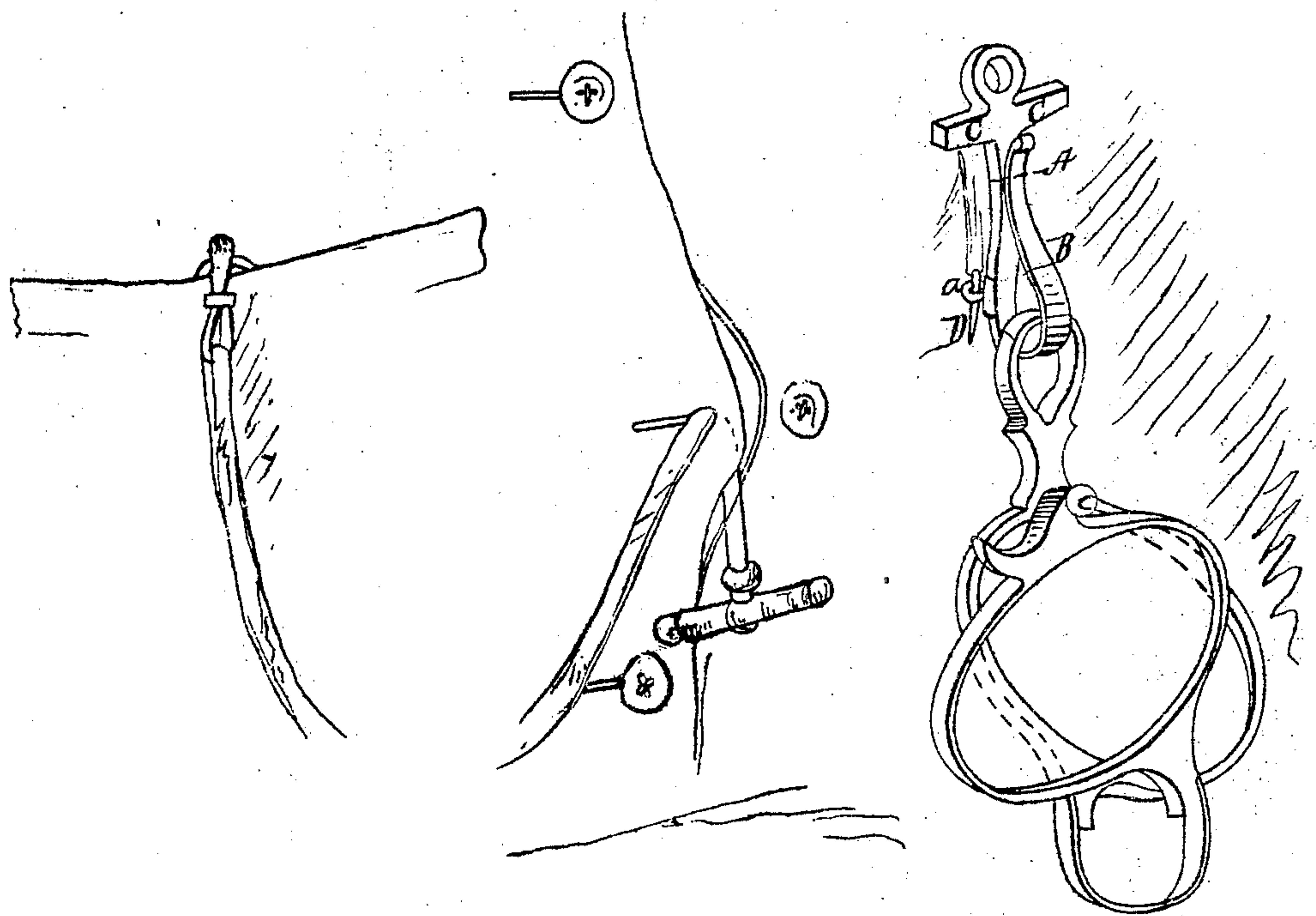


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IMPROVEMENT IN EYEGLASS-SUSPENDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 58,867, dated October 16, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, S. F. MERRITT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Device for Holding Eyeglasses, &c., on the Clothes of the Wearer; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention consists in a device to be hooked into the vest or other wearing-apparel of a person for holding a pair of eyeglasses, the same being composed, in detail, of a snap-hook having a cross-piece at the top of its shank for keeping it in a proper position, and a pin secured to its back for fastening it to the clothes of a person.

The drawing is a perspective view of my invention, showing it as holding or supporting a pair of eyeglasses.

A B designate the part of the device which I term the "snap-hook," A being the shank, and B the hook, the end of the latter being so bent as to spring against the former, and thus prevent any casual dropping off from the hook of any article hung thereon. C is a bar at or near the top of the shank, extending out from either side thereof. This bar C not only renders the device more ornamental, by giving it somewhat the appearance of an anchor, but it serves to prevent the hook turning sidewise, and therefore the hook is always kept in a proper position for placing upon the same the ring or eye attached to the bows of the eye-

glass, as well as to permit the ready withdrawal of the same.

Secured to the back of the shank A there is a pin, D, which is hinged or pivoted in a similar way to the pins attached to ordinary breastpins, and to the lower end of the shank there is a catch, *a*, into which to place the end of the pin for confining it, as in an ordinary breastpin.

The device may be made, in whole or in part, of the same or different metals or materials, and as ornamental as desired.

The device is shown as secured in the side of a gentleman's vest in a position very accessible to the hand, and where it would not be likely to come in contact with anything so as to be injured; but it may be attached in any proper position on the person's clothing.

The device is ornamental and useful, and by its use the neck-cord usually employed for holding a pair of eyeglasses may be dispensed with, and hence the wearer will be relieved of an appendage always in the way.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As a new article of manufacture, an eyeglass-holder consisting of the shank A, spring-hook B, bars C, eye *a*, and pin D, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 13th day of June, 1866.

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