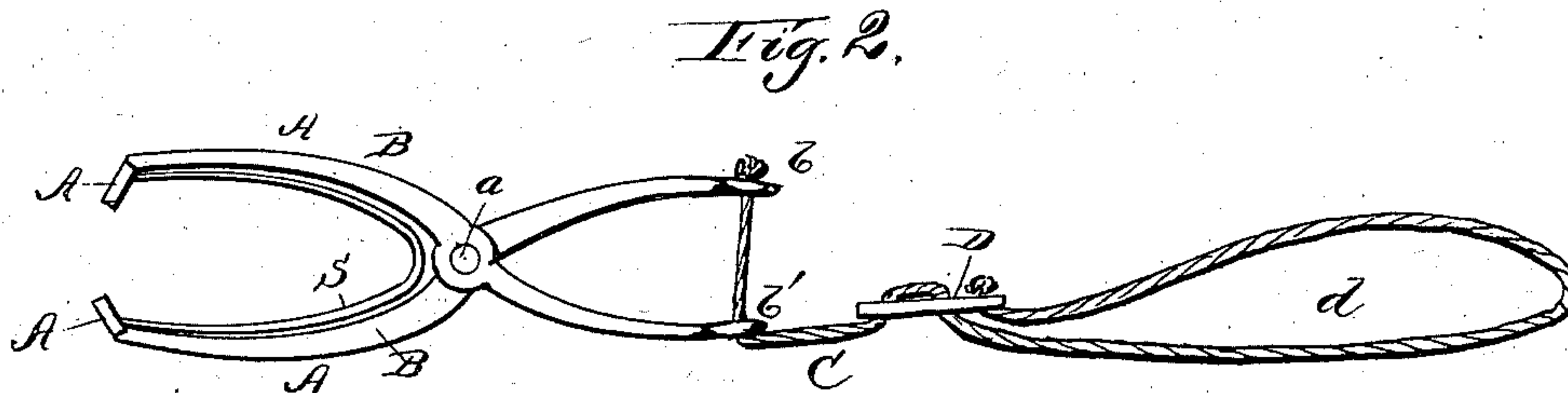
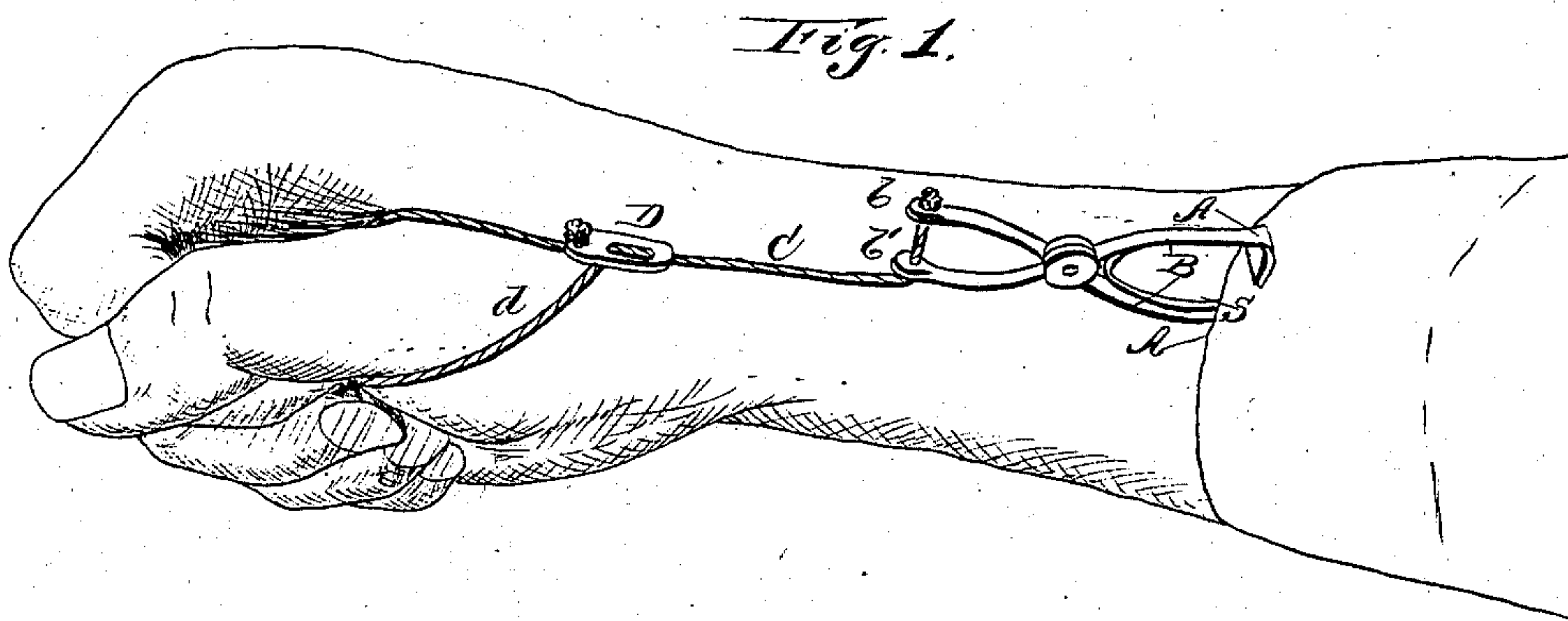


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## LADY'S SLEEVE-GRIPE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUISIANA P. WEBSTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the county of Washington and District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Sleeve-Gripes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing the application of my device, and Fig. 2 a view of the device itself.

The object of my invention is to provide a neat and simple little device by means of which a lady can hold fast the short tightly-fitting sleeves of an under-garment on her body while putting on an over-garment, thereby preventing the under-sleeves from slipping up the arm.

My invention consists in the combination of griping-jaws with a looped flexible attachment, which may or may not be adjustable, and which is so applied to the arms of the griping-jaws that when the latter gripe the edge of a sleeve they can be made to hold it securely by the action of the thumb on the said flexible attachment, as will be fully understood from the following description.

A A designate two griping-jaws, which are preferably made broad, as shown, so that they will seize and firmly hold a piece of cloth, as the end of a sleeve. These jaws, which may or may not be provided with serrations, are on the ends of the levers B B, the fulcrum of which is at *a*. The ends of the two levers B B, opposite the jaws A A, have eyes *b b'* through them, and to the eye *b* is fastened a strong cord, C, which is passed through the eye *b'*, that acts as a kind of pulley when the said cord is drawn taut, for the purpose of causing the

griping-jaws to forcibly approach each other and seize the edge of a sleeve. The cord C is formed into a loop, *d*, which is adjustable for shortening or lengthening it by means of the sliding gripe D or other suitable device. Between the lever-arms to which the griping-jaws are applied is a spring, S, which may be of the U form shown, or of any other suitable form, and which acts by recoil to open the jaws and release them from a sleeve when the tension on the cord C is removed.

I have thus described one practicable mode of carrying out my invention, and I desire to be understood as not confining myself to the precise construction of the device shown as the invention—viz., a griping device and a looped cord. It may be constructed in a variety of ways to present a neat and handsome appearance.

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

1. The combination, in a sleeve-gripe, of the spring-actuated jaws and a draw-cord for closing the same, having a thumb-loop formed on it, substantially as described.

2. The spring-actuated griping-jaws, the draw-cord, and the adjustable loop of the cord, substantially as described.

3. The combination of the griping-jaws A A, the pivoted levers B B, the eyes *b b'*, the draw-cord, the loop, and a griping-slide therefor, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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