



Gorham Manufacturing Company



Gorham Manufacturing Co., Providence, RI

[Gorham Collection, John Hay Library, Brown University]

This report contains details of button and glove hooks that were produced by The Gorham Manufacturing Company. It also includes examples that were retailed by Gorham but not manufactured by the company. The data has been assembled from a variety of sources, including the author's own collection and the personal collections of other members of The Buttonhook Society. The report is likely to be incomplete and will be updated as further information becomes available.

The order of listing for each type of button hook is, in general, by increasing production code and hence approximately by date of manufacture. (Where a production code is not readily interpreted, an estimated date is used.) The individual lists are merged to give an overall listing in rough date order. The following paragraphs explain some of the fields present in the report.

1 Date of Manufacture

The 'Yr' field primarily reflects the date mark, giving the year of manufacture as stamped on the item. However, if there is no date mark, then any registration/copyright/patent date present is shown. If the item is shown in a Gorham catalogue, the first date it was advertised might be given. If the item cannot be found in the catalogues but a date of manufacture can readily be estimated, then this is given. Otherwise, the field is left blank.

2 Length

The overall length is stated, if known, usually rounded up to the nearest mm. For a folding or penknife type button hook, the default length assumes the hook is open (the larger hook if two are present). If an item includes a fixed ring or loop at the end of the item, this is included in the length.

3 Image Sizes

Most items less than 17.5 cm in length and less than 2.5 cm wide are shown to the same scale. (On an A4 size listing, this is approximately full size.) For items larger than 17.5 cm long or 2.5 cm wide, the size of the image is reduced.

4 Gorham Maker's Marks

Sterling Silver

The character group [LAG] in the report is used to refer to the 'Lion, Anchor, G' set of symbols used by Gorham during the late 1800s to identify them as maker of the item and to indicate that the item, or part of the item, is made of sterling silver. (Sterling silver is 0.925 fine.) In the case of the earlier steel shafted button hooks, these marks may also be stamped on the shaft.



From the mid 1860s to the 1890s, the symbols were sometimes stamped within 'full escutcheons' as, for example, on some penknife style hooks. Where the marks are known to be of this form, the character group is shown as [(LAG)].



After about 1898, the symbols on the main body of the silver were often (but not always) shown within 'line escutcheons'. Where the marks are known to be in this style, the character group is shown as [{LAG}].



Martelé Silver

The silver content of Martelé items varies between 0.950 and 0.985 fine. The few Martelé items are identified within the listing and the silver content stated.

Silver Plate

The character group [A] is used to denote the single symbol of an Anchor frequently shown on silver plated items.

Gold

The character group [LA] indicates a Lion superimposed over an Anchor, often used on items made of gold. Frequently an 'X' was also included.



Aluminium (Aluminum)

The character group [AL] refers to the symbol on items made from aluminium. The symbol comprises the capital letters 'A' and 'L' where the right hand stroke of the 'A' forms the vertical stroke of the 'L'. The character group [A], representing an Anchor, is also included.



Gorham did not stamp their maker's marks on all the button hooks they produced. In cases where no maker's marks are present, if the available evidence seems to point to Gorham as the manufacturer, then the item is included, together with a short explanation.

Unless described otherwise, the listed button hooks have sterling silver handles and steel shafts, usually silver plated.

5 Date Marks

Date marks were sometimes included. For example, the [lion's head] mark for 1891 is shown above.

6 Gorham Catalogues

The Gorham catalogues referenced in the report are those reissued by Samuel Hough of 'The Owl at the Bridge' in 2003 and cover the years 1880-1909. Not all items produced during those years are shown in the catalogues. The 1896 catalogue has an associated price list and the net prices of items are included where applicable. The retail price of an item was believed to be typically about 60% above the net price. (To obtain a rough equivalent retail value at today's prices, multiply the net price by 40.)

7 Reference

For further details of the Gorham Manufacturing Company, including information regarding production codes and date marks, please refer to 'An Introduction to Gorham for Buttonhook and Silver Collectors', published by the Society.

A table of shaft types is given as an Appendix to this report.



Code [none] **Year** 1878 **Length** 8.3cm **Wt** 6g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** STERLING-F PT OCT 8 78

Novelty collar button hook (or 'buttoner') in sterling silver in the form of a riding whip incorporating a retractable pencil. Shown with the pencil lead holder extended. A patent date of 8 October 1878 is stamped on the side of the shaft. Length excludes the retractable pencil lead holder. Manufactured by L.W. Fairchild, New York. Deborah Crosby's 'Victorian Pencils, Tools to Jewels' shows the identical buttoner marked 'GORHAM', indicating Gorham as a retailer of the item. In addition to their own products, Gorham sometimes sold other makers' items at their store in NYC.



Code [none] **Year** 1880 **Length** 28.9cm **Wt** 100g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING M **Shaft Mks** [none]

Whalebone handle with an Aesthetic Period Shibayama design of a spray with blossom. The other side has inlaid representations of a grasshopper and two other insects, with a winged insect resembling a fly on the end of the handle. Pierced and gilded sterling ferrule. The shaft, although classed as type 1, narrows at the join with the handle.



Code 05 **Year** **Length** 26.9cm **Wt** 77g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** GORHAM CO. 05

Silver plate. On this example, the maker's marks and production code are (unusually) stamped only on the shaft. However, this hook was also made with the marks '[A] GORHAM 05' stamped on the neck of the handle but with no marks on the shaft. The length and weight are roughly the same, the second version probably being produced some time after the first.



Code 5 **Year** **Length** 10.5cm **Wt** 23g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** STERLING 5 [LAG]

Penknife style. Sterling with a single hook. Each cast scale has the same design. The edge has a cross-hatch pattern. Also produced in a version in which the ends of the rivets are visible.



Code 6 **Year** **Length** 10.6cm **Wt** 27g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [(LAG)] 6 STERLING

Penknife style. Sterling with two different sized hooks. Each cast scale has the same design. The edge has a cross-hatch pattern.



Code 10 **Year** **Length** 11.1cm **Wt** 22g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** STERLING 10 [LAG]

Penknife style. Sterling with a single hook. Each cast scale has the same design.



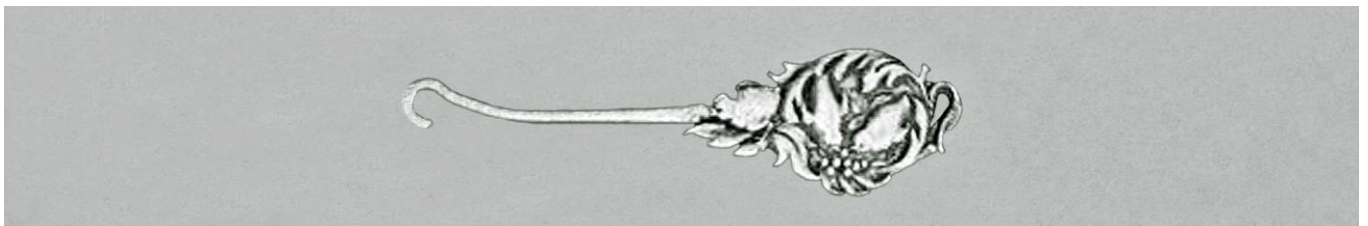
Code 11 **Year** 1880 **Length** 10.9cm **Wt** 30g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1880 - 1890
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** STERLING 11 [LAG]

Penknife style. Sterling with two different sized hooks. Has a fixed ring. Each cast scale has the same design. In the 1880 catalogue section 'Fruit Knives'. Also produced in a version in which the ends of the rivets are visible.



Code 16 **Year** **Length** 10.6cm **Wt** 25g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [(LAG)] 16 STERLING

Penknife style. Sterling with two different sized hooks and scales having a geometric pattern. The reverse side does not have a cartouche incorporated in the design.



Code [none] **Year** **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks STERLING GORHAM. **Shaft Mks** [none]

All sterling glove hook. Marks are stamped on the reverse of the handle. Probably not made but retailed by Gorham.



Code 9 Year Length 15.3cm Wt 25g Shaft 3 Cat -
 Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 9 Shaft Mks [none]



Code 13 Year Length 17.6cm Wt 31g Shaft 3 Cat -
 Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 13 Shaft Mks [none]



Code 14 Year Length 17.1cm Wt 27g Shaft 3 Cat -
 Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 14 Shaft Mks [LAG]



Code 15 Year 1882 Length 23.4cm Wt 65g Shaft 1 Cat -
 Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 15 O Shaft Mks [none]
 'Arts and crafts' hammered style.



Code 16 Year Length 17.7cm Wt g Shaft 3 Cat -
 Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 16 Shaft Mks [LAG]



Code 18 **Year** **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 28g **Shaft** 3 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 18 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]



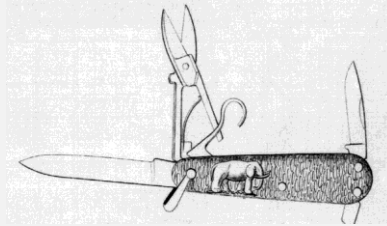
Code 19 **Year** **Length** 16.2cm **Wt** 30g **Shaft** 3 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 19 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

The handle is in the form of a stylised lady. Same design on both sides of handle.



Code 270 **Year** **Length** 17.0cm **Wt** 38g **Shaft** 3 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] 270 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Engraved silver deposit (or 'silver overlay') on mother-of-pearl handle. As with other silver deposit ware, the silver is probably 999/1000 fine (and hence the word STERLING is not marked on the handle). The production code 270 may possibly be associated with silver deposit ware rather than button hooks.



Code 19S **Year** 1883 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1883 & 1884
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**

Shown in Gorham catalogues for 1883 in the 'Sterling Silver Pocket Knives' section and in 1884 in the 'Sterling Silver Pocket Cutlery' section. A narrow scraper blade or spike is not fully shown. The handle portrays an applied elephant.



Code 19B **Year** 1883 **Length** 9.4cm **Wt** 22g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1883 & 1884
Handle Mks 19S **Shaft Mks** GORHAM 19B

Similar to code 19S as shown in the Gorham catalogues for 1883 and 1884, but has applied motifs (copper) that appear to be a spray of vine leaves on one side and a crab and a winged insect on the other. In addition to the mark GORHAM, the production code 19B is stamped on the base of the larger steel blade - but 19S is stamped on one of the sides. The image is reduced in size. Another example, having 3 different applied motifs (in silver and copper), has the code 19P stamped on the base of the large blade, but show a possible attempt to change by hand the 'P' to a 'B'. In this example, there is no code stamped on the side.



Code 23 **Year** 1883 **Length** 6.4cm **Wt** 6g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1883 - 1888
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** GORHAM STERLING

Penknife style. Sterling with a single hook and scales having a matt finish. No production code stamp is present but is shown in the Gorham catalogues as No. 23. Length excludes ring. Shown in the 1884 catalogue in the section 'Sterling Fruit Knives and Matchboxes'. Also known with 'GORHAM & CO' stamped on the shaft.



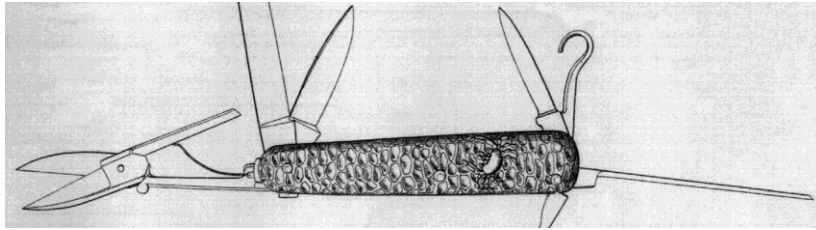
Code 23 **Year** 1883 **Length** 6.4cm **Wt** 6g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1883 - 1888
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** GORHAM STERLING

Penknife style. Sterling with a single hook and engraved scales, each side having a different design. No production code stamp is present but the plain sided version is shown in the Gorham catalogues as No. 23. Length excludes ring.



Code 031 **Year** **Length** 10.6cm **Wt** 25g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** GORHAM 031

Penknife style. Similar to production code 6 but silver plated rather than sterling silver. Two different sized hooks. Each cast scale has the same design of two birds and a flowering creeper-like plant, but unlike code 6, the edging is plain.



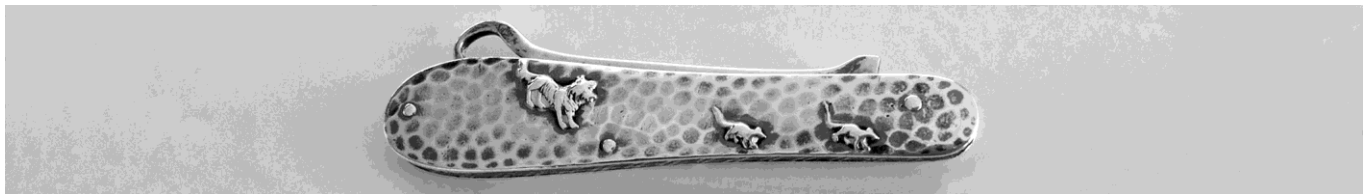
Code 40 **Year** 1883 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1883 & 1884
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**

Shown in Gorham catalogues for 1883 in the 'Sterling Silver Pocket Knives' section and in 1884 in the 'Sterling Silver Pocket Cutlery' section. The implements not fully shown are the large blade and a spike with a 'spear' end. The handle portrays a crab.



Code [none] **Year** 1883 **Length** 10.7cm **Wt** 23g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [LAG] STERLING

Penknife style. Sterling with a single hook and hammered scales with applied silver motifs. No date mark but similar to items shown in the 1883 and 1884 catalogues. The side shown has an an applied dog and bird. The reverse side has an applied dragonfly and a dog with a bone.



Code [none] **Year** 1883 **Length** 13.7cm **Wt** g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [LAG] STERLING

Penknife style. Sterling with a single hook and hammered scales with applied silver motifs. No date mark but similar to items shown in the 1883 and 1884 catalogues. The side shown has an an applied dog with 2 smaller animals. The reverse side shows a different breed of dog.



Code [none] **Year** 1883 **Length** 29.4cm **Wt** 87g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING P **Shaft Mks** [none]

Gorham Japanese Aesthetic Movement design. Ivory handle is in the form of a roll of parchment. Unusual design of sterling ferrule. The shaft screws into the handle and is removeable.



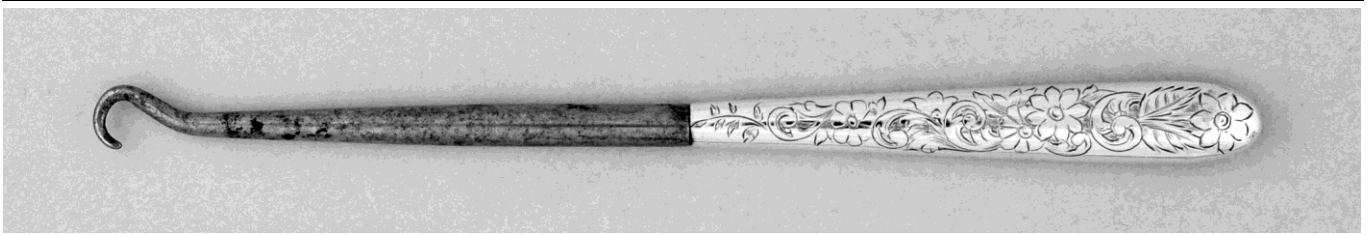
Code [none] **Year** **Length** 30.4cm **Wt** 109g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING **Shaft Mks** [none]

Ivory handle in the form of a roll of parchment. Engraved sterling ferrule. The shaft screws into the handle and is removeable. The example shown has an engraved monogram.



Code 20 **Year** 1884 **Length** 26.1cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 20 Q **Shaft Mks**

Intentional 'damaged' appearance. Refer to 'Gorham Silver', revised edition pages 96 & 97, by Charles Carpenter for further information regarding this style of design.



Code 22 **Year** **Length** 15.5cm **Wt** 24g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 22 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Engraved.



Code 24 **Year** **Length** 16.0cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 24 **Shaft Mks**



Code 112 **Year** 1884 **Length** 11.5cm **Wt** 31g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1884 - 1894
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** STERLING [(LAG)] 112

Penknife style fruit knife with sterling scales, blade and glove hook.



Code [none] **Year** **Length** 12.3cm **Wt** 36g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [(LAG)] STERLING

Penknife style fruit knife with sterling scales, blade and glove hook. Not shown as including a button hook in the Gorham catalogues. However this design of handle is shown in the form of a folding fruit knife only, production code 471, in the catalogues from 1882 to 1888.



Code 522 **Year** 1884 **Length** 9.5cm **Wt** 20g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1884 - 1888
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** STERLING [(LAG)] 522

Penknife style fruit knife with sterling scales, blade and button hook.



Code 30 **Year** 1884 **Length** 26.5cm **Wt** 85g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] Q STERLING 30 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Gorham 1880 'Hamburg' pattern. This example includes 9 stamped motifs, applied by hand, which appear to be: a pair of birds, a hare, a squirrel, a group of 3 flowers, a dog, a spray of blossom, a swooping bird, a flying crested bird and a bee.



Code [none] **Year** **Length** 17.1cm **Wt** 45g **Shaft** 4 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING **Shaft Mks** [LAG]



Code 31 **Year** 1886 **Length** 16.5cm **Wt** 48g **Shaft** 4, 5 **Cat** 1886 & 1888
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 31 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

Cast dog's head. Shown in the Gorham catalogues for 1886 and 1888 but with a type 5 shaft.



Code [none] **Year** **Length** 17.5cm **Wt** 30g **Shaft** 5 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

The Gorham marks are present only on the shaft.



Code 36 **Year** **Length** 26.1cm **Wt** 84g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [(LAG)] STERLING 36 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Ivory handle in the form of a roll of parchment. Sterling ferrule.



Code 36 **Year** **Length** 26.1cm **Wt** 83g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] 36 STERLING **Shaft Mks** [none]

Carved ivory handle with sterling ferrule.



Code 38 [or 1] **Year** 1886 **Length** 15.2cm **Wt** 25g **Shaft** 1, 5 **Cat** 1886 - 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 38 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

Described as '38 plain' in the 1892 catalogue. Also produced with a type 5 shaft . An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 650 Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$0.75. This hook has also been recorded with a production code of '1'. The '650 Line' of toilet ware included a number of items with similar plain handles, all with a production code of '1' (even though different designs had already been produced for items with this code). The button hook is shown in the catalogues only with the code '38'.



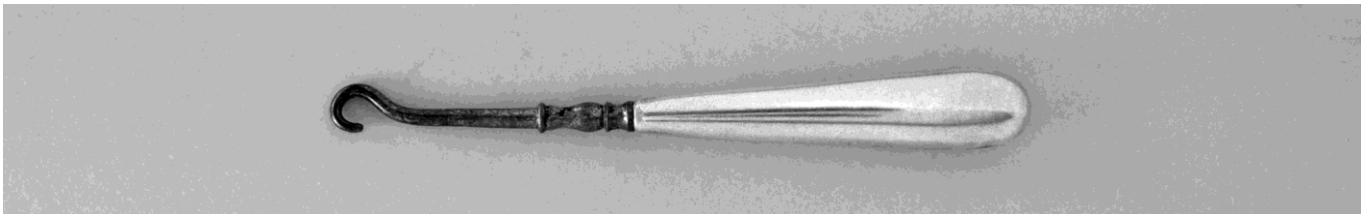
Code 38 **Year** 1888 **Length** 15.3cm **Wt** 27g **Shaft** 5, 1 **Cat** 1888 - 1892
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

Described as '38 Chased' in the 1892 catalogue. The example shown unusually has no markings on the handle and has a type 5c shaft. More commonly, these hooks have [LAG] STERLING 38 stamped on the handle, and have a type 5a or a type 1 shaft. All shaft types recorded for this hook are stamped [LAG].



Code 38 **Year** **Length** 15.1cm **Wt** 27g **Shaft** 5 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 38 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

Acid etched and engraved design of leaves. Design 'wraps around' the handle, the reverse having a different pattern from the front. Same production code as on the plain and repoussé style variations of this hook. This third style of handle having a code number '38', however, is not shown in the catalogues.



Code 39 **Year** 1886 **Length** 9.2cm **Wt** 10g **Shaft** 5,1 **Cat** 1886 - 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 39 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Glove hook. Plain handle. Also produced with shaft type 1 (in this case stamped with [LAG]). An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 650 Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$0.60.



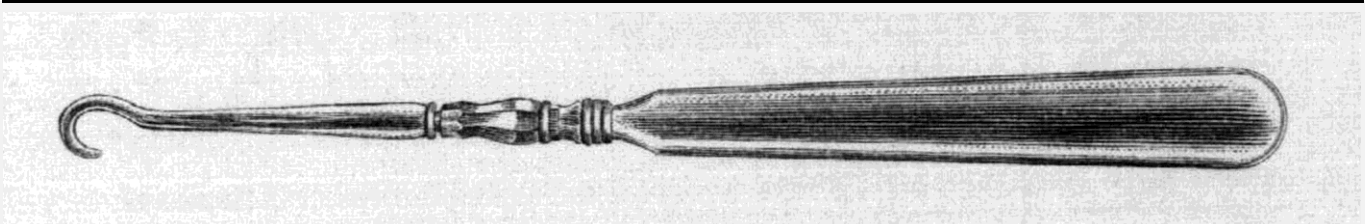
Code 39 **Year** 1888 **Length** 9.5cm **Wt** 13g **Shaft** 1,5 **Cat** 1888 & 1890
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 39 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Glove hook. Also produced with [LAG] on shaft. Also produced with shaft type 5.



Code 39 **Year** 1888 **Length** 8.9cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 5 **Cat**
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 39 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Glove hook. Acid etched design wraps round both sides of handle. This third style of design for code 39 is not shown in the catalogues.



Code 41 **Year** 1886 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 5 **Cat** 1886 & 1888
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**

Image from Gorham catalogue.



Code 42 **Year** 1887 **Length** 26.3cm **Wt** 64g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1886, 1888
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 42 [crown]
 Plain silver handle.



Code 42 **Year** 1886 **Length** 26.3cm **Wt** 69g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1886, 1888
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 42
 Chased silver handle.



Code 42 **Year** 1886 **Length** 26.2cm **Wt** 65g **Shaft** 1 **Cat**
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 42
 Hammered finish.



Code 45 **Year** 1886 **Length** 26.5cm **Wt** 67g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1886 & 1888
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 45
Shaft Mks [none]



Code 46 **Year** 1888 **Length** 25.9cm **Wt** 61g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1886 & 1888
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING [crown] 46
 The handle is in the form of a roll of parchment.



Code 47 **Year** 1886 **Length** 26.2cm **Wt** 73g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1886 & 1888
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 47 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 The handle is in the form of a piece of bamboo stalk.



Code 51 **Year** **Length** 17.7cm **Wt** 42g **Shaft** 4 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 51 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]
 Acid etched and engraved design of flowers and leaves.



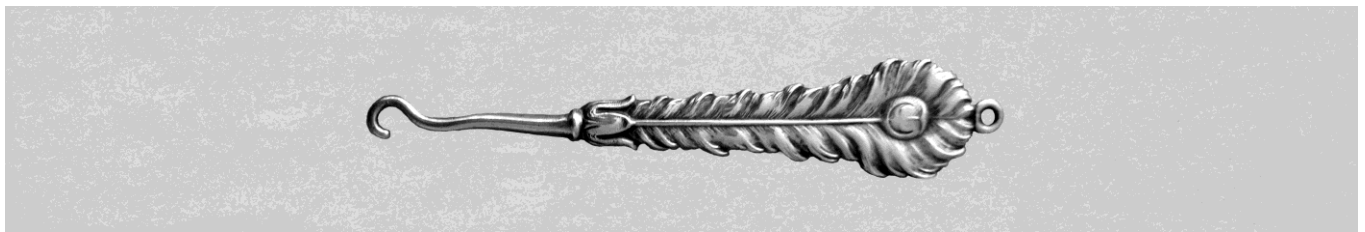
Code 52 **Year** **Length** 16.4cm **Wt** 40g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 52 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]



Code 52 **Year** **Length** 16.6cm **Wt** 38g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 52 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]
 Acid etched and engraved design of vegetation, perhaps seaweed. Same production code as version with plain handle. The shaft, although stated as type 1, has a slight narrowing where it joins the handle.



Code [none] **Year** **Length** 6.4cm **Wt** 5g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** GORHAM
 All sterling buttoner. The style of the maker's mark suggests that this was an item retailed but not manufactured by Gorham.



Code [none] **Year** **Length** 8.5cm **Wt** 12g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks STERLING GORHAM **Shaft Mks**

All sterling glove hook. STERLING GORHAM stamped on reverse of handle. Probably retailed but not manufactured by Gorham.



Code 58 **Year** 1888 **Length** 8.2cm **Wt** 8g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1888 - 1890
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [LAG] STERLING 58

All sterling glove hook. Gorham 1882 'Fontainebleau' pattern (designed by F. Antoine Heller). Hook shows a drummer in mediaeval dress from the French court of Fontainebleau. Reverse shows a small lamp motif positioned on what appears to be a bed of pebbles, together with a spray of ivy-like vegetation.



Code 59 **Year** 1888 **Length** 8.0cm **Wt** 7g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1888 - 1890
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [LAG] STERLING 59

All sterling glove hook with the handle in the form of a peapod.



Code 60 **Year** 1888 **Length** 9.3cm **Wt** 7g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1888 - 1890
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 60 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Sterling buttonhook with a 'Peau de Lion' handle design. This unusual motif was created by Charles Rossigneux for Christofle, and was included on items shown at the 1867 Paris Exposition. The design was also used by Fraget. It is meant to represent the lion skin as worn by Hercules. (Gorham 1885 'No. 3' pattern.)



Code 61 **Year** 1888 **Length** 7.5cm **Wt** 6g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1888 - 1890
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 61 **Shaft Mks** [none]

All sterling glove hook. Gorham 1885 'Colonial' pattern.



Code 81 **Year** 1889 **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 34g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1889
Handle Mks COPYRIGHTED 89 [LAG] STERLING 81 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]



Code 85 **Year** 1889 **Length** 16.8cm **Wt** 38g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1889 & 1890
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 85 COPYRIGHTED 89 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]
 Design slightly different from image in Gorham catalogue.



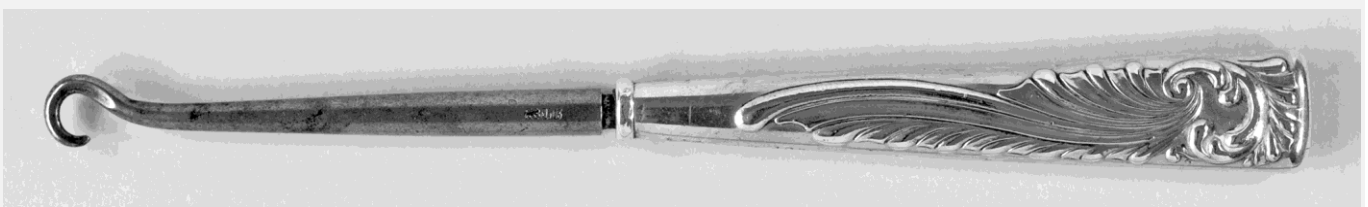
Code 90 **Year** 1889 **Length** 16.7cm **Wt** 44g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1889 & 1890
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 90 COPYRIGHTED 89 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]



Code 95 **Year** 1889 **Length** 16.7cm **Wt** 45g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1889 & 1890
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 95 COPYRIGHTED 89 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]



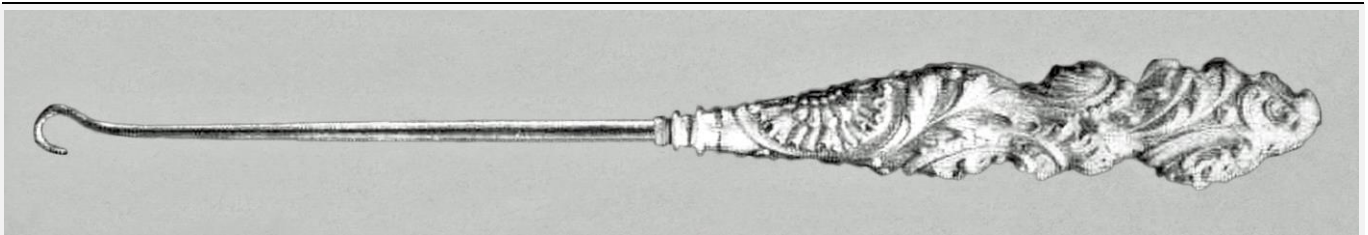
Code 100 **Year** 1889 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 5 **Cat** 1889 & 1890
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**
 Image from Gorham catalogue.



Code 105 **Year** 1889 **Length** 16.7cm **Wt** 38g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1889 & 1890
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 105 COPYRIGHTED 89 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]



Code 110 **Year** 1889 **Length** 16.7cm **Wt** 44g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1889 & 1890
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 110 COPYRIGHTED 89 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]



Code [unk] **Year** 1889 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1889
Handle Mks [unk] **Shaft Mks** [unknown]

Part of a highly ornate toilet set, comprising about 20 pieces, shown at the 1889 Paris Exposition. Repoussé after the style of Louis XVI. Image taken from the Gorham Exposition booklet.



Code 121 **Year** **Length** 25.7cm **Wt** 106g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 121 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

Has different cherub designs on each side of the handle. The Gorham marks are stamped on the shaft and around the neck of the handle. The front and reverse designs merge well around the sides of the handle. However, button hooks of this production number also exist with the same style of cherub on each side. In this case the marks are stamped on the shaft and on the side of the handle. Also, the designs do not merge around the sides. This latter hook is about 10% lighter and is perhaps not quite so well made as the former and was probably produced some time later. A matching shoe horn has production code 120.



Code 3512 **Year** **Length** 12.6cm **Wt** 36g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [see description]

The shaftmarks are 'GORHAM M'F'G Co. STERLING [Shiebler 'wings' mark] 3512', the number being a Shiebler code. The opposite scale of the button hook has a similar but not identical pattern. The hook was manufactured by Shiebler for retail by Gorham. A longer folding hook having the same pattern but a slightly different overall design, and with the model number 3513, was manufactured by Shiebler for retail by Tiffany and Co.



Code 125 **Year** **Length** 26.2cm **Wt** 71g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 125 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

Design on reverse of handle is of a similar style, but not identical.



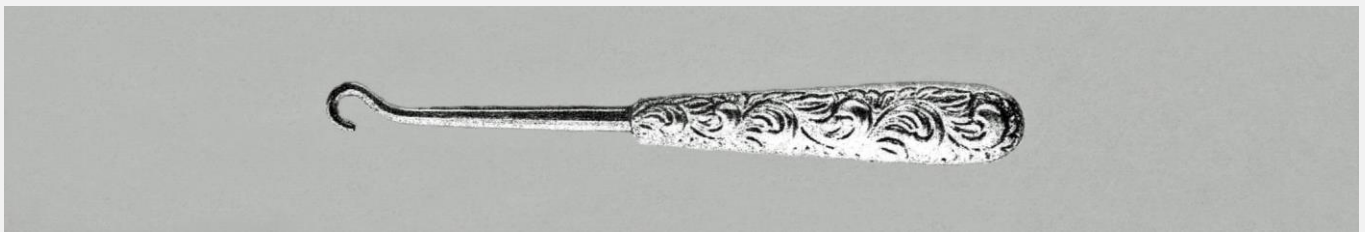
Code 31 **Year** 1891 **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 35g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [A] GORHAM [AL] 31 [lion's head] **Shaft Mks** [none]

Aluminium body, acid etched and engraved. Scabard design, in which the hook end is unscrewed from inside the case, turned round and re-screwed back into the case so that the case becomes the handle. Part of a matching aluminium 9-piece toilet set, possibly a gentleman's lightweight travel set, comprising 3 brushes, a pill box, a pierced toothbrush box, a further pierced box, a soap dish, a shoe horn and the button hook. Two of the items were special orders. Part of a small range of high quality items made by Gorham in aluminium.



Code 130 **Year** 1892 **Length** 15.1cm **Wt** 27g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 130 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

Shown in the Gorham catalogue for 1892 as number '130. Chased'.



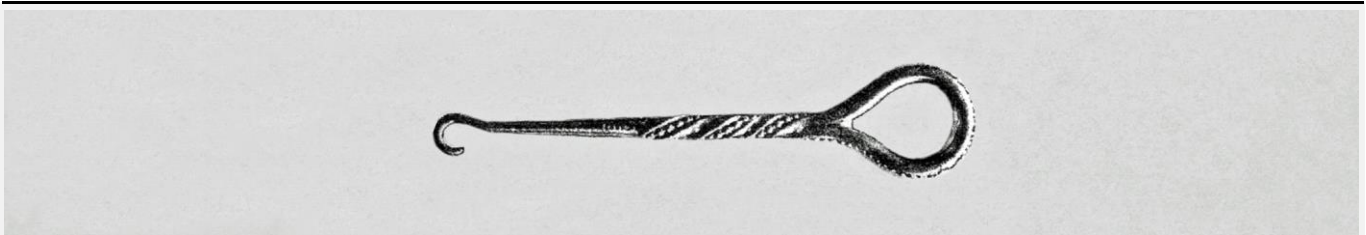
Code 131 **Year** 1892 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**

Image from Gorham catalogue. Described as '131 Chased' in the catalogue.



Code 138 **Year** 1892 **Length** 7.3cm **Wt** 6g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [LAG] STERLING 138

All sterling glove hook.



Code 139 **Year** 1892 **Length** 7.0cm **Wt** g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**

All sterling glove hook. Image from Gorham catalogue.



Code 140 **Year** 1892 **Length** 7.4cm **Wt** 5g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [LAG] STERLING 140

All sterling glove hook.



Code 141 **Year** 1892 **Length** 7.2cm **Wt** 4g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [LAG] STERLING 141

All sterling glove hook. This example is stamped with the French 'swan' import mark.



Code 142 **Year** 1892 **Length** 7.0cm **Wt** 4g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1892

Handle Mks [none]

Shaft Mks [LAG] STERLING 142

All sterling glove hook. This example is stamped with the French 'weevil' import mark.

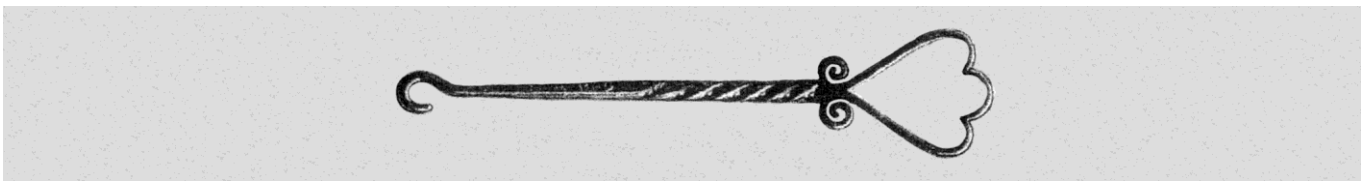


Code 143 **Year** 1892 **Length** 7.9cm **Wt** 5g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1892

Handle Mks [none]

Shaft Mks [LAG] STERLING 143

All sterling glove hook.



Code 144 **Year** 1892 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1892

Handle Mks

Shaft Mks

All sterling glove hook. Image from Gorham catalogue.



Code [662] **Year** **Length** 7.2cm **Wt** 5g **Shaft** - **Cat** -

Handle Mks [f-d-l] STERLING 662 GORHAM MFG. CO.

Shaft Mks

All sterling glove hook. The [fleur-de-lys] stamp is the maker's mark of Ludwig, Redlich & Co. (1890-1895) and the '662' is probably the model number for that Company. Adolph Ludwig was formerly a designer and superintendent for George W Shiebler. The Gorham marks indicate Gorham as the retailer.



Code [674] **Year** **Length** 7.7cm **Wt** g **Shaft** - **Cat** -

Handle Mks [f-d-l] STERLING 674 GORHAM MFG. CO.

Shaft Mks

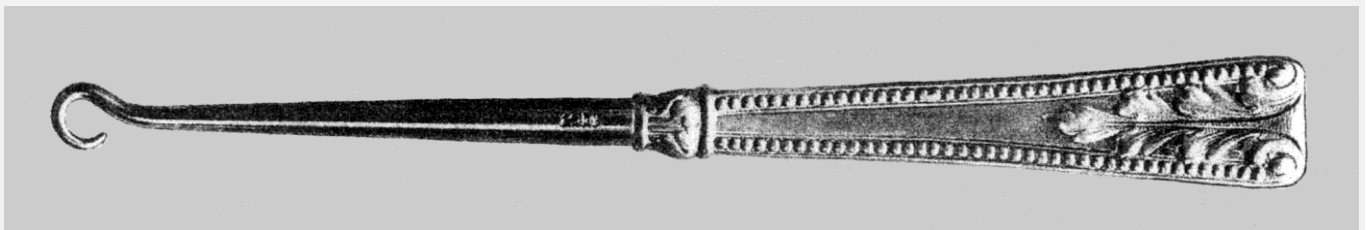
All sterling glove hook. The [fleur-de-lys] stamp is the mark of Ludwig, Redlich & Co. and the '674' is probably the model number for that Company. Gorham was the retailer.



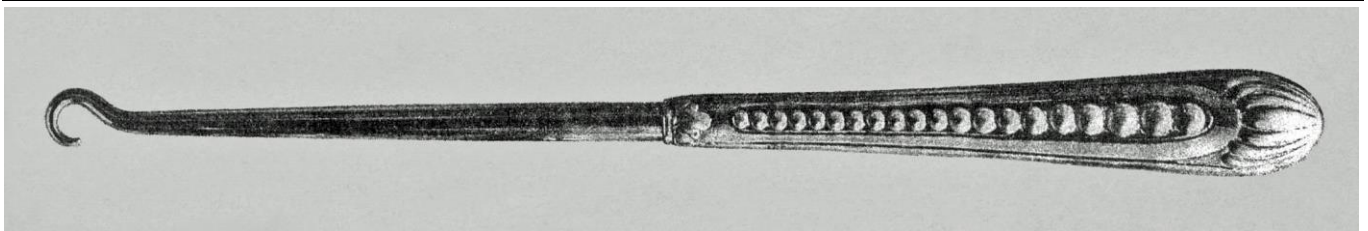
Code 145 **Year** **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 30g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 145 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]



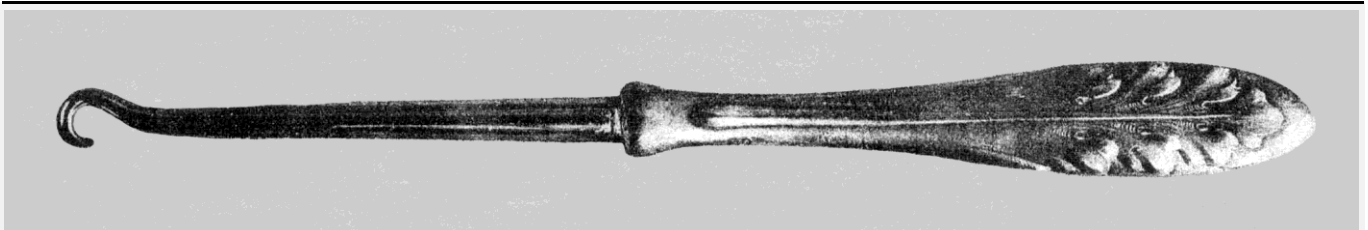
Code 150 **Year** 1892 **Length** 17.4cm **Wt** 34g **Shaft** 5 **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 150 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Handle has the same overall shape but a somewhat different design to that shown in the 1892 catalogue for production code 150.



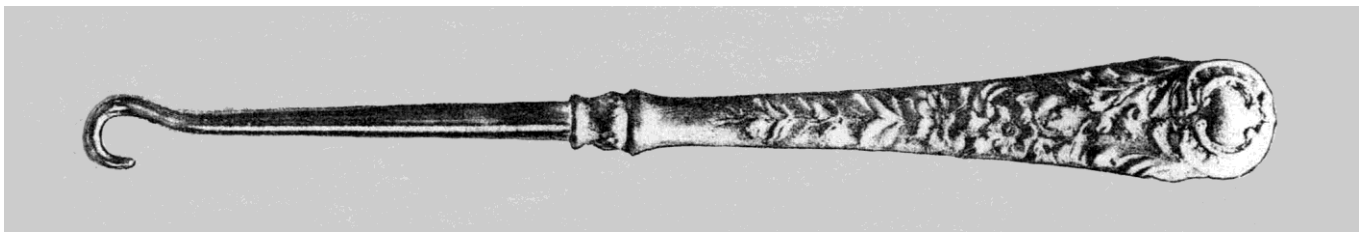
Code 150 **Year** 1892 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 150 [?]
Shaft Mks [LAG]
 Image from Gorham catalogue.



Code 155 **Year** 1892 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**
 Image from Gorham catalogue.



Code 160 **Year** 1892 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**
 Image from Gorham catalogue. Similar design to button hook code 13.



Code 165 **Year** 1892 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1892
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**

Image from Gorham catalogue.



Code [none] **Year** 1893 **Length** 7.7cm **Wt** 7g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING **Shaft Mks** [none]

All sterling buttonhook. Souvenir of the Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago in 1893 and marking the 400th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of the New World. Marked 'GORHAM M'F'G . Co. REGISTERED' on the front of the buttonhook with the maker's marks on the reverse. The front of the medallion refers to King Ferdinand and Queen Ysabel of Spain who underwrote the Columbus expedition. The reverse is marked 'RECUERDO DE LA ESPOSICION DE CHICAGO'. Other souvenir items manufactured by Gorham in this style include teaspoons, rings and bangles.



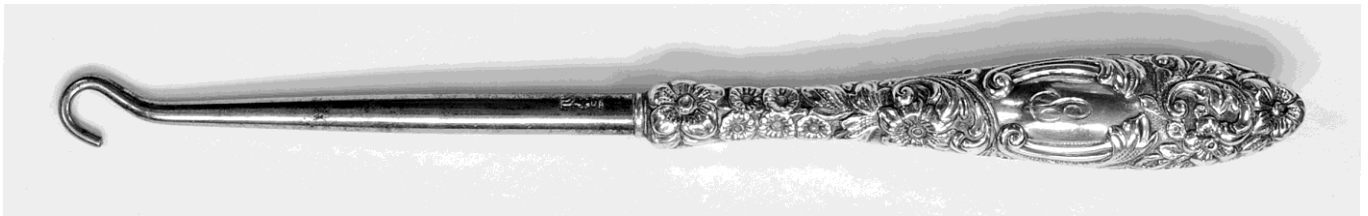
Code [none] **Year** 1894 **Length** 7.7cm **Wt** 6g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING **Shaft Mks** [none]

All sterling buttonhook. Commemorates the 50th performance of 'Little Christopher Columbus' at the Garden Theatre, New York. The burlesque, in 2 acts, opened on 10 October 1893 at the Lyric Theatre in London and then transferred to Terry's Theatre, running for a total of 421 performances. It was produced at the Garden Theatre in 1894. Edward E Rice was the theatre manager. The buttonhook is marked 'GORHAM M'F'G . Co. REGISTERED' on the front with the maker's marks on the reverse. The front of the medallion is marked 'RICE'S LITTLE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS' with '50TH TIME GARDEN THEATRE NOV 19 1894' on the reverse.



Code 225 **Year** 1896 **Length** 11.4cm **Wt** 15g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 225 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Glove hook. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 600 Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$0.75.



Code 230 **Year** 1896 **Length** 16.4cm **Wt** 31g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 230

Shaft Mks [LAG]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 600 Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$1.10.



Code 245 **Year** 1896 **Length** 20.1cm **Wt** 52g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 245

Shaft Mks [LAG]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 600 Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$1.75.



Code 255 **Year** 1895 **Length** 16.5cm **Wt** 34g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 255

Shaft Mks [LAG]

The design includes what appears to be a chrysanthemum. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 850 Line' of 1896. No date mark is present on the hook but other matching pieces in a set of items from this line have the [crescent moon] date symbol for 1895. Net price in 1896 was \$1.25.



Code 260 **Year** 1896 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 260 [?]

Shaft Mks

Glove hook. Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 850 Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$0.75.



Code 266 **Year** 1896 **Length** 15.4cm **Wt** 25g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 266

Shaft Mks [LAG]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 950 Line - Engraved'. Net price in 1896 was \$2.00.

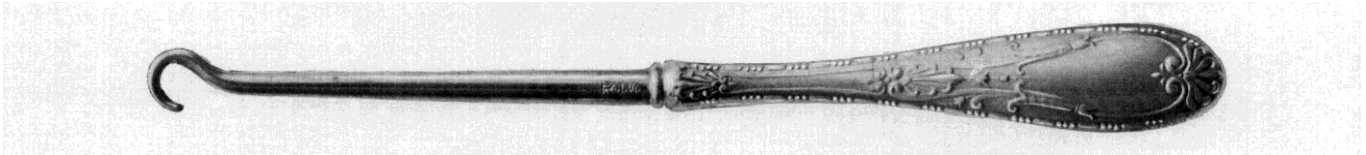


Code 293 **Year** **Length** 16.5cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat**

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 293 [?]

Shaft Mks

Has the design of an item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 1000 Line' of 1896 but is not listed in the 1896 catalogue.

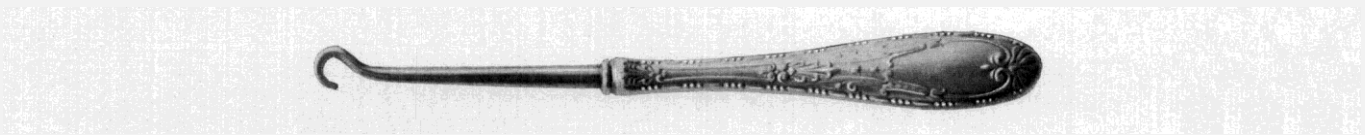


Code 295 **Year** 1896 **Length** 19.0cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 295

Shaft Mks [LAG]

Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 1000 Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$1.30.



Code 296 **Year** 1896 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 296 [?]

Shaft Mks

Glove hook. Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 1000 Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$0.75.



Code 300 **Year** 1896 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 300 [?]

Shaft Mks [LAG]

Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 1000 Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$2.00.



Code 320 **Year** **Length** 14.4cm **Wt** 22g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 320

Shaft Mks [none]

Also reported with [LAG] stamped on shaft.



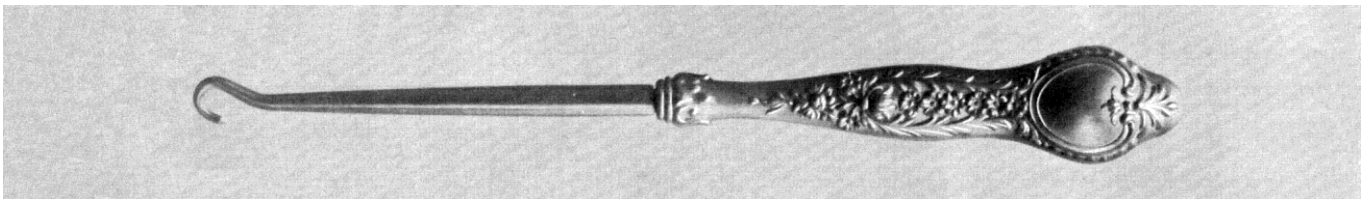
Code 325 **Year** 1896 **Length** 14.4cm **Wt** 26g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 325 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

An item in the 'Manicure and Toilet Ware' range of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$0.85.



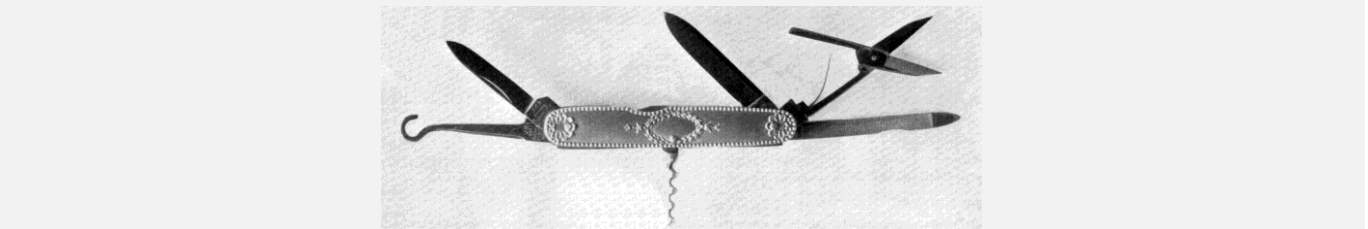
Code 330 **Year** 1896 **Length** 17.7cm **Wt** 38g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 330 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

An item in the 'Curling Tongs and Manicure Goods' range of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$1.00.



Code 335 **Year** 1896 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 335 [?] **Shaft Mks**

Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Manicure and Toilet Ware' range of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$1.00.



Code 590 **Year** 1896 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** - **Cat** 1896
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**

Shown in the Gorham catalogue for 1896 in the section 'Pocket Knives'. Net price in 1896 was \$3.50.



Code 346 **Year** 1897 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 346 [?] **Shaft Mks**

Gorham 'Marquise' pattern. From an 1897 advertisement that offered various Gorham sterling silver items in this pattern as 'premiums for Trademarks from Dunham's Cocomat to attract New Customers'. The button hook retailed for \$2.00 but was offered free with trademarks from 13 lbs of Dunham's Cocomat (or from 1 lb of Cocomat and 86 cts). The advertisement stated also that the items could not be obtained for cash alone.



Code 360 **Year** **Length** 17.0cm **Wt** 39g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 360 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

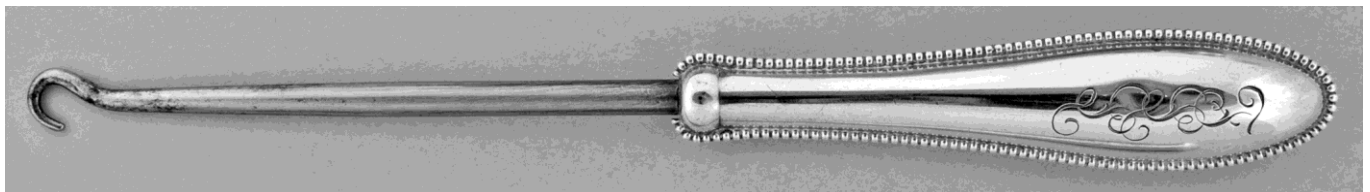


Code 379 **Year** **Length** 16.6cm **Wt** 33g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 379 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]



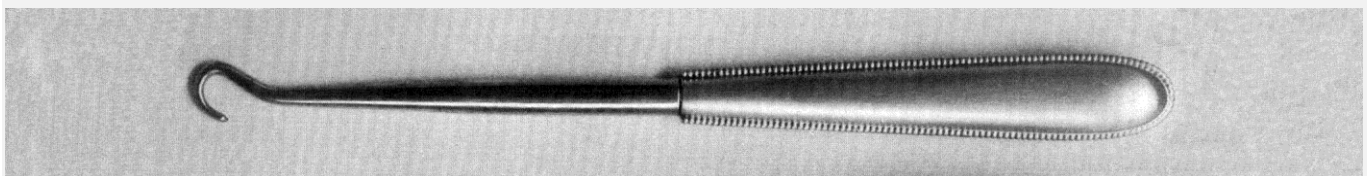
Code 486 **Year** **Length** 10.4cm **Wt** 21g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 486 **Shaft Mks** [LAG]

Acid etched and engraved art nouveau design including flowers, foliage and ribbons. Overall design wraps around the handle giving a different pattern on the rear. The formation of the ribbon may possibly indicate a monogram, ISSS (?) The 486 production code is within a rectangular box indicating a special order.



Code 1383M **Year** 1896 **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 57g **Shaft** 1, 8 **Cat** 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 1383M **Shaft Mks**

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 1350 M Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$2.00. The 'M' suffix on a production code indicates that the item was made at the Gorham manufactory in Union Square, New York City rather than at the main production plant at Providence.



Code 1385M **Year** 1896 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 1385M [?] **Shaft Mks**

Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 1350 M Line' of 1896. Net price in 1896 was \$1.10.

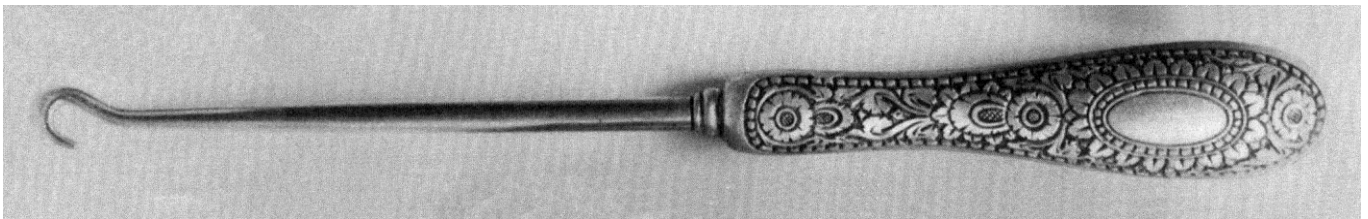


Code 1422M **Year** 1896 **Length** 20.0cm **Wt** 68g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 1422M **Shaft Mks** [none]

Same design on reverse side. This example has '1896' engraved in the cartouche on the reverse.



Code 1423M **Year** **Length** 15.9cm **Wt** 34g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 1423M **Shaft Mks**



Code 2522M **Year** 1896 **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 2522M [?] **Shaft Mks**

Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 2500M Line - Indian Chased'. Net price in 1896 was \$2.25.



Code E2522M **Year** 1896 **Length** 19.7cm **Wt** 58g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING E2522M **Shaft Mks** [none]

As 2522M but has enamel inlay. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 2500M Line - Indian Chased'. Not shown enamelled in the 1896 catalogue or price list. Part of a matching enamelled set which included a 'rectangular' clothes brush E2509M, an oval hair brush with handle E2502M, a hand mirror E2510M, a comb mounting 2513CE and a nail file E2526M.



Code 2523M **Year** 1896 **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 38g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 2523M **Shaft Mks** [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 2500M Line - Indian Chased'. Net price in 1896 was \$1.75.



Code E2523M **Year** 1896 **Length** 14.7cm **Wt** 34g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1896

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING E2523M

Shaft Mks [none]

As 2523M but has enamel inlay. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 2500M Line - Indian Chased'. Not shown enamelled in the 1896 catalogue or price list.



Code B7 **Year** **Length** 18.7cm **Wt** 35g **Shaft** 9, 1 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B7

Shaft Mks [none]

The shaft type 9 on this hook is turned 180 degrees from usual. Two B7 hooks have been seen, both having this feature. Hook with shaft type 1 has normal orientation. The reverse has a similar design but without the cartouche. Two variations of makers marks have been noted - without escutcheons and with line escutcheons. Similar to production codes 230 & B230.



Code B10 **Year** **Length** 20.7cm **Wt** 31g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B10

Shaft Mks [none]

The larger of 2 hooks having the same B10 production code.



Code B10 **Year** **Length** 16.4cm **Wt** 30g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B10

Shaft Mks [none]

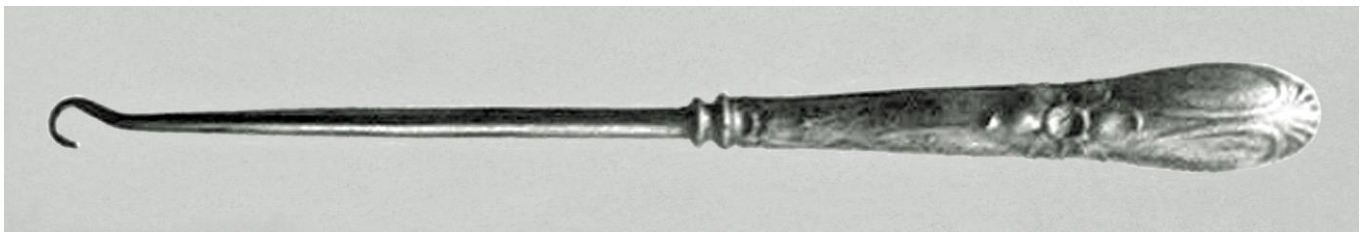
The smaller of 2 hooks having the same B10 production code.



Code B17 **Year** **Length** 17.6cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -

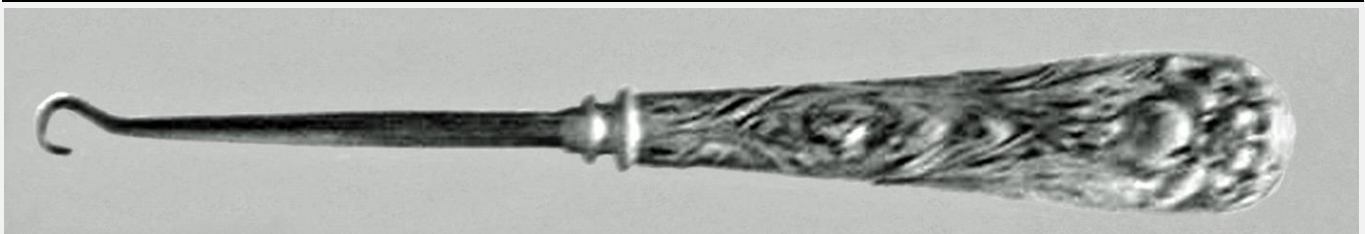
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B17 [?]

Shaft Mks [LAG]



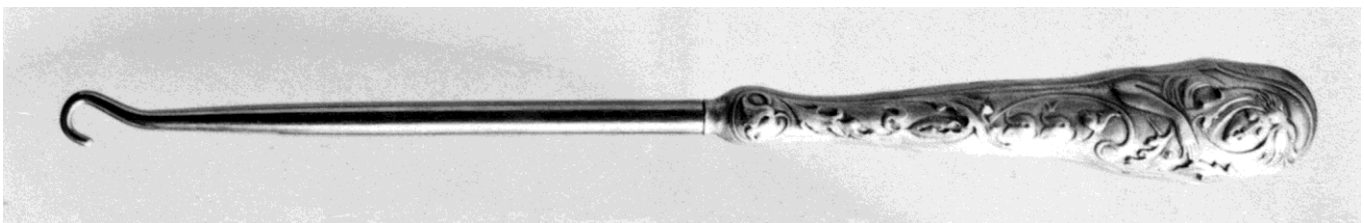
Code 210 **Year** 1900 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [Martelé marks] 210 **Shaft Mks**

Martelé special order. Completed: 23 May 1900. Weight: 0.95 oz (29.5 g) of 0.950 fine silver. Maker unknown. Making time: 6 hrs. Chaser: William H Fisher. Chasing time: 10 hrs. Net cost in 1900: \$21.00. Part of a 15-piece matching set (hand mirror, puff knob, scissors, shoe horn, button hook, 2 salve boxes with gilt insides, nail polisher, nail file, curling tongs, curling tongs lamp, nail brush, nail clipper, tooth brush and cologne). Image from Gorham archives, Brown University. [Ref. Dr L Pristo, 'Martelé, Gorham's Art Nouveau Silver', Phoenix, 2003.]



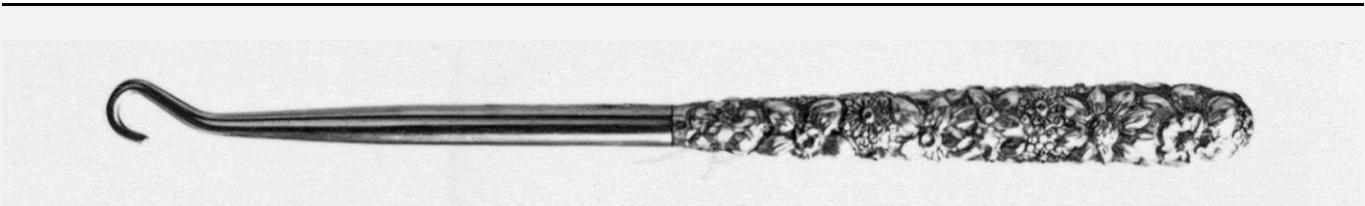
Code 9795 **Year** 1900 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [Martelé marks] 9795 **Shaft Mks**

Martelé special order. Completed: 16 Feb 1900. Weight: 1.40 oz (43.54 g) of 0.950 fine silver. Maker unknown. Making time: 6 hrs. Chaser: Ernest W Regester. Chasing time: 16 hrs. Net cost in 1900: \$22.50. Part of a 4-piece matching set (military brush, comb, shoe horn and button hook). The image is from the Gorham archives and is rather unclear but appears to show, at the end of the handle, a lady's face set within a flower head. [Ref. Dr L Pristo.]



Code FDI **Year** 1903 **Length** 21.0cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [Martelé marks] FDI **Shaft Mks**

Martelé special order for retailer Theodore B Starr. Completed: 19 Aug 1903. Length: 8 inches. Weight: 0.80 oz (22.7 g) of 0.950 fine silver. Maker unknown. Making time: 5 hrs. Chaser: Robert Bain. Chasing time: 19 hrs. Net cost in 1903: \$30.00. Part of a 15-piece set (hand mirror, hair brush, cloth brush, hat brush, puff box with knob, comb, shoe horn, button hook, hair pin tray, whisk, glove stretcher, 2 small glass salve boxes with silver lids & gilding, large salve box with silver lid & gilding and nail file). Image from Martelé Photobook 5, published 1904, Gorham archives. [Ref. Dr L Pristo.]



Code GVU **Year** 1904 **Length** 15.3cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [unk] **Shaft Mks** [none]

From Martelé Photobook 5, published 1904 (Gorham archives, Brown University). However, not a Martelé item. The format of the production code indicates a possible prototype, exhibition piece or special order.



Code B32 **Year** **Length** 17.3cm **Wt** 30g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B32 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Similar design to code 360.



Code B36 **Year** **Length** 19.1cm **Wt** 36g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B36 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Same handle design as code B10.



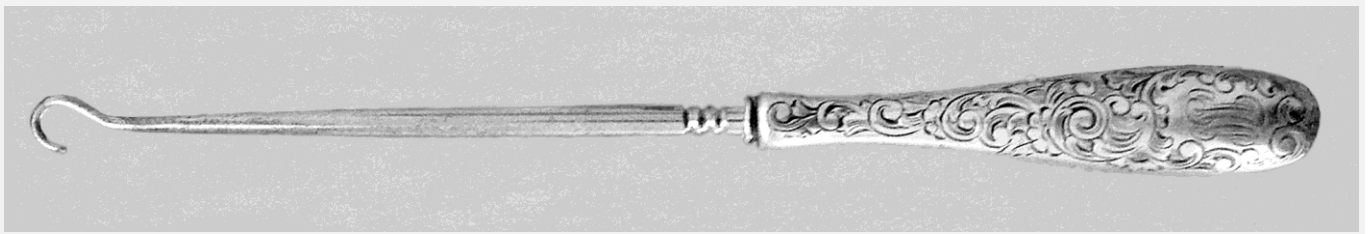
Code 38B **Year** 1914 **Length** 15.6cm **Wt** 25g **Shaft** 8, 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 38B [hatchet] **Shaft Mks** [none]
 The example shown has the [hatchet] date code for 1916 but is also known with the date code for 1914. Also made with code B38 (i.e., manufactured at Providence rather than New York).



Code IMD **Year** **Length** 15.0cm **Wt** 22g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING IMD **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Acid etched design. Cartouche on one side only.



Code 38B **Year** **Length** 15.7cm **Wt** 26g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 38B **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Acid etched design. Cartouche on one side only.



Code [none] **Year** 1903 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] ? **Shaft Mks** [none]

From a 15-piece sterling silver matching vanity set comprising a hand mirror, a hair brush, a shoe brush, a clothes brush, a whisk broom, a soap box, a pin tray, a small powder jar, 3 large powder jars, a rouge pot, a comb, a shoe horn and the button hook, all with a matching engraved design. There is no production code stamped on the hook but each piece is separately marked Gorham.



Code B75 **Year** **Length** 19.8cm **Wt** 39g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B75 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Similar design to code B32.



Code B102 **Year** **Length** 20.5cm **Wt** 56g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B102 **Shaft Mks** [none]



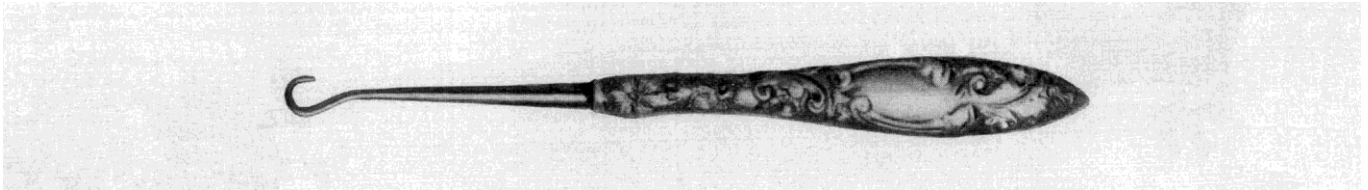
Code B121 **Year** **Length** 26.0cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B121 **Shaft Mks**

Similar to button hook code 121. The handle has different cherub designs on each side. However, the Gorham marks here are within 'line escutcheons' (as is usual for items manufactured after about 1898) and are stamped around the neck of the handle.



Code B213 **Year** **Length** 20.5cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B213 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Length approx.



Code B225 **Year** 1906 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B225 [?] **Shaft Mks**

Glove hook. Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Chased - C600 Line - Bright Finish'.



Code B230 **Year** 1906 **Length** 16.9cm **Wt** 29g **Shaft** 1, 8 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B230 **Shaft Mks** [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Chased - C600 Line - Bright Finish'.



Code B245 **Year** 1906 **Length** 20.6cm **Wt** 45g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B245 **Shaft Mks** [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Chased - C600 Line - Bright Finish'. This has a slightly different handle pattern from the buttonhook production code 245.



Code B253 **Year** 1899 **Length** 16.8cm **Wt** 24g **Shaft** 8, 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B253 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B254 **Year** 1899 **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 49g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B254 **Shaft Mks** [none]

A matching shoe horn has the [sickle] date stamp for 1899.



Code B257 **Year** **Length** 16.8cm **Wt** 31g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B257 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code X451 **Year** **Length** 15.4cm **Wt** 21g **Shaft** 1, 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LA] X451 14K
14K gold plain handle.



Code X451 **Year** **Length** 15.8cm **Wt** 25g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LA] X451 14K
14K gold engraved handle.



Code B266 **Year** **Length** 15.2cm **Wt** 19g **Shaft** 8, 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B266
Etched.



Code B320 **Year** **Length** 14.6cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B320
Similar to code 320.



Code B330 **Year** **Length** 16.6cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat**

Handle Mks [{{LAG}}] STERLING B330

Shaft Mks [none]

Similar to code 330. Length approx.



Code B340 **Year** 1905 **Length** 14.6cm **Wt** 23g **Shaft** 1, 8 **Cat** 1906

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B340

Shaft Mks [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Chased - C1250 Line - Bright Finish'. Also has shaft type 8. This hook, with shaft type 1, was also exported to the UK, one example seen having the Birmingham 'triangle' import hallmark and the date letter 'f' for 1905.



Code 345B **Year** 1911 **Length** 17.0cm **Wt** 39g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [{{LAG}}] STERLING 345B [pipe]

Shaft Mks [none]



Code B355 **Year** 1910 **Length** 17.8cm **Wt** 35g **Shaft** **Cat** -

Handle Mks [G.M.Co .925 Δ k] STERLING SILVER B355 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Similar design to B75. Although the US home market version is more common (having shaft type 1, length 17.2), the example shown was imported into the UK by the English branch of the Gorham Manufacturing Company. It appears that only the handle was imported as the the shaft is of a more English style, not seen on US Gorham hooks.



Code B360 **Year** 1906 **Length** 17.4cm **Wt** 27g **Shaft** 8, 1 **Cat** 1906

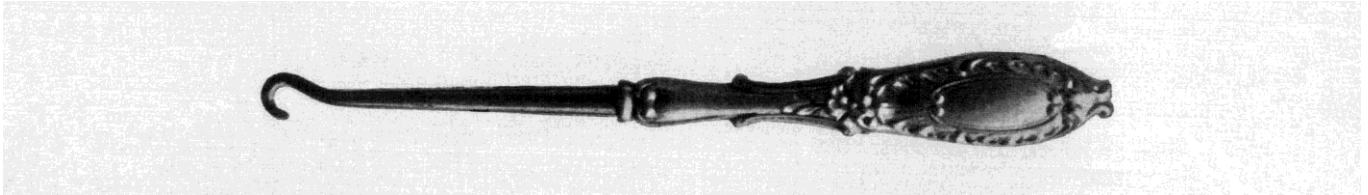
Handle Mks [{{LAG}}] STERLING B360

Shaft Mks [none]

Similar design to code 360. Gorham 'Dresden Rose' pattern (according to Replacements Ltd.). An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Chased - C1250 Line - Bright Finish'.



Code B375 **Year** **Length** 20.2cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B375 [?]
Shaft Mks
 This appears identical to B675.



Code B380 **Year** 1906 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**
 Glove hook. Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Chased - C1450 Line - Gray Finish'.



Code B385 **Year** 1906 **Length** 16.9cm **Wt** 31g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B385 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Chased - C1450 Line - Gray Finish'.



Code B395 **Year** **Length** 20.0cm **Wt** 50g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B395 **Shaft Mks** [none]



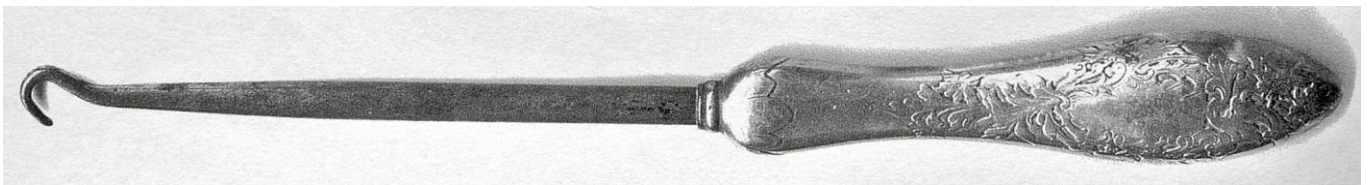
Code B451 **Year** 1901 **Length** 20.3cm **Wt** 56g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B451 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 From a 6-piece silver gilt vanity set comprising a hand mirror, hair brush, clothes brush, comb, shoe horn and the button hook, all with a matching engraved design and marked as made by Gorham. Similar design on the other side but without a cartouche. The mirror and hair brush have the [egg timer] date mark for 1901. The shoe horn has production code B452.



Code B675 **Year** 1906 **Length** 20.5cm **Wt** 39g **Shaft** 9, 1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B675 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Chased - C1450 Line - Gray Finish'.



Code B675 **Year** 1906 **Length** 20.7cm **Wt** 42g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B675 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Gilded handle. Not shown gilded in the 1906 catalogue.



Code B[?] **Year** **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 59g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B[?] **Shaft Mks** [unk]
 Production code is unclear on this example but appears to be 'B' followed by 3 digits.



Code 772B **Year** 1911 **Length** 21.2cm **Wt** 65g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 772B [pipe] **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 921B **Year** 1911 **Length** 21.1cm **Wt** 44g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 921B [pipe] **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Also has production code commencing with 'B'. Reverse side similar.



Code B969 **Year** **Length** 23.1cm **Wt** 66g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B969 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Antler horn handle with hand engraved sterling silver ferrule and tip.



Code 1120B **Year** 1911 **Length** 16.6cm **Wt** 37g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 1120B [pipe] **Shaft Mks** [none]



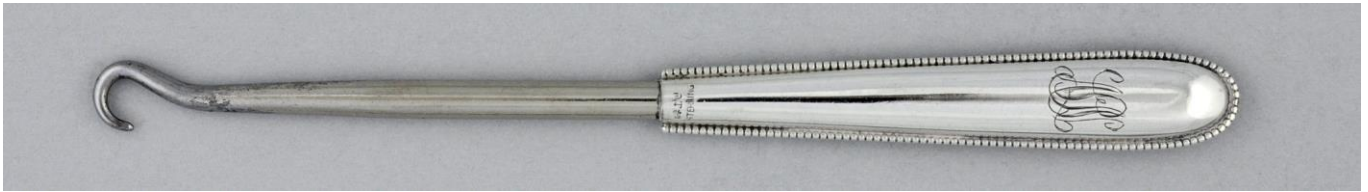
Code 1121B **Year** 1915 **Length** 21.3cm **Wt** 54g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 1121B [dagger] **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 1383B **Year** 1915 **Length** 20.7cm **Wt** 55g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 1383B [dagger] **Shaft Mks** [none]
 An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 1350C Line - Beaded'. Also reported with a date code for 1918.



Code B1383M **Year** 1902 **Length** 20.9cm **Wt** 51g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B1383 M [hammer head] **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Similar to button hook code 1383M. A matching shoe horn has the code B1375M.



Code B1385M **Year** 1901 **Length** 15.2cm **Wt** 22g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B1385 M [egg timer] **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Similar to button hook hook, code 1385M.



Code B1752 **Year** **Length** 17.1cm **Wt** 35g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B1752 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Acid etched design. Similar style of design on reverse of handle but not identical.



Code GZC **Year** **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 27g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING GZC **Shaft Mks** [none]
 The format of the production code indicates a possible prototype, exhibition piece or special order.



Code B1805 **Year** **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 37g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B1805 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 The reverse has an identical design.

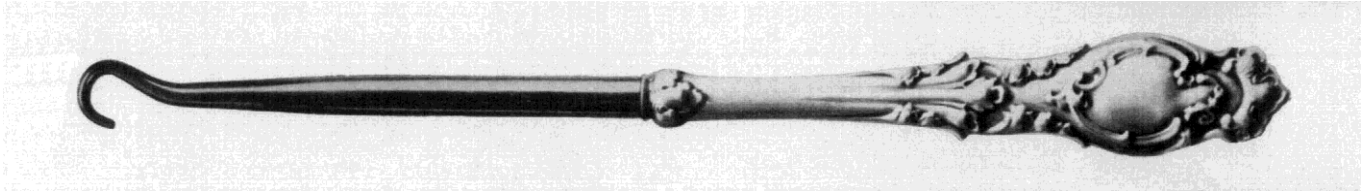


Code B1866 **Year** 1906 **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 65g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B1866 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 The repoussé design of floral patterns and cherubs is the same on both sides of the handle. On this example, the year '1906' is engraved in the rear cartouche.



Code B1968 **Year** **Length** 19.7cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B1968 **Shaft Mks** [none]

The repoussé design is the same on both sides of the handle.



Code B1974 **Year** 1906 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B1974 [?] **Shaft Mks**

Image from Gorham catalogue.



Code B2003 **Year** **Length** 16.1cm **Wt** 29g **Shaft** 1, 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2003 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Handle length 8.2 cm. Also has shaft type 8.



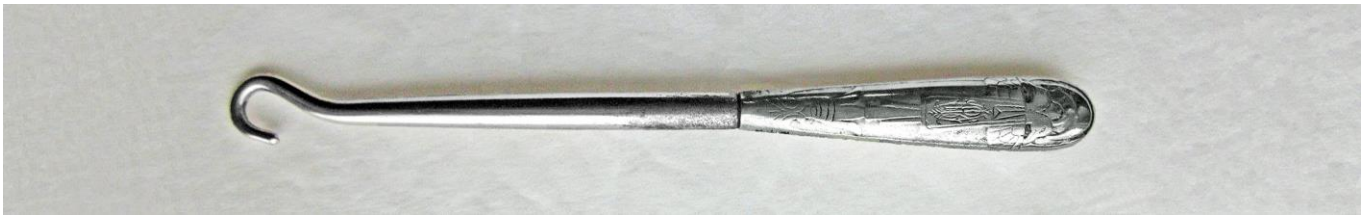
Code B2004 **Year** **Length** 20.9cm **Wt** 40g **Shaft** 8, 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2004 **Shaft Mks** [none]

This production code was also made with a type 2 shaft, having the same handle design but appearing not to be quite as well chased.



Code B2251 **Year** **Length** 11.6cm **Wt** 13g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2251 **Shaft Mks** [none]

This production code includes several different designs. Here, the handle is plain.



Code B2251 **Year** **Length** 11.5cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2251 **Shaft Mks** [none]

This production code includes several different designs. Here, the handle includes a design of a Northern native American totem showing a double headed bird. The design is the same on both sides of the handle.



Code B2251 **Year** **Length** 11.7cm **Wt** 14g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2251 **Shaft Mks** [none]

This code has a 'bright-cut' engraved design. The reverse has a similar pattern, but without the cartouche.



Code X889 **Year** **Length** 24.8cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LA] X889 14K [?] **Shaft Mks** [none]

14K gold handle. From a Gorham 6-piece 14k gold matching dresser set. Lengths approximate. Another gold handled button hook by Gorham also has this same production code.



Code X889 **Year** **Length** 19.1cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LA] X889 14K **Shaft Mks** [none]

14K gold handle. From a Gorham 7-piece 14k gold matching vanity set. Lengths approximate. Another gold handled button hook by Gorham also has this same production code.



Code X951 **Year** **Length** 11.7cm **Wt** 16g **Shaft** 8,1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LA] X951 14K **Shaft Mks** [none]

14K gold handle. This button hook model (but with shaft type 1) was also one of the items making up a Gorham 6-piece 14K gold manicure set.



Code B2292 **Year** **Length** 11.6cm **Wt** 15g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2292 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Acid etched and engraved.



Code B2310 **Year** 1906 **Length** 19.1cm **Wt** 36g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2310 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Engraved - C950 Line - Bright Finish'.



Code B2419 **Year** 1906 **Length** 19.2cm **Wt** 34g **Shaft** 8,9 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2419 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Etched - C1111 Line - Gray Finish'. On the reverse of the handle the design includes what appears to be a griffin. Also with shaft type 9 and length approx. 16.5 cm.



Code B2422 **Year** 1909 **Length** 20.6cm **Wt** 41g **Shaft** 8,1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2422 [arrow] **Shaft Mks** [none]
 An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Etched - C1111 Line - Gray Finish'. Also has shaft type 1. On the reverse of the handle the design includes what appears to be a griffin.

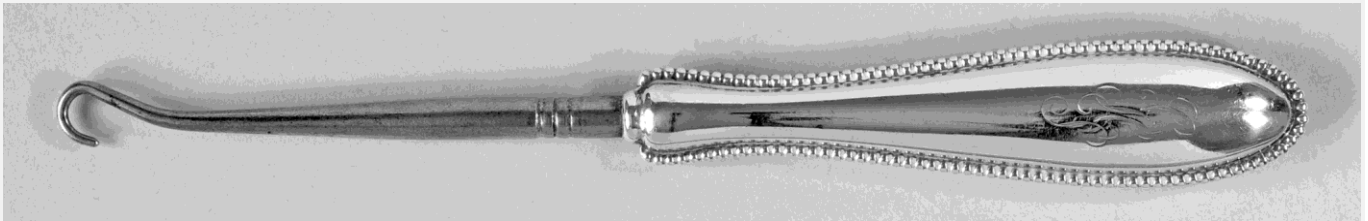


Code B2486 **Year** **Length** 15.9cm **Wt** 39g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2486 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 The last digit of the production code is unclear on this example. May be 5, 6 or 8. Has an engraving of a daffodil head on the reverse, in place of the cartouche.



Code B2525 **Year** **Length** 9.8cm **Wt** g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B2525 [?]

Shaft Mks
 Buttoner. Includes original box marked 'Gorham Mfg Co. THE SILVERSMITHS COMPANY 23 MAIDEN LANE, New York.'



Code 2665B **Year** 1907 **Length** 16.6cm **Wt** 33g **Shaft** 8,9 **Cat** 1906

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 2665B [scissors] **Shaft Mks** [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - 1350C Line - Beaded'. Also has shaft type 2.



Code 2687B **Year** 1904 **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 34g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 2687B [harp] **Shaft Mks** [none]

Art Nouveau female form. The reverse of the handle is plain.



Code B2707 **Year** 1908 **Length** 16.4cm **Wt** 27g **Shaft** 8,1 **Cat** 1906

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B2707 [dividers] **Shaft Mks** [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Etched - C1600 Line - Gray Finish'.



Code B2708 **Year** 1909 **Length** 20.5cm **Wt** 43g **Shaft** 8,9 **Cat** 1906

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B2708 [arrow] **Shaft Mks** [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Etched - C1600 Line - Gray Finish'. Also has shaft type 2. It is reported that a buttonhook, production code B2709 also has this design of handle but has not been located.



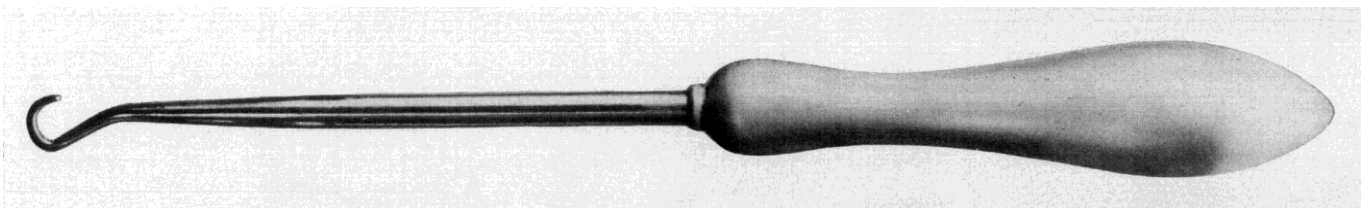
Code B2736 **Year** **Length** 18.7cm **Wt** 29g **Shaft** 8 **Cat**
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2736 **Shaft Mks** [none]



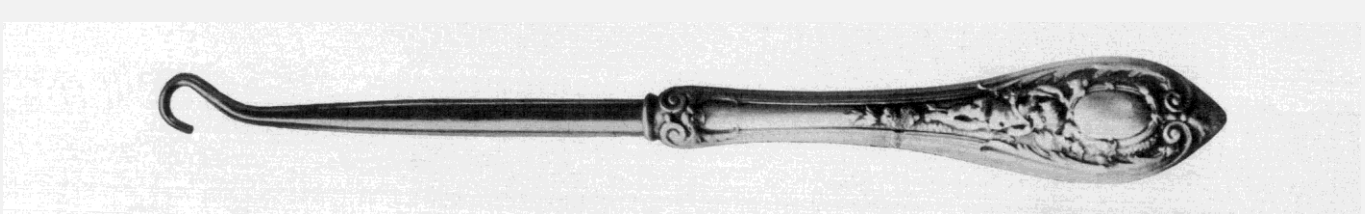
Code B2740 **Year** 1909 **Length** 14.3cm **Wt** 20g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2740 [arrow] **Shaft Mks** [none]



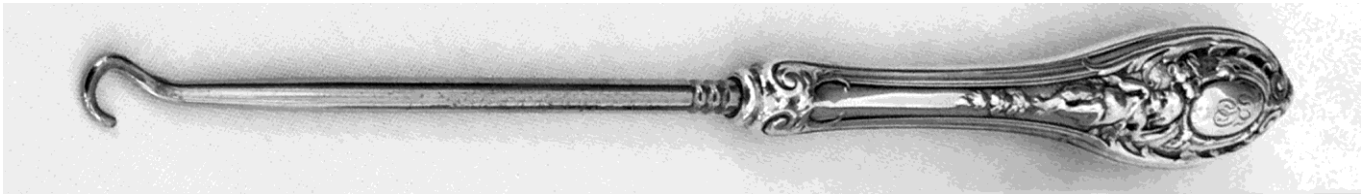
Code B2754 **Year** 1906 **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 31g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2754 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - C1630 Line - Bright Finish'.



Code B2755 **Year** 1906 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2755 [?]
 Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - C1630 Line - Bright Finish'.



Code B2801 **Year** 1906 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2801 [?]
 Image from Gorham catalogue. An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Chased - C1181 Line - Gray Finish'.



Code B2805 **Year** 1906 **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8, 1 **Cat** 1906

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2805

Shaft Mks

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware, Chased - C1181 Line - Gray Finish'.



Code B2890 **Year** 1906 **Length** 16.4cm **Wt** 28g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** 1906

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2890

Shaft Mks [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - C1500 Line - Gray Finish'.



Code 2920B **Year** 1911 **Length** 16.8cm **Wt** 35g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 2920B [pipe]

Shaft Mks

A matching shoe horn has production code 2930B.



Code 2921B **Year** 1912 **Length** 21.2cm **Wt** 58g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 2921B [fish]

Shaft Mks [none]



Code B2928 **Year** 1906 **Length** 16.4cm **Wt** 32g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** 1906

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2928

Shaft Mks [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - C1661 Line - Bright Finish'.



Code B2928/11 **Year** **Length** 16.5cm **Wt** 30g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2928/11 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B2928/13 **Year** **Length** 16.5cm **Wt** 31g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2928/13 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B2929 **Year** 1906 **Length** 20.5cm **Wt** 42g **Shaft** 8,9 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2929 **Shaft Mks** [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - C1661 Line - Bright Finish'. Also seen with a lightly hammered finish. This latter version, however, also had an applied silver letter monogram 'B' so possibly both these 'additions' were made after the sale of the original item.



Code B2929/05 **Year** **Length** 20.6cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2929/05 [?] **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B2929/11 **Year** **Length** 20.1cm **Wt** 41g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2929/11 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code [none] **Year** **Length** 20.6cm **Wt** 42g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING **Shaft Mks** [none]
 No production code marked.



Code B2983 **Year** 1906 **Length** 16.0cm **Wt** 26g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2983 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Similar design to button hook B2984, an item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - C1700 Line - Bright Finish' but smaller. However, not shown in the Gorham catalogues.



Code B2984 **Year** 1906 **Length** 20.0cm **Wt** 34g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** 1906
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B2984 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - C1700 Line - Bright Finish'.



Code B3016 **Year** **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 36g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B3016 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Similar to button hook code B2707.



Code B3017 **Year** **Length** 20.3cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B3017 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Similar to button hook code B2707. Same design on both sides of handle.



Code B3029 **Year** 1906 **Length** 19.9cm **Wt** 35g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** 1906

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B3029

Shaft Mks [none]

An item in the 'Sterling Silver Toilet Ware - C1740 Line - Bright Finish'. A matching shoe horn has the production code B3033.



Code 3210B **Year** 1913 **Length** 20.5cm **Wt** 45g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 3210B [shamrock]

Shaft Mks [none]

The pattern is repeated on the reverse. Also seen with [fish] date code for 1912.



Code 3210B **Year** 1911 **Length** 20.6cm **Wt** 50g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 3210B [pipe]

Shaft Mks [none]

This silver gilt handled hook has the same design and production code as the plain silver version. The pattern is repeated on the reverse.



Code 3235B **Year** 1907 **Length** 16.9cm **Wt** 36g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 3235 [scissors] B

Shaft Mks [none]

Silver banding, having a hammered finish, is applied to the handle. A matching shoe horn has the production code 3240B.



Code 3430B **Year** 1912 **Length** 16.8cm **Wt** 39g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 3430B [fish]

Shaft Mks [none]



Code B3876 **Year** **Length** 19.2cm **Wt** 34g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B3876 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B3880 **Year** **Length** 16.4cm **Wt** 29g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B3880 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B3881 **Year** **Length** 20.8cm **Wt** 42g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B3881 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B4390 **Year** 1911 **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 27g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B4390 PAT. 1911 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Second digit of production code not clear on this example. Believed to be '3'.



Code B4430 **Year** **Length** 16.6cm **Wt** 33g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B4430 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Also seen as part of a Gorham 12-piece matching toilet set.



Code B4431 Year Length 19.7cm Wt 44g Shaft 8 Cat -
 Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B4431 Shaft Mks [none]



Code DGN Year Length 20.1cm Wt 37g Shaft 8 Cat -
 Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING DGN Shaft Mks [none]

The format of the production code indicates a possible prototype, exhibition piece or special order.



Code [unk] Year Length cm Wt g Shaft 9 Cat -
 Handle Mks [unk] Shaft Mks [unk]

14k yellow gold. From a Gorham 18-piece matching gold vanity set.



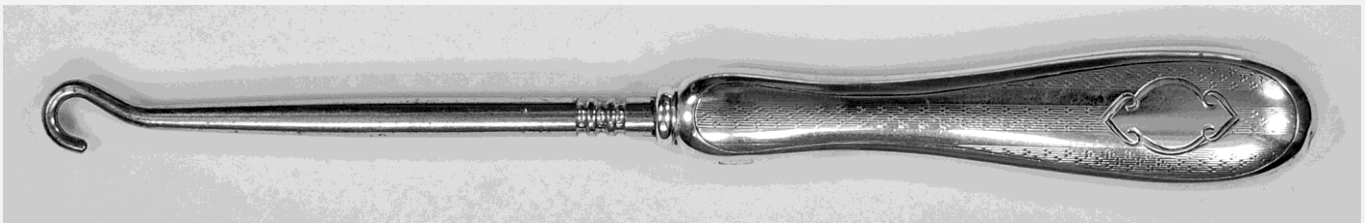
Code B4465 Year Length 16.3cm Wt 30g Shaft 8 Cat -
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Code B4466 Year Length 20.3cm Wt 37g Shaft 8 Cat -
 Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B4466 Shaft Mks [none]



Code B4486 **Year** **Length** 20.3cm **Wt** 45g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B4486 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Engraved.



Code B5163 **Year** **Length** 16.9cm **Wt** 34g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5163 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B5166 **Year** **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 33g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5166 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B5167 **Year** **Length** 19.8cm **Wt** 43g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5167 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Engine turned design. Cartouche on one side only



Code B5168 **Year** **Length** 27.6cm **Wt** 55g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5168 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Engine turned design. Cartouche on one side only



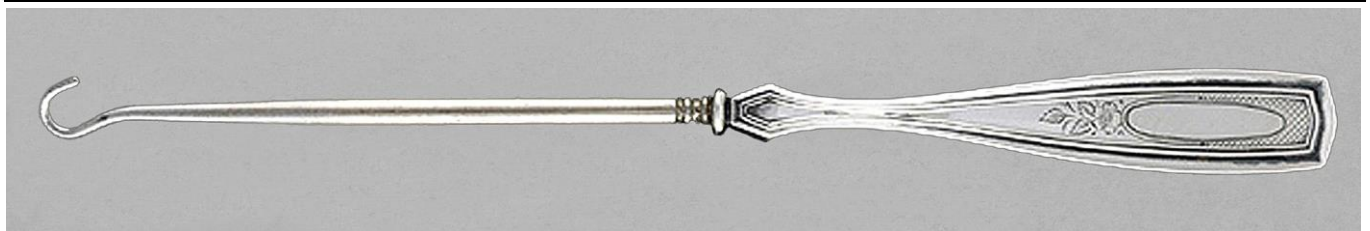
Code B5366 **Year** **Length** 16.3cm **Wt** 31g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5366 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Engraved design. Reverse similar to front but without the cartouche.



Code B5567 **Year** **Length** 19.9cm **Wt** 41g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5567 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B5667 **Year** **Length** 19.8cm **Wt** 42g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5667 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B5667/1 **Year** **Length** 19.7cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5667/1 [?]
 Full details not known.



Code B5766 **Year** 1913 **Length** 16.2cm **Wt** 36g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5766 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Gorham 'Etruscan' pattern, designed by William C. Codman. This pattern was used by Gorham on various items from 1913 to 1991.



Code C5767 **Year** 1913 **Length** 20.0cm **Wt** 40g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING C5767 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Gorham 'Etruscan' pattern. Also seen with production code B5767.



Code B5866 **Year** **Length** 16.4cm **Wt** 30g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5866 **Shaft Mks** [none]



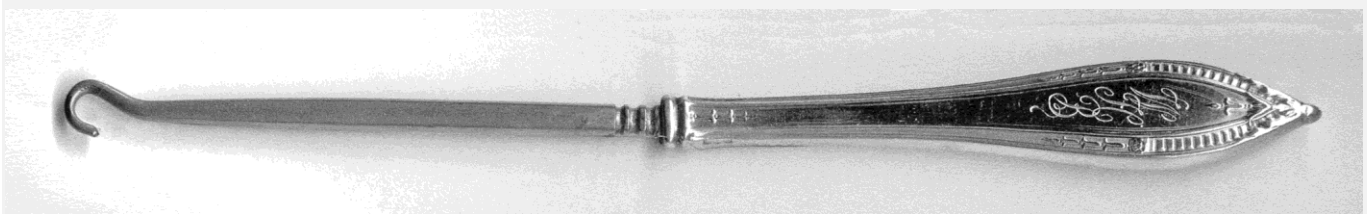
Code B5967 **Year** **Length** 19.7cm **Wt** 41g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B5967 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Art Deco design.



Code 6027B **Year** 1915 **Length** 28.1cm **Wt** 64g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 6027B [dagger] **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Repoussé with a small amount of engraving. Unusually long shaft.



Code B6666 **Year** **Length** 17.8cm **Wt** 31g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING B6666 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 From a 3-piece set.



Code C6667 **Year** **Length** 20.6cm **Wt** 38g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [{LAG}] STERLING C6667 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B6775/1 **Year** **Length** 13.1cm **Wt** 29g **Shaft** - **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B6775/1 3 3 **Shaft Mks** 3

Folding glove hook. The sides of the handle are hinged and open to allow the hook to be folded out on its own small hinge. Engine engraved design of straight lines on each side of the handle with a cartouche on one side. In addition to the standard maker's marks and production code, the number '3' is stamped on each of the two sides of the handle and also on the base of the shaft.



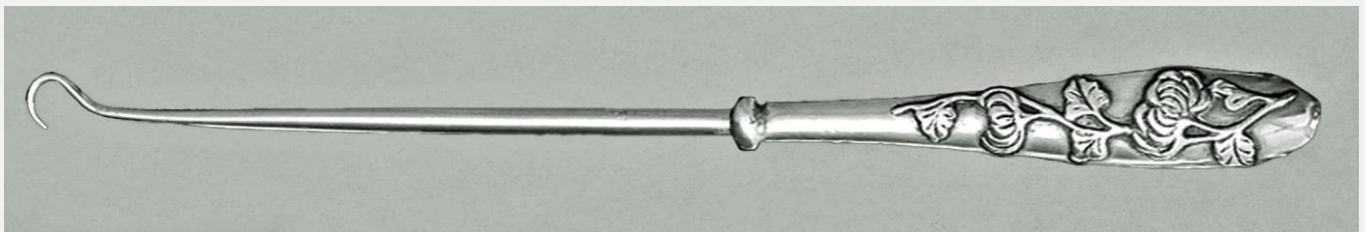
Code 1595/[?] **Year** 1920 **Length** 15.1cm **Wt** 23g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [{LAG}] STERLING 1595/[?] [spoon] **Shaft Mks** [none]

The mark/number following the '/' of the production code on this example is not recognisable but has the appearance somewhat of a heavy down-pointing arrow (perhaps a mis-strike?). The design of the button hook is similar to that of other button hooks having the William Kerr maker's mark.



Code 4200 AL **Year** **Length** 14.5cm **Wt** 24g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [fasces] STERLING 4200 AL **Shaft Mks** [none]

Made by Kerr under Gorham ownership. The maker's mark is that of William B. Kerr & Co., a silversmith founded in 1855, at 144 Orange St., Newark, New Jersey. The mark is in the form of the fasces (a bound bundle of wooden rods that includes an axe with its blade visible). The company was purchased by Gorham in 1906. The button hook shaft is typical of Gorham, who continued to produce goods under the Kerr mark until 1927 when the Kerr factory moved to Providence. Presumably the main Gorham factory supplied the shafts to the Kerr subsidiary.



Code [none] **Year** **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 1 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [none] **Shaft Mks** [none]

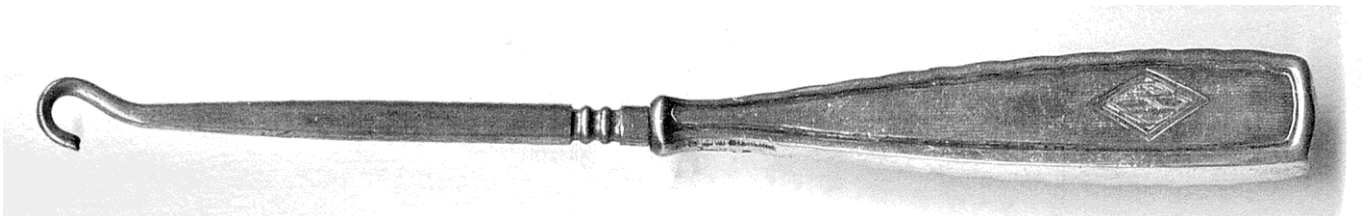
Probably not made by Gorham but shows possible Gorham collaboration with a Chinese export manufacturer. From a 6-piece silver vanity set comprising a hand mirror, brush, comb, nail file, shoe horn and the button hook, all with a matching repoussé Chinese flower (chrysanthemum?) design. There are no maker's marks or production code on the button hook (nor on the shoe horn or nail file). However, the mirror has the stamped Gorham marks '[LAG] STERLING W M F' and the brush has 'WC 90 [chinese symbol]'. The comb also has Chinese marks. These may be the marks of Wing Chun of Hong Kong. Date unknown.



Code 2-10B **Year** 1915 **Length** 21.2cm **Wt** 56g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 2-10B [dagger] **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 1-15B **Year** 1916 **Length** 16.7cm **Wt** 32g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 1-15 B [hatchet] **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 1-25B **Year** 1920 **Length** 16.9cm **Wt** 39g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 1-25 B [spoon] **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 2-25B **Year** 1918 **Length** 21.2cm **Wt** 62g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 2-25B [trumpet] **Shaft Mks** [none]

Item shown has the [trumpet] date stamp for 1919; however, also produced with the earlier [pick axe] date stamp for 1918.



Code 1-30B **Year** 1916 **Length** 16.9cm **Wt** 36g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 1-30B [hatchet] **Shaft Mks** [none]

Both sides of the handle are identical. The background to the design and the sides of the handle are lightly hammered. A matching cuticle knife has the production code 30B.



Code 1-35C **Year** 1921 **Length** 16.8cm **Wt** 38g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 1-35C [anvil] **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 2-35B **Year** 1919 **Length** 21.3cm **Wt** 47g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 2-35B [trumpet] **Shaft Mks** [none]

This example has a monogram engraved in the cartouche panel.



Code 6505X **Year** **Length** 20.6cm **Wt** 59g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LA] 14K 6505X **Shaft Mks** [none]

14K gold handle. Special Order.



Code 2-45/3C **Year** 1920 **Length** 19.9cm **Wt** 35g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 2-45/3C [spoon] **Shaft Mks** [none]

Same design on both sides of the handle.



Code 2-45/4C **Year** 1920 **Length** 19.7cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 2-45/4C [spoon] **Shaft Mks** [none]

From a 6-piece matching set. Length approximate. Handle is similar in overall shape to code 2-45/3C but with a slightly different design.



Code 1-5000B **Year** 1920 **Length** 16.9cm **Wt** 39g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 1-5000B **Shaft Mks** [none]

The date of this button hook is given as 1920 because an identical hook is known to have the [spoon] date mark.



Code 2-5000B **Year** 1915 **Length** 21.0cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

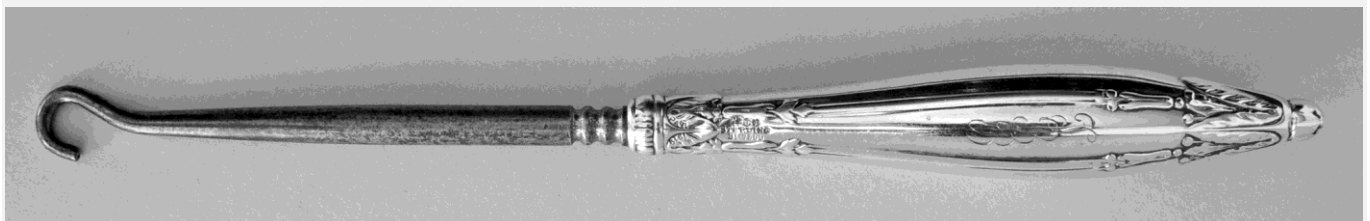
Handle Mks {{LAG}} STERLING 2-5000B [dagger] **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 1 6905X **Year** **Length** 21.2cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [LA] 14K 1 6905 x **Shaft Mks** [none]

14K gold handle. Special Order. Same design on both sides. A matching 14K gold nail file, also a special order, has the production code 1-6900X.



Code B1-7500 **Year** 1919 **Length** 16.8cm **Wt** 32g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B1-7500 PAT. 1919 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code B2-7500 **Year** 1919 **Length** 20.1cm **Wt** 41g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING B2-7500 PAT. 1919 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Art nouveau style. A matching shoe horn has the same production code, except that on the example inspected, the letter 'B' had been over-stamped with a (larger font) letter 'C'.



Code B4-10 **Year** **Length** 20.9cm **Wt** 39g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING B4-10 **Shaft Mks** [none]

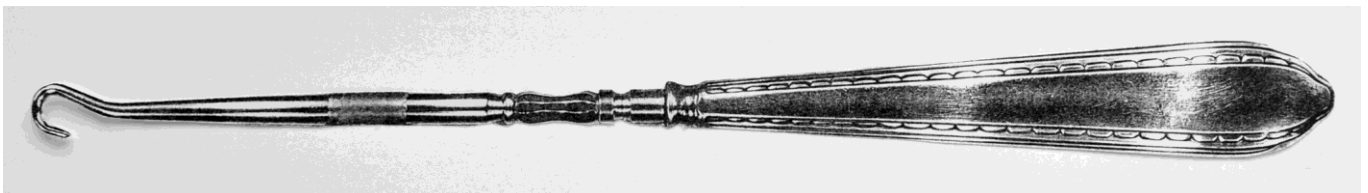


Code B4-28 **Year** **Length** 21.0cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING B4-28 **Shaft Mks** [none]

This button hook is similar, but not identical, to hook B4-10. It formed part of a small sterling vanity set, all pieces having code B4-28.



Code B5-33 **Year** **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 41g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING B5-33 **Shaft Mks** [none]

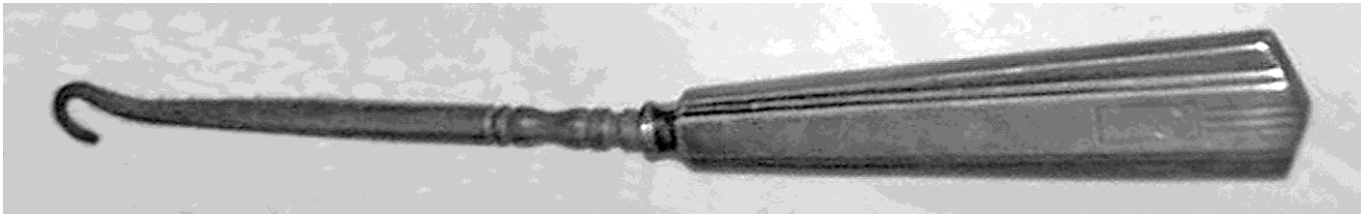


Code B6 **Year** **Length** 21.3cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING B6 **Shaft Mks**



Code B7-18 **Year** **Length** 20.0cm **Wt** 44g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING B7-18 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Art Deco style. A matching cuticle knife (at least) was also produced in this design; both items are marked 'GORHAM STERLING B7-18'.



Code B7-19 **Year** **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks STERLING GORHAM B7-19 **Shaft Mks**

Art Deco style. Part of a 6-piece set, all marked 'GORHAM STERLING B7-19'. Further details not available.



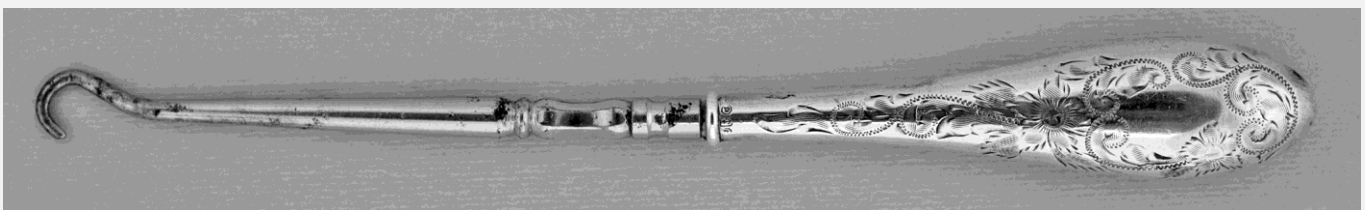
Code B7-22 **Year** **Length** 20.3cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING B7-22 **Shaft Mks**

Art Deco style. Part of a 3-piece matching set comprising shoe horn, nail file and button hook, all marked 'GORHAM STERLING B7-22'. Length approx. Further details not available.



Code B7-26 **Year** **Length** 20.2cm **Wt** 43g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING B7-26 **Shaft Mks**

Art Deco style.



Code [none] **Year** **Length** 17.3cm **Wt** 30g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks {[LAG]} STERLING [no prod no.] **Shaft Mks** [none]

Engraved design. No production code.



Code G1900 **Year** **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 43g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM 14K G1900 Cartier 3443 **Shaft Mks**
 14K gold handle. Made by Gorham for Cartier.



Code 10 **Year** **Length** 20.8cm **Wt** 41g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 10 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 25 **Year** **Length** 20.5cm **Wt** 47g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 25 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Similar handle to production code 5950. Matching nail file has same maker's mark and production code.



Code 25-2 **Year** **Length** 18.1cm **Wt** 46g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 25-2 **Shaft Mks** [none]
 Lightly hammered handle. Quite heavy. Similar handle to production code 5950.



Code 30 **Year** **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 37g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 30 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 50 A 45 **Year** **Length** 20.3cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [fasces] STERLING 50 A45 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Made by Kerr under Gorham ownership. This example is from a 10-piece matching Art Deco dresser set which includes a hand mirror, hair brush, clothes brush, button hook, shoe horn, nail file, cuticle knife, scissors, comb and nail buffer with dish. Some items are marked as made by Gorham; the remaining items, including the button hook, are marked as made by Kerr. All the pieces are of the same design and all are stamped with the code '50 A45'.



Code 60 C78 **Year** **Length** 19.5cm **Wt** 40g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 60 C 78 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 80 **Year** **Length** 20.6cm **Wt** 37g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 80 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Art Deco design. The matching shoehorn has the same production code.



Code 250/34 **Year** **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 42g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 250/34 Cartier **Shaft Mks** [none]

Made by Gorham for Cartier.



Code 350 C29 **Year** **Length** 20.5cm **Wt** 40g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 350C29 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 350 C56 **Year** **Length** 20.3cm **Wt** 38g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 350C56 **Shaft Mks** [none]



Code 1383M [?] **Year** **Length** 19.2cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 1383M [?]
 Details not confirmed.



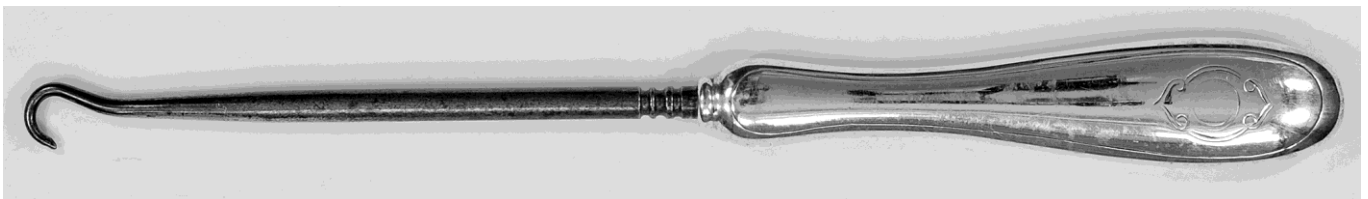
Code D3313 **Year** **Length** 19.4cm **Wt** 45g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks THE GORHAM CO. D3313 **Shaft Mks** [none]

The materials used in the manufacture of the handle are not known. It appears to be a 'sandwich' of white metal between two pieces of yellow metal but probably is the result of selective gilding.



Code 5150-229 **Year** **Length** 19.2cm **Wt** 47g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [fascies] STERLING 5150-229 THE GORHAM CO. **Shaft Mks** [none]

Made by Kerr under Gorham ownership. Silver gilt with pink guilloché enamel. It is reported that Kerr provided much high quality enamel work for Gorham.



Code 5167 **Year** **Length** 20.5cm **Wt** 41g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 5167 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Similar to production code B5167 but the handle engraving is not as detailed.



Code 5400 **Year** **Length** 19.2cm **Wt** 40g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks STERLING 5400 HME **Shaft Mks** [none]

The marks 'STERLING 5400 HME' are stamped around the collar of the handle. The handle has a lightly hammered finish. There are no maker's marks present. However, other toilet items in this 5400 pattern are marked as made by Gorham and have the same production code.



Code 5600 **Year** **Length** 20.0cm **Wt** 41g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks STERLING 5600 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Art Deco style handle. Also exists as part of a set of 9 items comprising accessory tray, glass powder jar with silver lid, hand mirror, handled brush, oval brush, cuticle tool, nail file, shoe horn and button hook where all items apart from the button hook are marked Gorham and having production code 5600 or slight variations thereof.



Code [unk] **Year** **Length** cm **Wt** g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks **Shaft Mks**

Possible Gorham. Item not inspected but appears to be gold. No further details currently available.



Code 5900 **Year** **Length** 20.0cm **Wt** 37g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -
Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 5900 HMK GORHAM INC. **Shaft Mks** [none]

Lightly hammered finish. 'HMK' also stamped next to maker's marks on handle. The reverse is similar but does not have the cartouche panel.



Code 5950 **Year** **Length** 20.4cm **Wt** 47g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -

Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 5950 HMI GORHAM INC. **Shaft Mks** [none]

Lightly hammered finish. 'HMI' also stamped next to maker's marks on handle. The reverse is similar but does not have the cartouche panel.



Code 5950 **Year** **Length** 22.6cm **Wt** 56g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [fasces] STERLING 5950 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Made by Kerr under Gorham ownership. The reverse is similar (but without the monogram). The same maker's mark and production code are used also on other matching vanity items. A hook, with an identical handle design and shaft type has the makers marks GORHAM STERLING 5950 stamped on the handle.



Code 5950 **Year** **Length** 20.3cm **Wt** 52g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -

Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 5950 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Engraved. Silver gilt. Reverse of handle is plain.



Code 5950 BT **Year** **Length** 19.7cm **Wt** 46g **Shaft** 9 **Cat** -

Handle Mks GORHAM STERLING 5950 BT **Shaft Mks** [none]

From a 7-piece gentleman's Art Deco sterling silver toilet set by Kerr/Gorham comprising a mirror, hair brush, comb, shoe brush, nail file, shoe horn and button hook. All items in the set are marked '5950 BT'. The reverse of the handle has a similar design but without the cartouche panel.



Code 5950-0 **Year** **Length** 14.7cm **Wt** 25g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [LAG] STERLING 5950-0 HMI **Shaft Mks** [none]

Lightly hammered finish. 'HMI' also stamped next to maker's marks on handle.






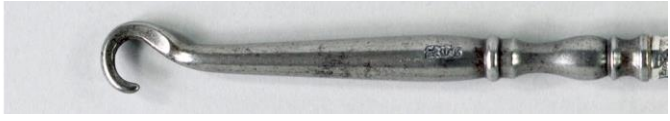

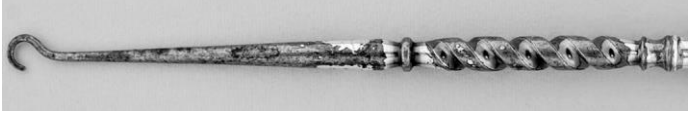




Code 5953-3 A36 **Year** **Length** 14.6cm **Wt** 24g **Shaft** 8 **Cat** -

Handle Mks [fasces] STERLING 5953-3 A36 **Shaft Mks** [none]

Made by Kerr under Gorham ownership. The shaft is typical of Gorham.

Appendix - Shaft Types

Approx. years used		Type
1880 - 1906		1
1880 - 1882		3
1884 - 1886		6
1886 - 1888		4
1886 - 1890		5a Smooth
		5b Facetted
		5c Ringed
1888 - 1889		7
1903 -		8
1921 -		9

The above list covers the main types of shaft recorded, may not be complete, and should be taken as a rough guide only. Slight variations of design exist within each type. The shafts are not shown to scale. (Shaft type 9 was identified as shaft type 2 in earlier publications.)

