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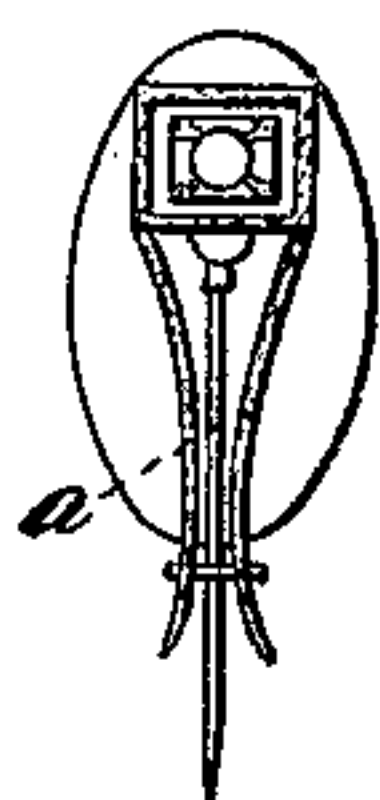
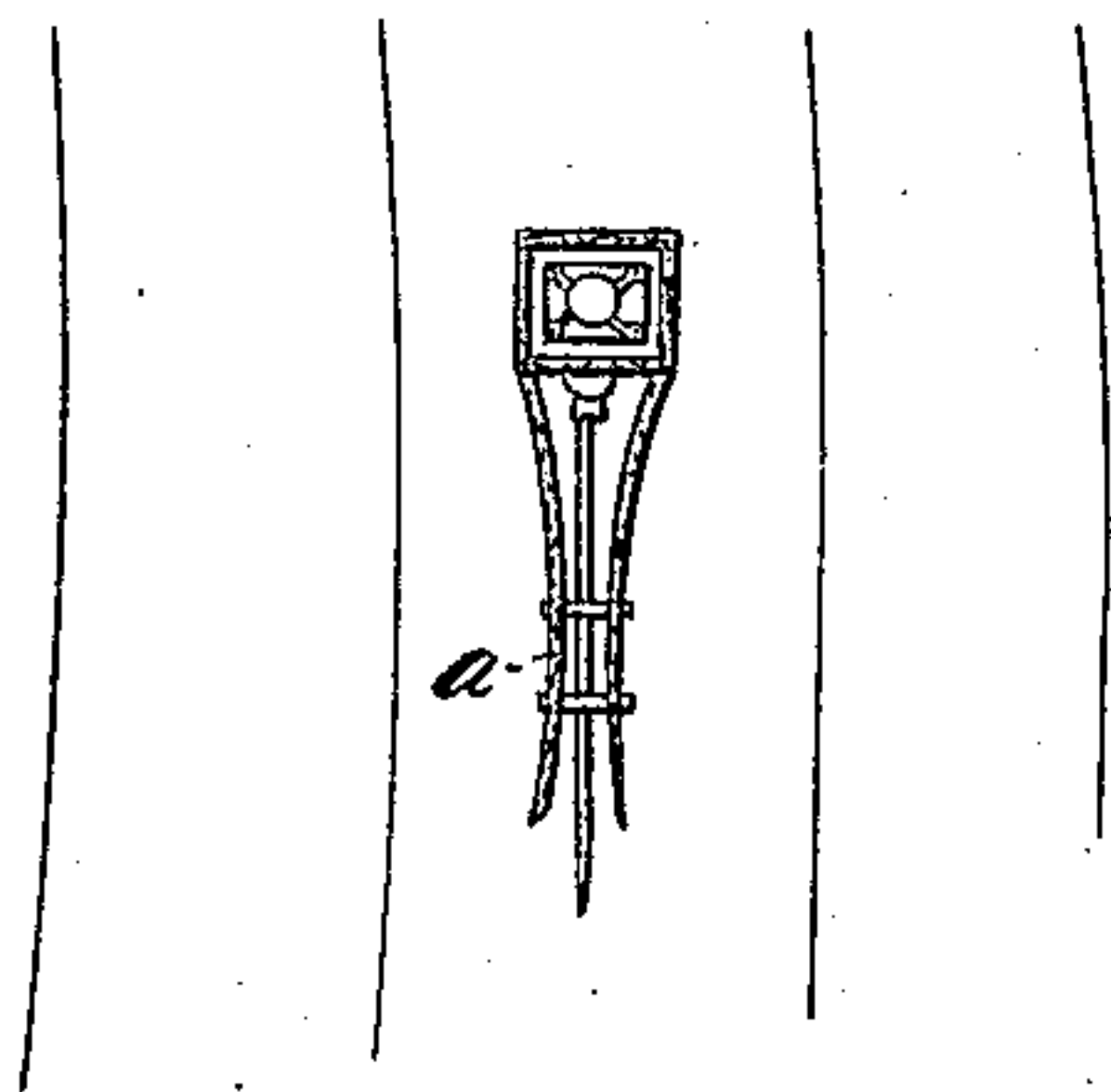
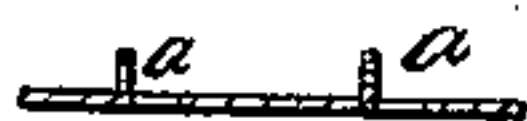


Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



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SHIELD TO PROTECT BREASTPINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. PHILLIPS, of the city of Washington and District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement for the Protection of Breastpins, Brooches, and other Articles of Jewelry Adapted to its Application; and I do hereby declare the following a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view and Fig. 2 a longitudinal section through the center of the guard or protecting plate.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention I will describe its construction and operation.

A plate of any desirable metal and form is so cut as to project at right angles to its surface one or more lugs or lips, *a, a*; said lips are perforated for the admission of the pin sufficiently near the surface of the plate that the thickness only of the linen or other material will intervene between the plate and the pin—the latter thus pressing close upon the cloth.

The linen or cloth may have slits suitably worked for the purpose, corresponding in size, number and distance with the lips on

the plate. The latter is placed beneath the linen—its lips entering the respective slits, while the pin passing through the holes of the lips, is latched in the usual way.

The majority of pins will cover the edges of the lips, and thus the whole contrivance for the pin's protection will be effectually concealed.

Some of the advantages of this arrangement I will now proceed to specify: first, the prevention of the wear of the linen by the ever-recurring perforations of the pin; second, the preservation of the pin from bending or breaking at the joint; third, the security given to the latching by the guidance of the holes in the lips, thereby preventing its working loose and being lost; fourth, its complete protection from abstraction and lastly its economical application to pins generally.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

The employment of a shield or plate with one or more lips or lugs for the purposes above specified.

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