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Pocket Book Alarm.

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Fig. 1

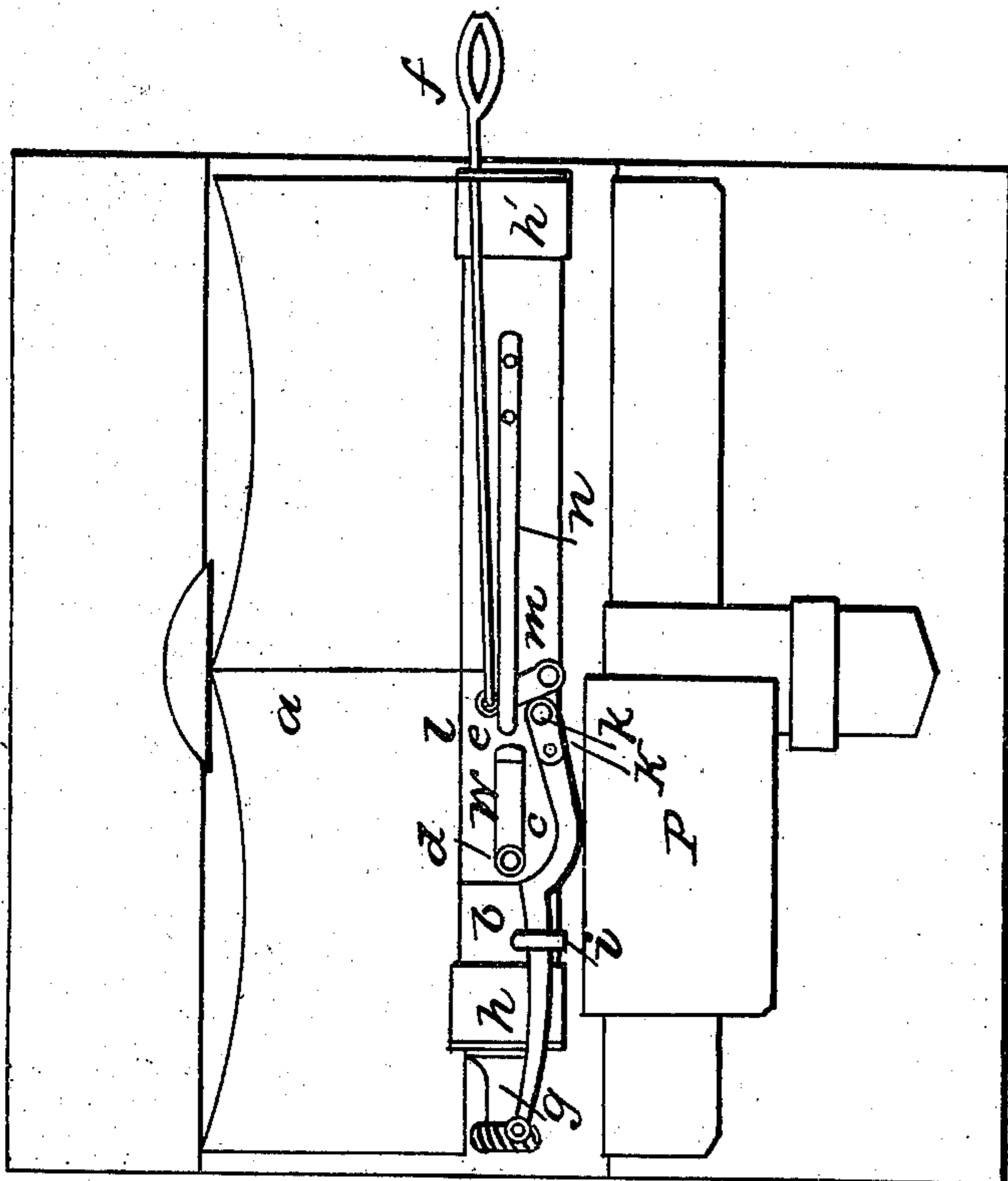
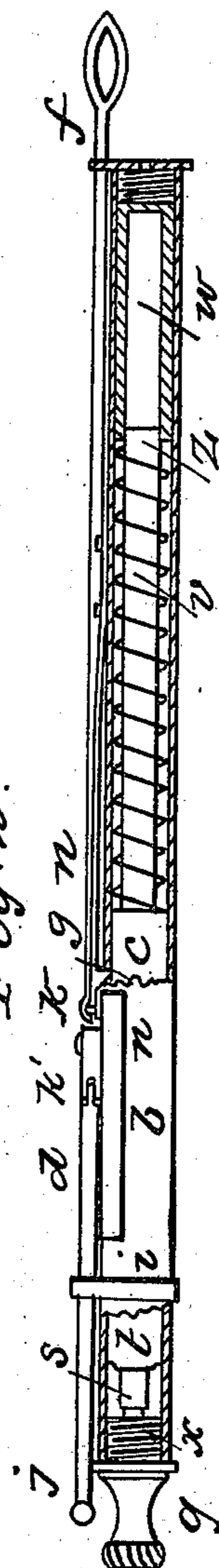


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED ALARM FOR POCKET-BOOKS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, THEADORE BLODGETT, of Belchertown, and WARREN S. WEATHERBY, of Granby, and both in the county of Hampshire, and State of Massachusetts, have made and invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Book Protectors and Alarms; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which like letters mark like parts, and whereof—

Figure 1 is an elevation, as combined with a pocket-book.

Figure 2, a sectional elevation view of the same, detached from the pocket-book.

Our invention consists in constructing a spiral-spring percussion-alarm, and combining the same with an ordinary pocket-book, for efficient protection against pick-pockets or casual removal of the pocket-book from the pocket.

To enable others skilled in the art to practise our invention, we describe the same as follows:

In the accompanying drawings—

The part marked *a* represents a pocket-book.

b is a tube, or hollow stock, of any suitable size and material, having on one side a raised flat surface, *l*, and through which is a slot, *w*.

Screwed into one end of stock *b* is a removable muzzle, *g*, on the inner end of which is formed a nipple, *x*, whereon is placed an ordinary percussion-cap, *s*.

Through such nipple and muzzle is a small opening for the escape of gas, on explosion of the cap.

t is the hammer, actuated by the spiral spring *v*, one end of which spring rests against the shoulder *c* of hammer *t*, and the other against the adjustable hollow plug *u*, which is screwed into the end of stock *b*, opposite muzzle *g*, such plug serving to tighten spring *v*, and also as a guide and support, wherein runs the shank *z* of hammer *t*.

j is the cocking-lever, jointed at *K'*, and pivoted at *K* to the raised face *l*.

d is a pin, connected with hammer *t*, and projecting through the slot *w*.

n is a spring-catch, attached at one end to stock *b*,

and provided at the other with a dog, *q*, which passes through a narrow slot in stock *b*, and catches in the square-shouldered notch *e*, on the side of hammer *t*, and holds the alarm cocked, after such hammer has been forced back by pressure of lever *j* against pin *d*.

m is the wedge-shaped trigger, pivoted to the raised face *l*, and passing under the flexible end of spring-catch *n*.

f is a small rod, jointed at one end to the trigger *m*, and provided at the other end with an eye, for the purpose of connecting the same with a loop or snap-hook, in the lower part of the pocket.

i is a thin hook, attached to stock *b*, wherein rests lever *j*, when not in use.

h h' are leathered bands, passing around opposite ends of stock *b*, and confining the same in a fold of hook *a*.

P is a small leathern flap, or lappet, (shown thrown back,) to cover the cocking-device, and prevent the escape of gas through slot *w*.

Instead of a nipple, *x*, and cap *s*, a matrix and pill, or wafer of fulminate may be used.

In operation, a cap is put on to nipple *x*, the device cocked, and the pocket-book connected with the pocket by means of rod *f*, the pulling of which rod actuates trigger *m*, and if any serious attempt be then made to remove the pocket-book, without first detaching rod *f*, the cap *s* will be exploded, and the alarm given.

Thus having described our improved pocket-book protector and alarm, we disclaim the invention of the separate parts thereof, as we are aware they have been used in fire-arms of various kinds; but

What we do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A pocket-book protector and-alarm, constructed of the stock *b*, in combination with muzzle *g*, hammer *t*, spring *v*, plug *u*, lever *j*, trigger *m*, and catch *n*, the whole arranged and operating substantially as specified.

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