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Safety Pocket.

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Fig. 1.

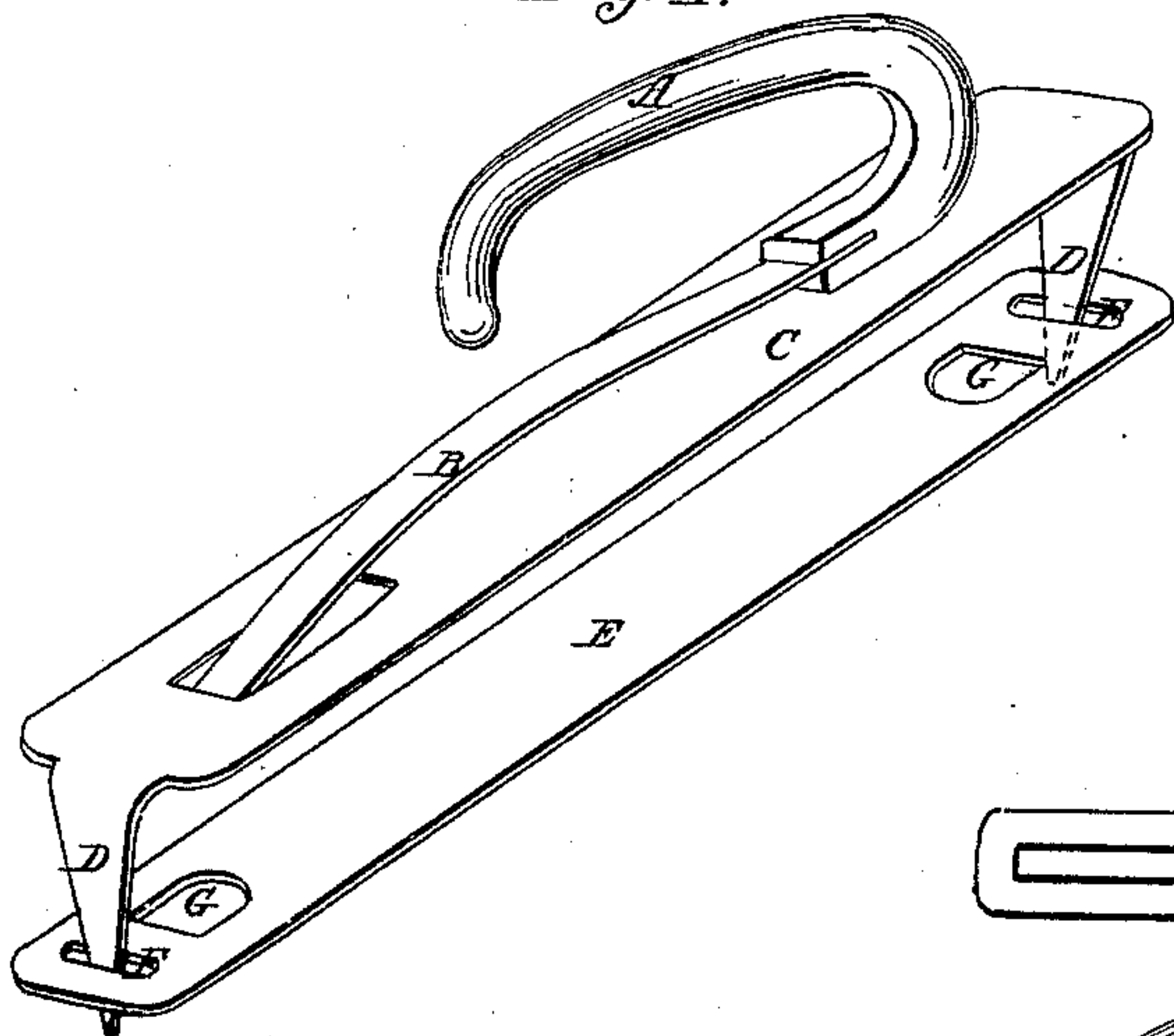


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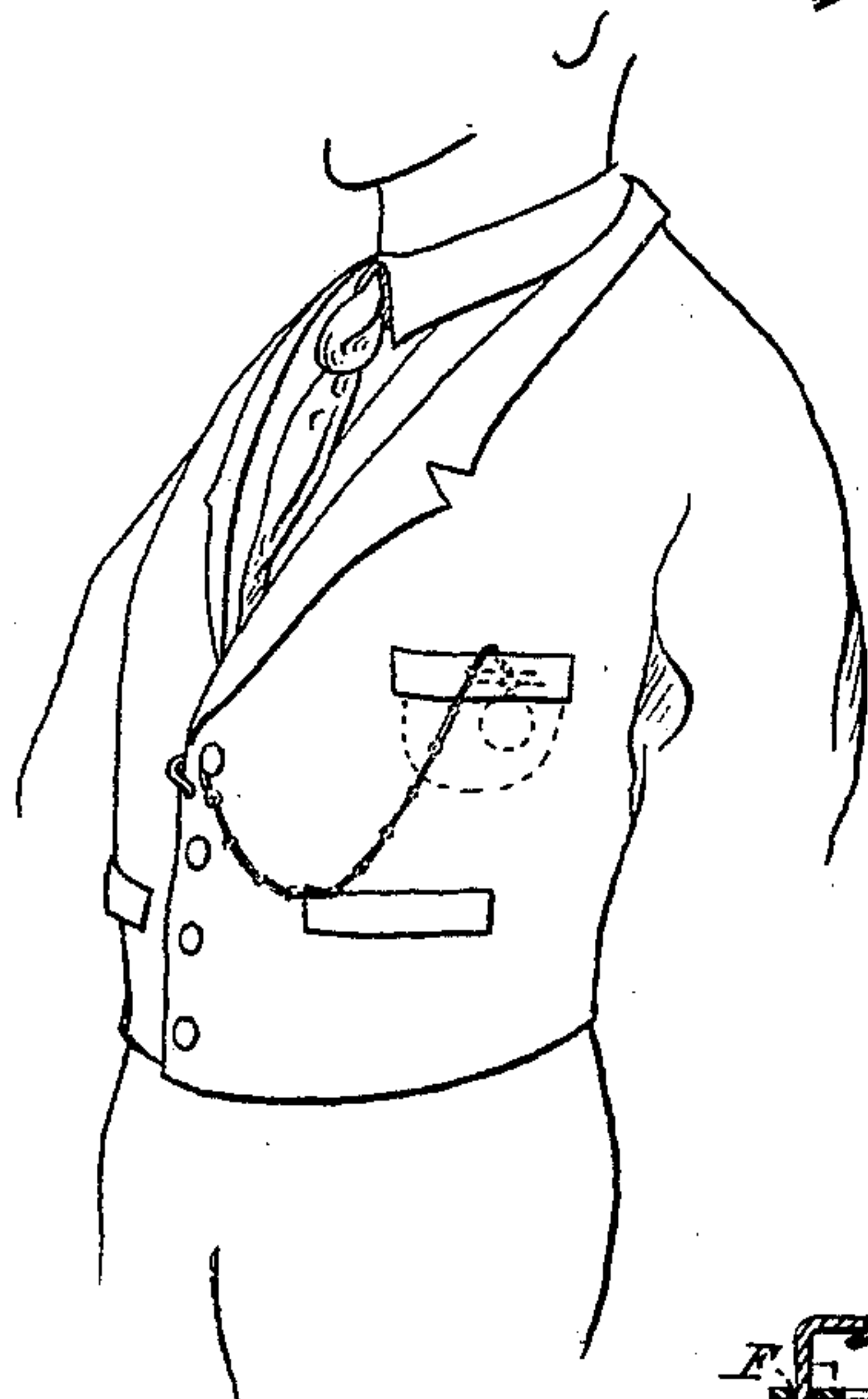
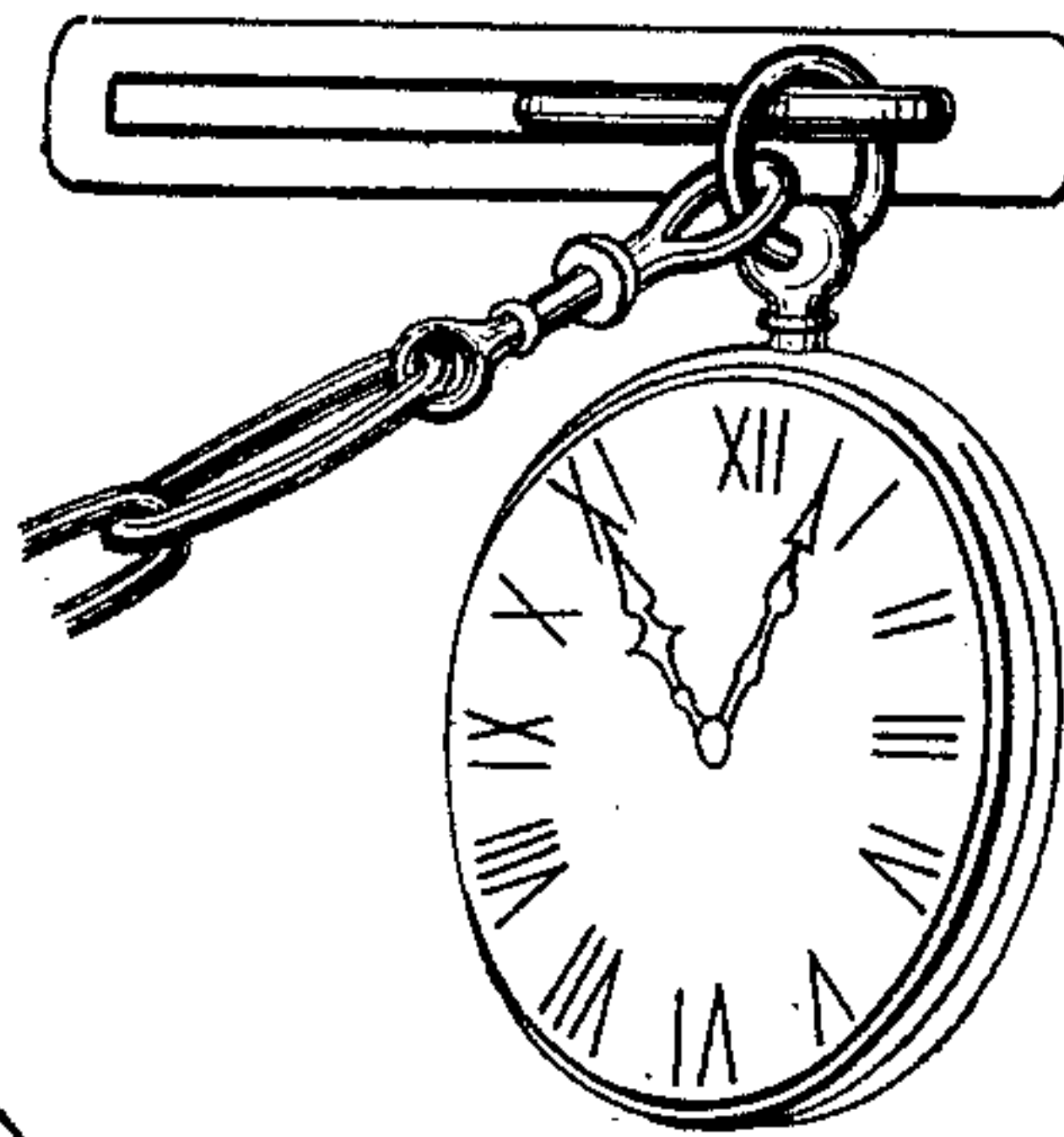
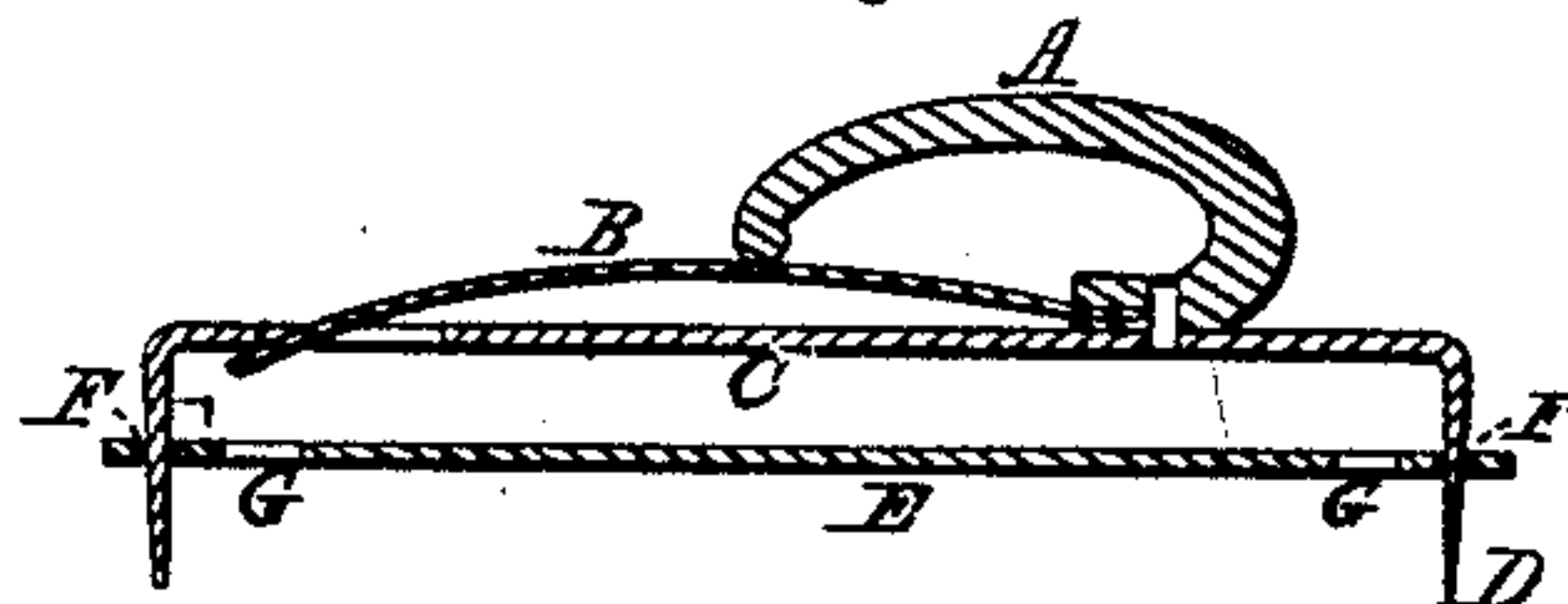


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY-ATTACHMENTS FOR POCKETS.

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

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLAUDIUS V. BOUGHTON, of Titusville, in the county of Crawford, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Locks for watches and other valuables, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which make part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of my improved device;

Figure 2, a view in elevation of the same, with a watch attached;

Figure 3, a view in perspective, showing the same in use upon a vest; and

Figure 4 is a longitudinal section of my improved device.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient device, whereby a watch or other valuable article may be safely secured to the pocket of the wearer, in such manner that the same may be readily and conveniently removed and replaced when in use, and at the same time be effectually prevented from being lost or stolen; to which ends,

My improvements consist in a novel combination of a spring-hook, to which the watch or other article to be preserved is attached with clamping-plates, for attaching the same to the pocket of a vest or other article of clothing, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, which show a convenient arrangement of parts for carrying out the objects of my invention,

C and E represent two metallic plates, to the upper of which, C, a hook, A, is suitably secured, near one of its ends.

A plate-spring, B, is secured to the shank of the hook A, or to the plate C, contiguous thereto, and, curving upward, so as to bear against or be in close proximity to the point of the hook, has its free end resting in a slot near the opposite end of the plate.

The ends of the plate C are turned downward, and pointed, so as to form prongs, D, which pass through openings, F, formed in the lower plate, E, near its ends.

Openings, G, are likewise formed in this plate, contiguous to the openings F.

The operation of the device is as follows:

It being desired to apply the lock for the purpose of securing a watch to the pocket of a vest, the plate C is brought up against the inner thickness thereof, or that which is next the wearer's body, and the prongs D passed through the fabric of which it is composed. The plate E being now placed against the opposite side of the fabric, the prongs D are passed through the openings F, and secured by turning them into the openings G. The plate C should be so placed that the free end of the spring will be next the wearer's shoulder.

The device is now firmly secured to the vest, and can neither drop out nor be removed without the wearer's knowledge, requiring the pocket to be torn in order to detach it from the outside. The watch, without being removed from its chain, is attached to the hook, and held thereon by the spring, and can be readily withdrawn by the thumb and finger, when desired.

My improvement, which is of cheap and simple construction and ready application, affords an effectual safeguard against accidents and theft.

In cases where the watch-chain is heavy and the pocket shallow, the watch is frequently dragged out and damaged, by the chain catching on a desk, table, &c. Such accidents will be obviated by the use of my improvement, and it will be readily seen that it affords an effectual preventive against snatching the watch suddenly from the pocket, and correspondingly reduces the risk of loss from theft.

I am aware that plates have been hitherto clamped together by means of prongs upon one plate passing through openings in the other, and being turned over, and do not broadly claim such device.

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

The combination of the hook A and spring B with the clamping-plates C E, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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