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Pocket Guard.

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Fig. 2.

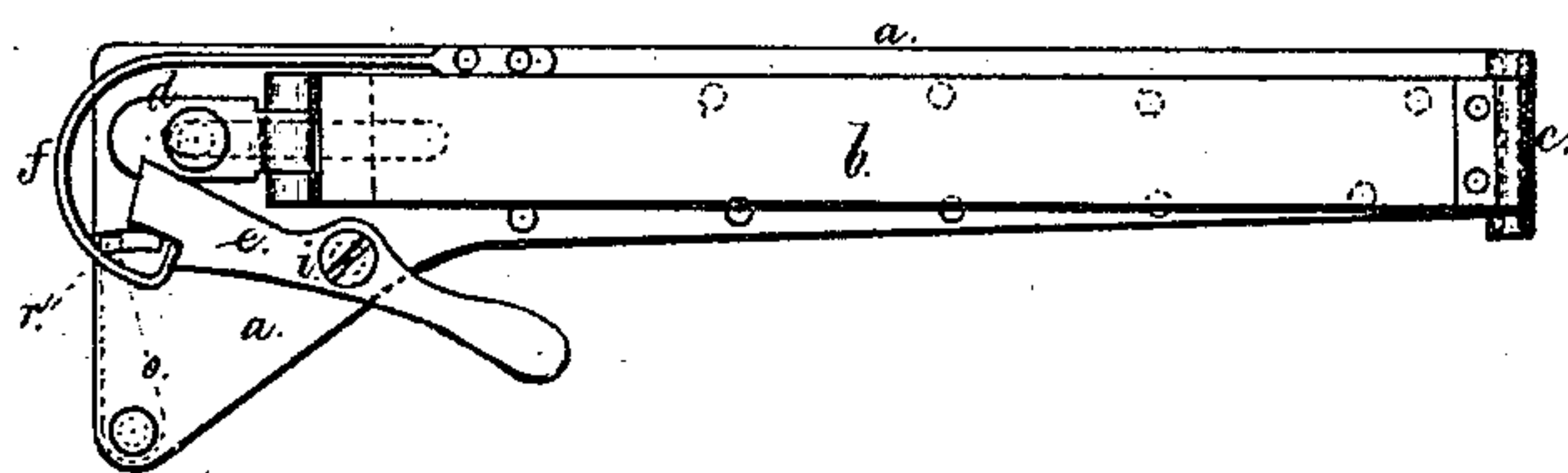
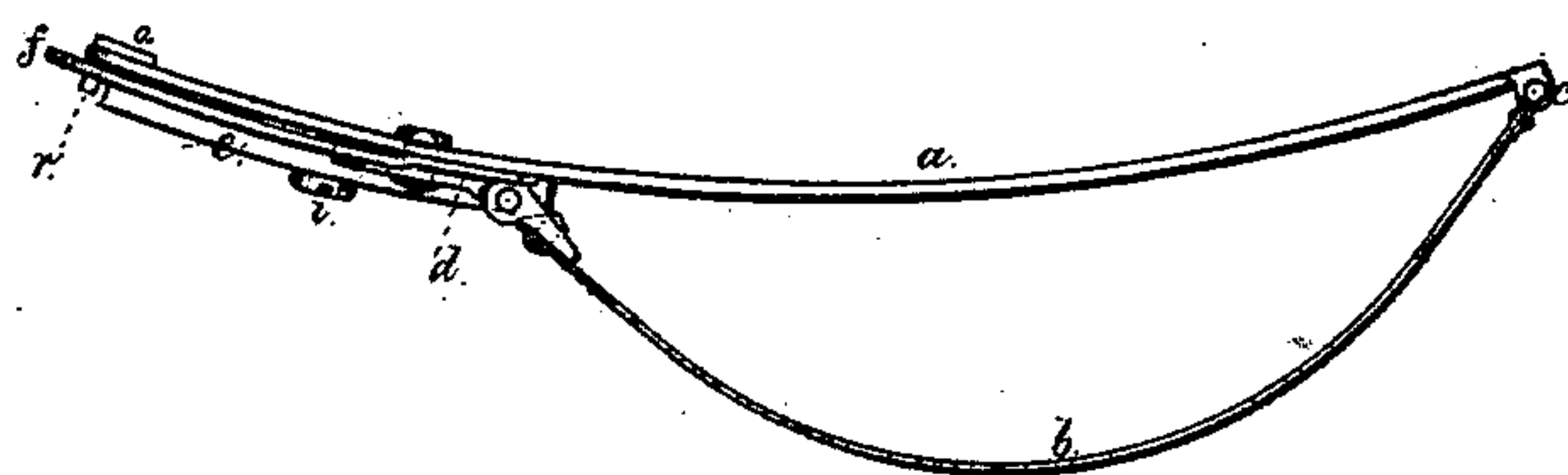


Fig. 1.



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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, ARTHUR W. BROWNE, of Brooklyn, E. D., in the county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented and made a new and useful Improvement in Guards for Pockets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan, showing the guard for the pocket, as opened.

Figure 2 is an elevation of the same, in the position the parts assume when closed.

Similar marks of reference denote the same parts.

This invention is designed for preventing the loss of articles, either by accident or by pickpockets; and the same consists in a guard, to be applied at the mouth or opening of the pocket, formed of two principal parts, the one a plate, and the other a spring, and to the plate a latch is applied that holds the spring in close proximity to the plate, so that an article cannot drop out of the pocket, neither can the fingers be introduced, but when the latch is disconnected, the said spring assumes a bow-form, and opens the mouth of the pocket.

This construction of guard allows easy access by the person wearing the same; allows the pocket to be closed with facility, by pressing on the spring, the same being self-latching, and I provide an additional security in the form of a lock that can only be operated from the inner side of the guard next to the person; hence, there is great security to the contents of the pocket from the use of this guard.

In the drawing—

a is a plate, that is of a length to reach across the mouth of the pocket, and this plate should come behind the lining or interior fabric of the pocket, so as to be out of sight, and the said plate can be held in position by sewing or otherwise.

This plate *a* may be flat or arched, according to the position in which it is to be employed. I have shown the same as curved or arched.

b is the spring, that forms the other principal portion of this guard. The same is tempered or formed so that its normal condition is an arch, as seen in fig. 1; and one end of said spring is united, by the hinge *c*, to the plate *a*, and the other end is provided with a slide-piece, *d*, that has a rivet, passing through a longitudinal slot in the plate *a*.

e is a latch-lever on the fulcrum *i*, and acted upon by a spring, *f*, so that when the spring *b* is pressed to the plate *a*, its slide *d* will be moved along, and catch against the end of the latch *e*, holding the spring to the plate *a*, effectually closing the mouth of the pocket.

When the lever *e* is pressed upon, the slide *d* will be relieved, and the spring *b* will contract, and open the pocket.

The lever *e*, being beneath the cloth, is not easily acted upon, except by the person wearing the garment, but as an additional protection, I employ the dog *o*, upon the back of the plate *a*, with a toe-piece, *r*, passing through a slot in said plate *a*, and capable of being turned under the end of the latch-lever *e*, to prevent the same being unlatched until the dog *o* is moved back, and this can only be done from the back part of the garment, behind the pocket, thus affording great safety to the contents of the pocket, and preventing accidental loss, or by the operations of pickpockets.

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

The plate *a* and spring *b*, united by the hinge *c*, in combination with the slide *d* and latch *e*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth; and, in combination with the foregoing, the dog *o*, applied in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my signature, this 14th day of July, A. D. 1869.

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