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COMBINED WATCH-CHARM AND KEY.

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Fig. 1

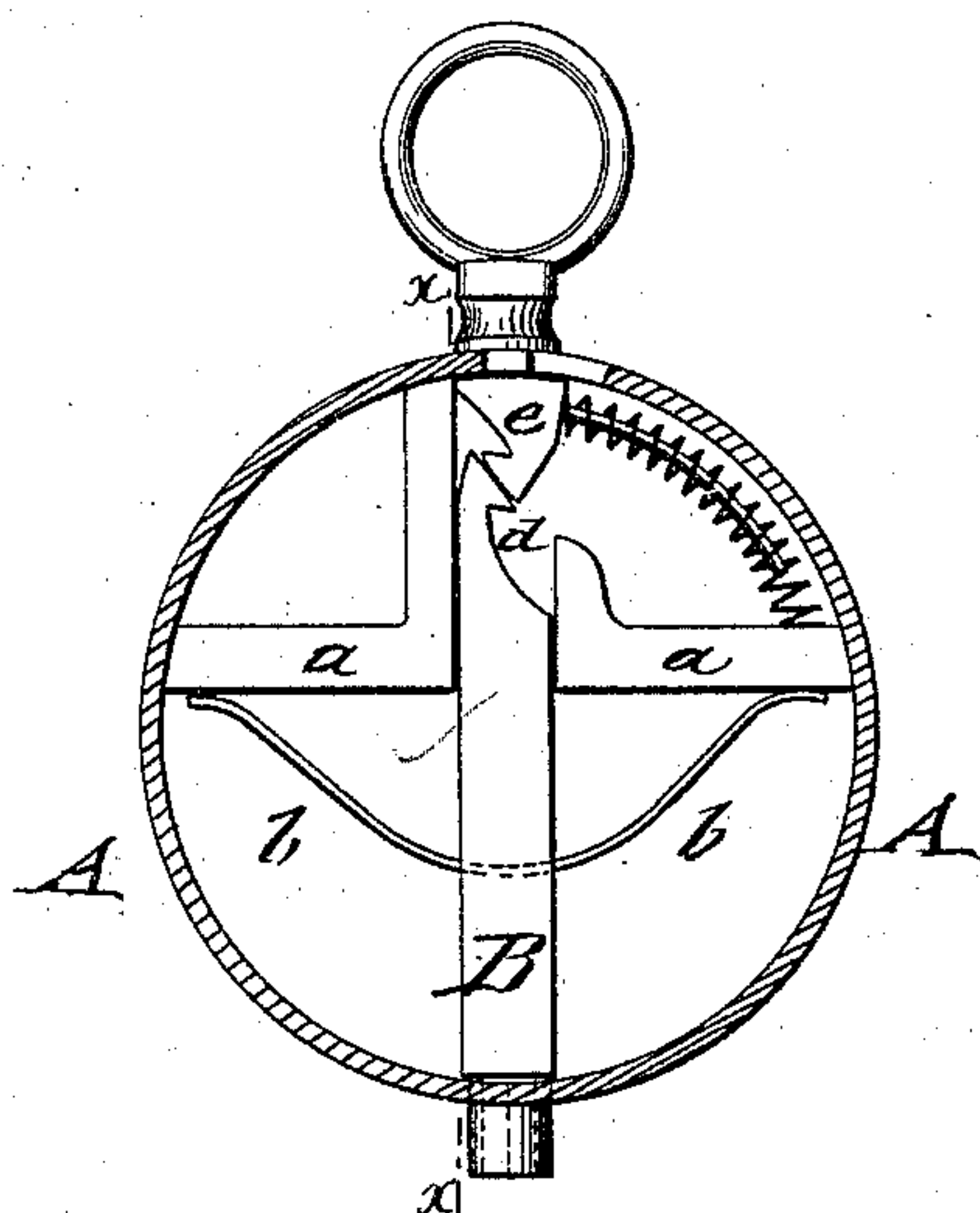
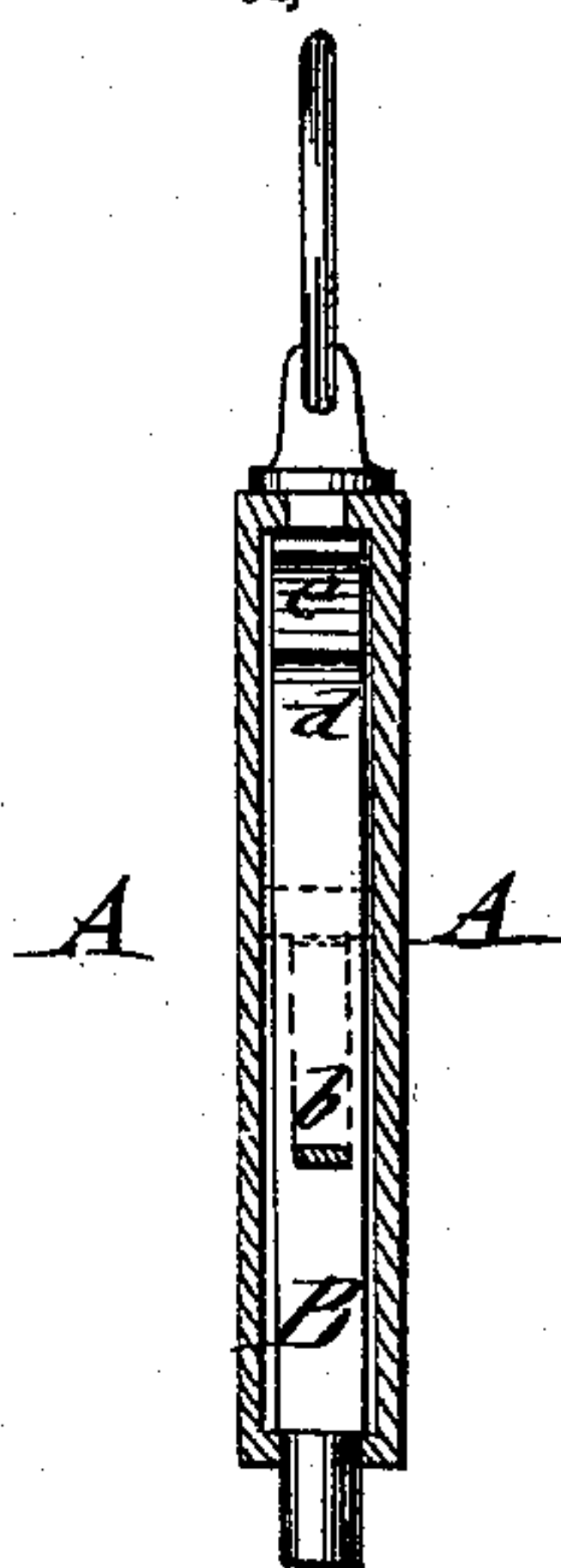


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED WATCH CHARMS AND KEYS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PATRICK DEVER, of Glen Riddle, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Combined Watch Charm and Key, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 represents a side view of my improved watch charm and key combined, with the cap or face piece removed, and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same on the line *xx*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention has reference to a neat and useful device that is worn as a watch-charm, and serves also as a watch-key; and the invention consists of a suitable case with a sliding and spring-acted key, that is retained or released to protrude from the case by suitable catch device.

In the drawing, A represents a small case, made of gold or other metal, in the shape of a small watch-case, locket, or other suitable form. A watch-key, B, with a square stem or shank, slides along guide-piece *a* diametrically in the case, and is acted upon by a band or other spring, *b*, that tends to throw the canon of the key through a guide-hole to the outside of the case, so that the key protrudes sufficiently to be readily used for winding the

watch. The interior end *d* of the key-stem is made of hook shape and engaged by a spring-acted hook, *e*, that may be attached to the suspension-ring of the chain.

The catch-hook *e* is forced sidewise by pressing the key back into the case until its hook end is engaged by the catch-hook *e* that slides in a slot of the case. Any suitable spring-catch may be employed to lock the key within the case after use, the key being instantly released and thrown outward on withdrawing the catch device from the hook end of the key. This is accomplished by pressing on the ring or other releasing mechanism.

An elegant and convenient watch charm and key is thus furnished, which combines the advantages of both articles in a simple, neat, and useful manner.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of an inclosing-case with a sliding and spring acted key guided therein, and a spring-catch device, substantially as specified.

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