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Fig. 1.

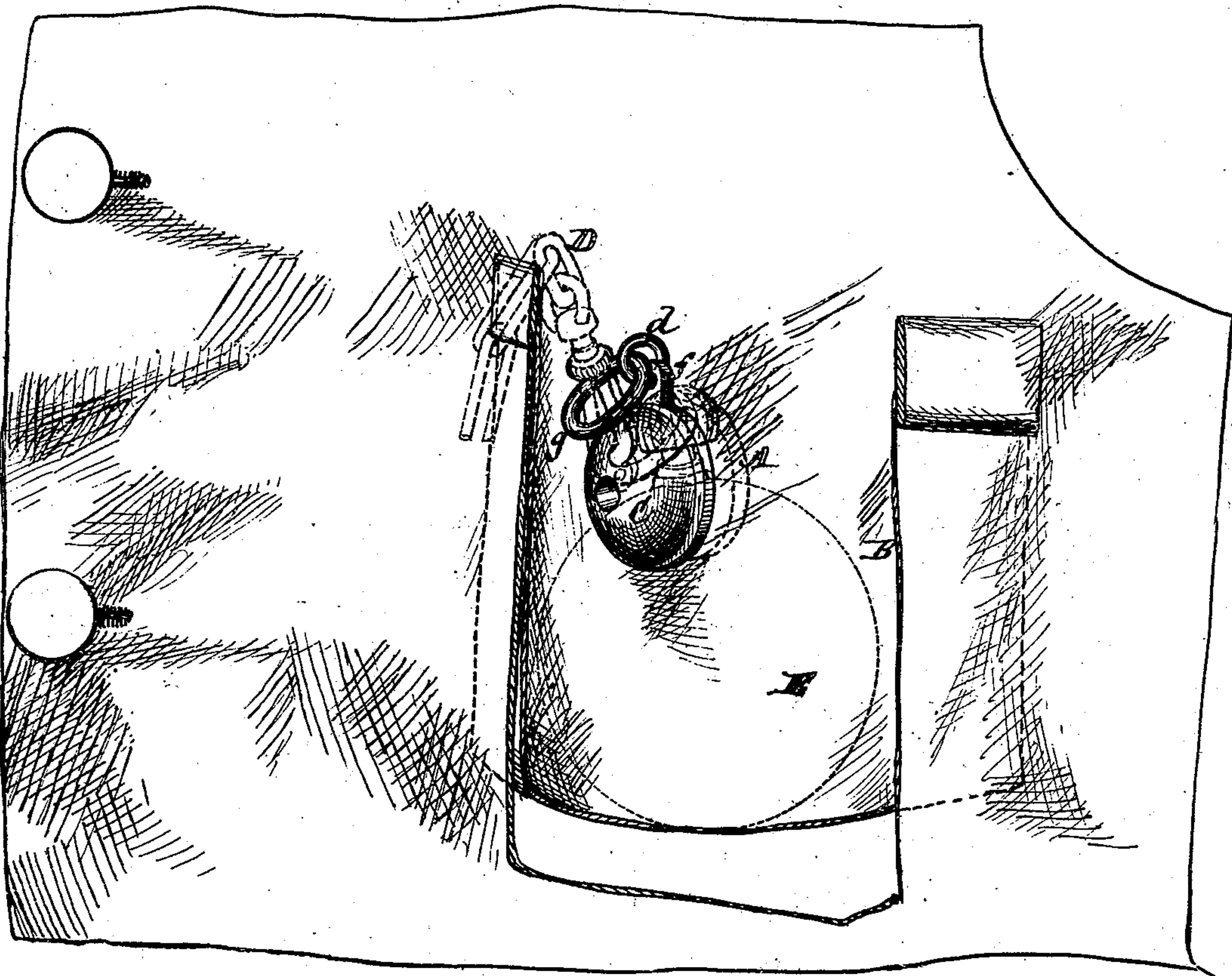


Fig. 2.

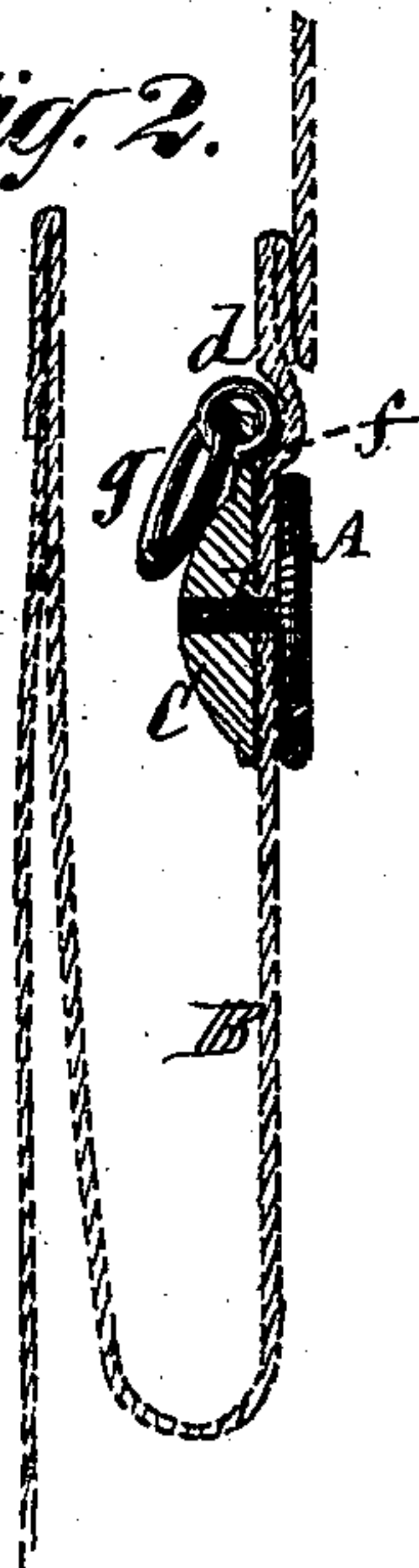


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY ATTACHMENTS FOR POCKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL VON GERICHTEN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Watch-Protectors for the Pocket; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification.

This invention relates to means for preventing the surreptitious extraction of a watch from the person; and consists in an anchoring device of novel construction, designed to be secured to the pocket in which the watch is carried and made to receive the watch guard or chain in a free or loose manner through it, to permit of the withdrawal of the watch by the owner when requiring to see the time, or for any other purpose; but so that the watch cannot be forcibly or stealthily taken from the pocket by a thief pulling on the guard or chain for the purpose.

Figure 1 represents an outside view of a vest, in part, with the outside covering of its watch-pocket broken away, and with my improved watch-protector applied thereto, and with a watch and its guard or chain in secured relation with said protector. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section through the pocket with the protector in position, and Fig. 3 a view of one of the parts of the watch-protector detached.

A is a screw-head or plate provided on its inner face with a sharp-pointed screw, *b*, which, in applying the protector to the pocket B, is projected through the garment from its inner side so as to enter the pocket, or rather to enter a screw hole or socket in a second head or plate, C, arranged on the inside of the pocket, said two heads forming a button-like anchoring device secured to the pocket.

The screw head or plate A is preferably made flat, and the screw-socketed plate or head C of a convex form on its back or surface, which projects within the pocket.

The head or plate C is provided with a small ring, *d*, which is inserted through an eye, *f*, on said plate. A somewhat larger ring, *g*, is passed through the ring *d*. This ring *g* is designed to let the watch guard or chain D pass freely through it.

Now, supposing said watch guard or chain

thus passed through the ring *g* of the protector, and having the watch E secured to the inner end of the guard or chain in the usual or any suitable manner, while the remainder of the chain passes out of the pocket and is secured to the button-hole of the vest or elsewhere, it will be evident that a thief cannot forcibly or stealthily extract the watch from the pocket by pulling on the guard or chain, nor even attempt it, without attracting the attention of the owner of the watch, as the ring *g* will act as a stop to prevent such withdrawal of the watch. Inasmuch, however, as the watch-protector, anchored within the pocket, allows of the free run or passage of the guard or chain through it or its ring *g*, the owner of the watch can, by taking hold of the watch, handle it or remove it from the pocket for the purpose of seeing the time, or for any other purpose, without it being even noticed that the guard or chain of the watch passes through an anchored protector within the pocket.

It will be obvious that this improved watch-protector for the pocket may be variously modified both as regards shape and details of construction, without changing its novel character. Thus the rings *d* and *g* might be dispensed with, and the guard or chain be passed through an eye or loop in the head or plate C, or only one ring might be used; but the two rings *d* *g* give a flexibility or freedom to the protector which is very desirable. Again, the head or plate C might be constructed to screw into the head or plate A, instead of the latter into the former, but such an arrangement is more or less objectionable. Furthermore, the heads A and C of the protector might be united with each other by a separate screw, or be otherwise made to lock and unlock with each other.

I claim—

The combination of the duplicate heads or plates A C, constructed to be connected together upon the reverse sides of a watch-pocket, the inner plate C being provided with a loose ring or eye, *g*, substantially as described.

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