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Fig. 1.

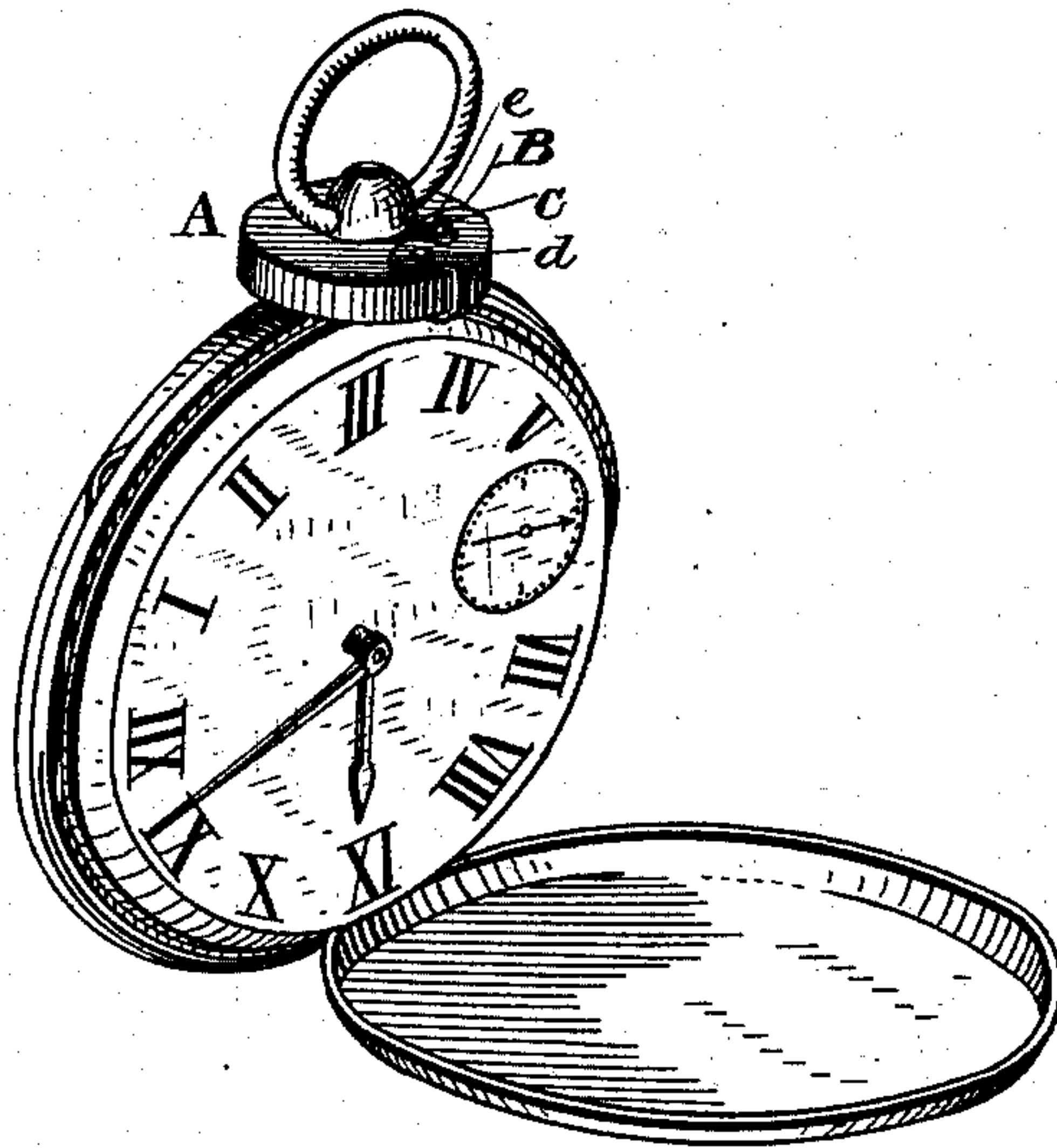


Fig. 2.

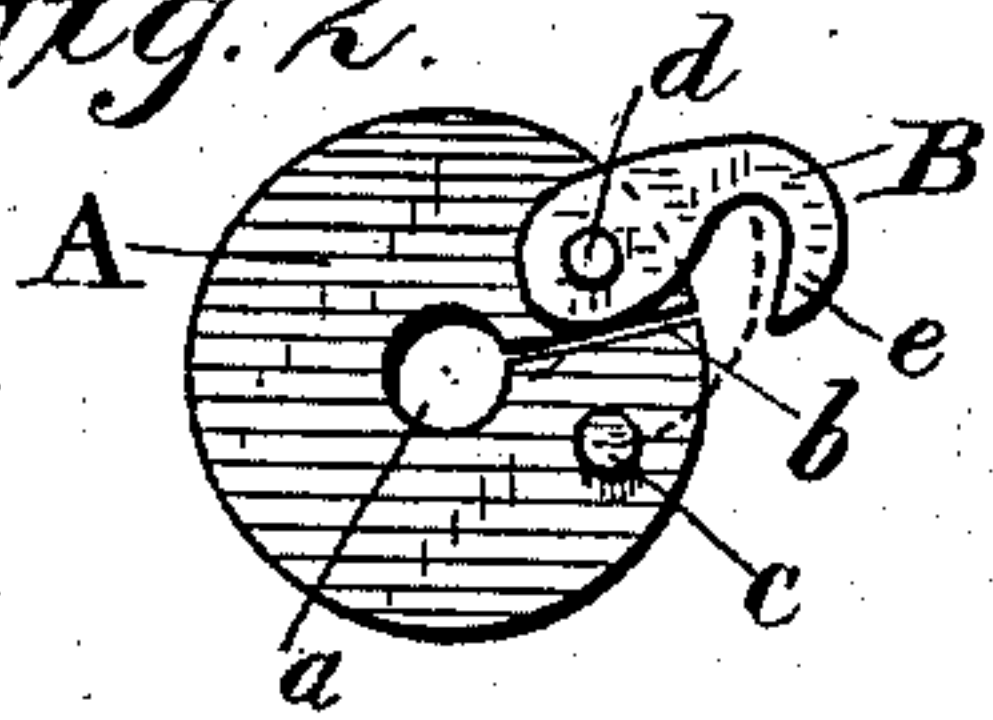
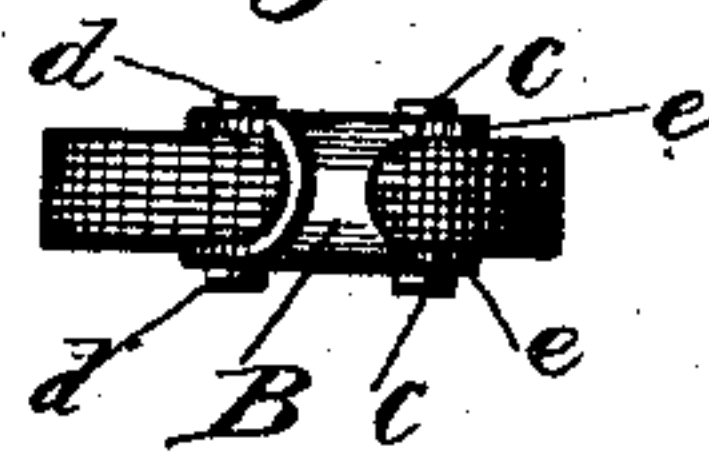


Fig. 3.



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WATCH-PROTECTOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. CONSTERDINE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch-Protectors; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a safety attachment for application to the stem of a watch to prevent its unauthorized withdrawal from the pocket of the wearer without due notice being given to him.

The invention consists of a plate or ring of rubber or analogous material having a central orifice and a single slit extending from the orifice to the outer circumference, to allow of said ring being opened out, and provided with two pins, one inserted in and projecting beyond the face of the disk on each side of said slit, and a double-pronged hook pivoted to the pin on one side of the slit, and adapted to hook over and clasp the slit edge of the ring and engage with the two projecting ends of the pin on the other side of the slit portion, as hereinafter fully described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows my device attached to a watch. Fig. 2 is a plan, and Fig. 3 is a side, view of my improved attachment.

A represents the disk or ring, of rubber or other suitable material, having a central orifice, *a*, for the reception of the stem of the watch, and a single slit, *b*, extending from said orifice outwardly to the edge of the ring or disk, so that by pressing upon the ring on either side of the slit the ring may be opened out to receive the stem of the watch.

c is a pin, which is inserted in and projects at each end through said ring on one side of the slit *b*.

d represents another similar pin, inserted in the ring on the opposite side of the slit *b*. The ends of this pin *d* also project beyond both faces of the ring A, and to it is pivoted a double-pronged hook, B, which is adapted to

turn around and embrace the edge of the ring A, and across the slit portion its hooks *e e* engaging with the projecting ends of the pin *c*, and thereby holding the slit portions closely together, and at the same time, when the device is applied to a watch, securely holding the watch-stem within the central orifice, *a*.

In operation the ring is opened out, the stem of the watch inserted through the slit side into the orifice *a*, the two slit parts are then brought together, the hook is then brought round and hooked over the pin *c*, and the watch then dropped into the pocket, where it will remain securely, and cannot be removed therefrom without either pulling the pocket open or else tugging upon the chain so strenuously and persistently that the wearer's notice must perforce, if he is capable of realizing any interference with his apparel, be drawn to the attempted abstraction.

I am aware that a patent has already been granted for a watch-protector consisting of a disk of rubber with a central orifice, and two short slits extending from the center thereof to about the center of the plane surface. This device like mine is intended to be placed upon the stem of the watch, and remain in horizontal position while in the pocket, the edges pressing against the pocket-walls; but in the device referred to it is necessary to remove the chain and force the ring over the bow of the watch onto the stem, and to remove it therefrom the chain must first be removed, while my device can be readily applied to or removed from any watch without removing the chain therefrom. The hooked catch for securing the slit portion of the ring together and holding the stem of the watch firmly in place is also absent from the device referred to.

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

A safety attachment for watches consisting of a plate or disk of rubber or analogous material having central orifice, *a*, and slit *b*, projecting pins *c d*, and hook B, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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