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Fig. 1.

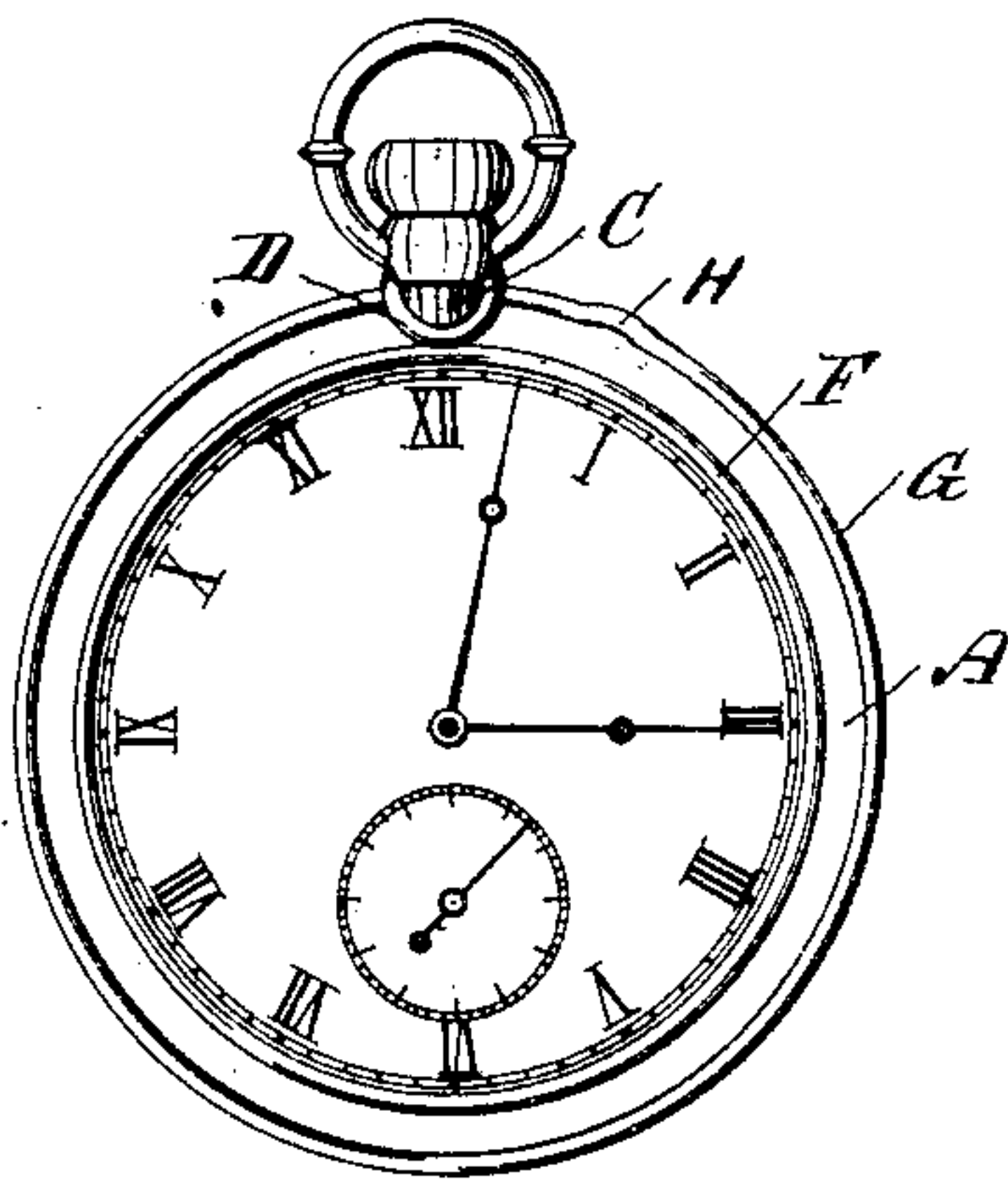


Fig. 2.

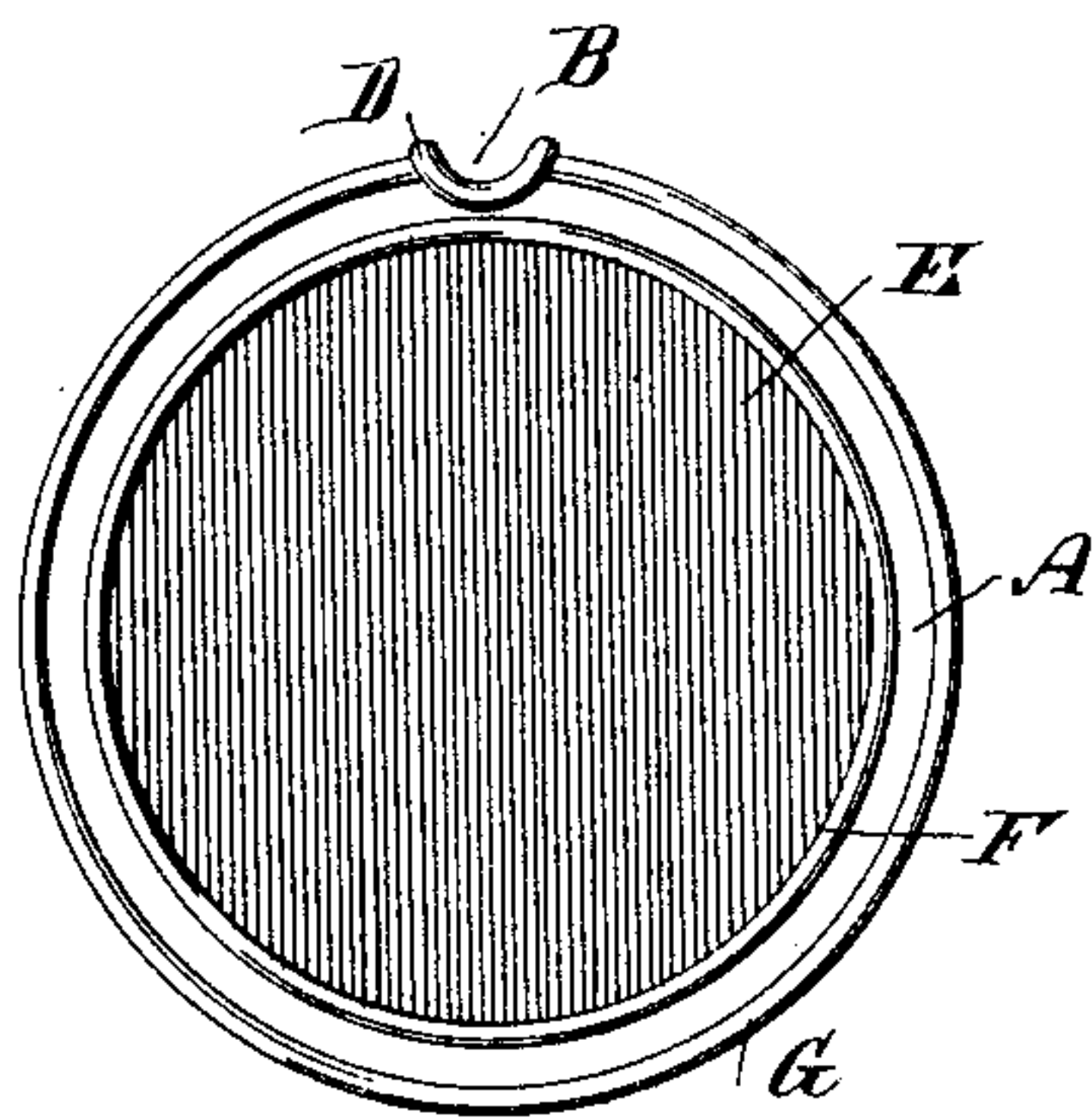
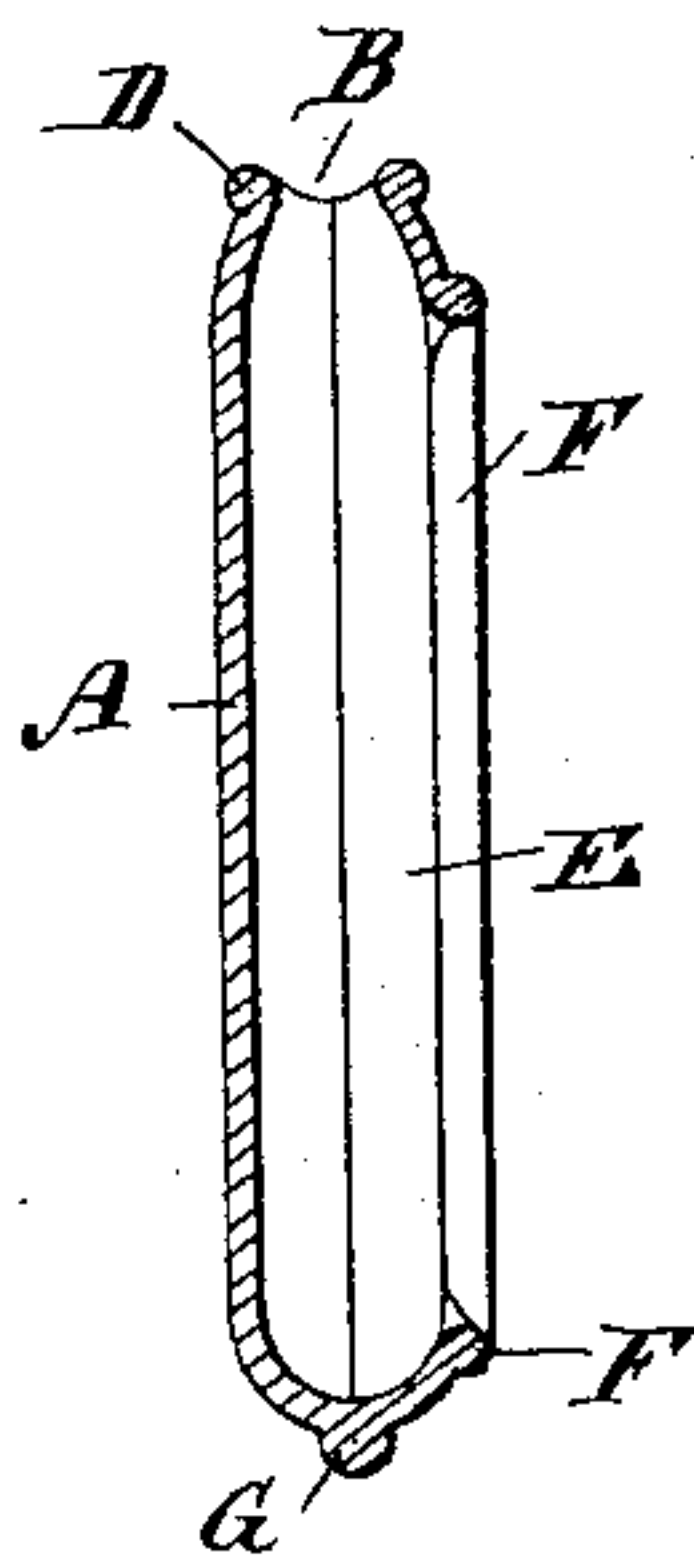


Fig. 3.



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RUBBER WATCH-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUSTAV SPECKHART, of Nuremberg, Germany, have invented an Improved Case for Watches, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved case for watches which will keep out dust and moisture and prevent damage to the glass and works in case the watch is accidentally dropped.

The invention consists in a soft-rubber case adapted to receive the watch, and provided with an aperture surrounded by a bead for the pendant, and an aperture surrounded by a bead for the dial, and with a circumferential bead, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a watch contained in one of my improved protecting-cases. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the casing, showing it removed from the watch. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same.

The case A, which has the shape of a watch, is made of soft rubber, or some other like elastic material, and is provided at its upper end with an aperture or opening, B, for the pendant C of the watch, which aperture is surrounded by a bead or rib, D. The aperture B is of such size that the bead or rib D will fit closely against the pendant C. On the front side the case A has a large circular aperture, E, of the same size as the dial of the watch, so that this dial remains uncovered, and the edge of this aperture E is also provided with a bead or rib, F. The case is further provided with a rib, G, extending around the periphery or circumference of the case. The case A is elastic and yielding, and can be drawn over a watch or like article by passing the bow through the aperture B, and then drawing the case proper over the watch, all this being easily accomplished.

The case can be made very thin, so that the

pressing-pin of a stem-winding watch will produce a bulge, H, in the casing. The slight thickness of the case permits operating this pressing-pin—that is, the hands can be set without removing the casing A.

The advantages of my improved elastic case over the metal or hard-rubber cases in use heretofore are as follows: It fits closely on the watch, and will not make the same bulky, and prevents dust and dampness from entering the watch and damaging the works. If the watch is dropped accidentally, the ribs or beads D, F, and G break the shock and prevent the glass from being broken and the works from being damaged. The casing also protects the surfaces of the gold or silver watch-case. Any watch can be placed into the case A, and does not require fitting or adjustment, as the metal or other protecting-cases do; and, furthermore, my elastic case will not scratch and mar the surface of the watch.

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

1. A protecting-case for watches, made, substantially as herein shown and described, of soft rubber, and with an aperture, B, for the pendant and an opening, E, for the dial, as set forth.

2. The combination, with the soft-rubber watch-protecting case A, provided with a pendant-aperture, B, and a dial-opening, E, of the beads D and F, surrounding these openings or apertures, respectively, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with the soft-rubber watch-protecting case A, of the circumferential rib G, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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