

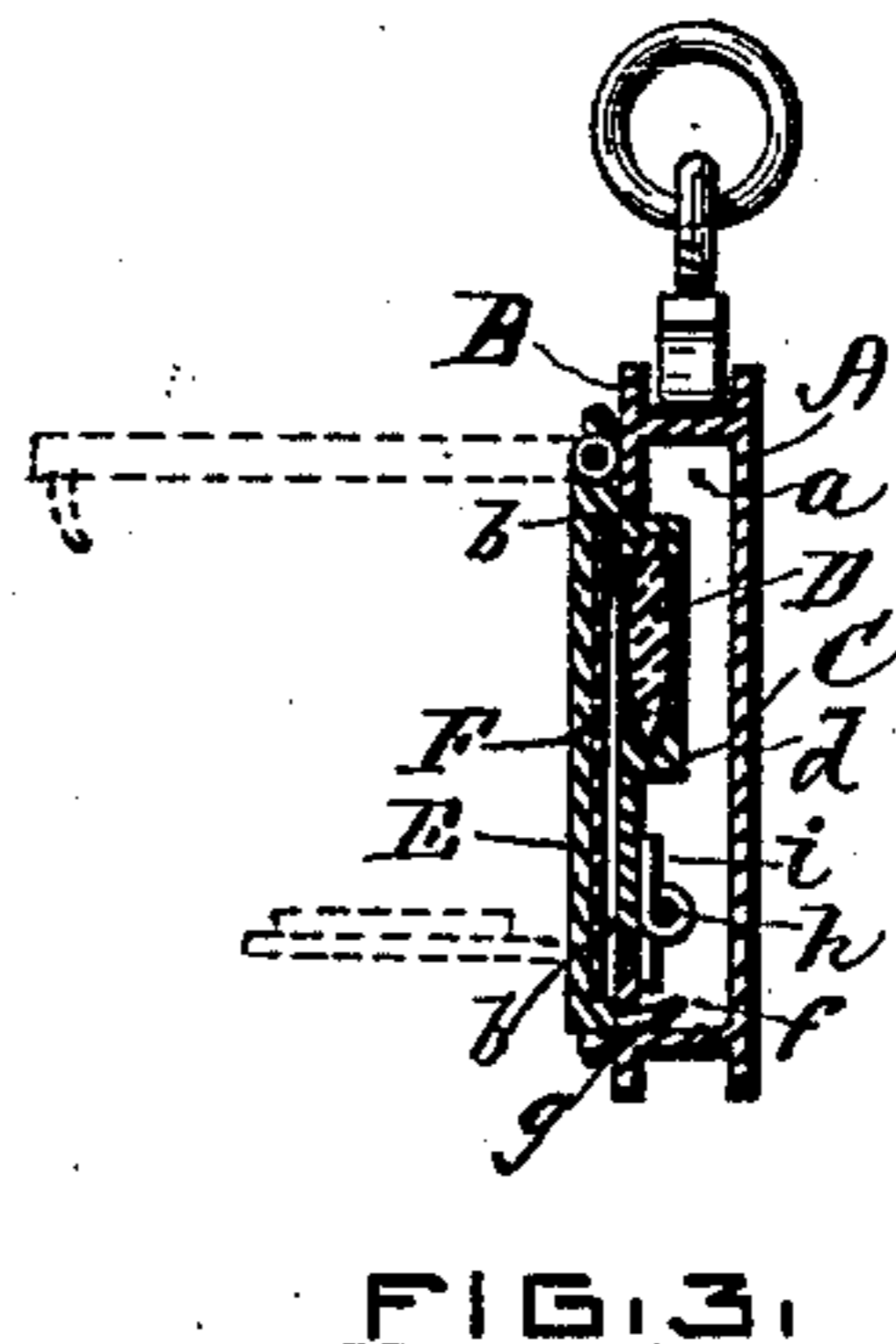
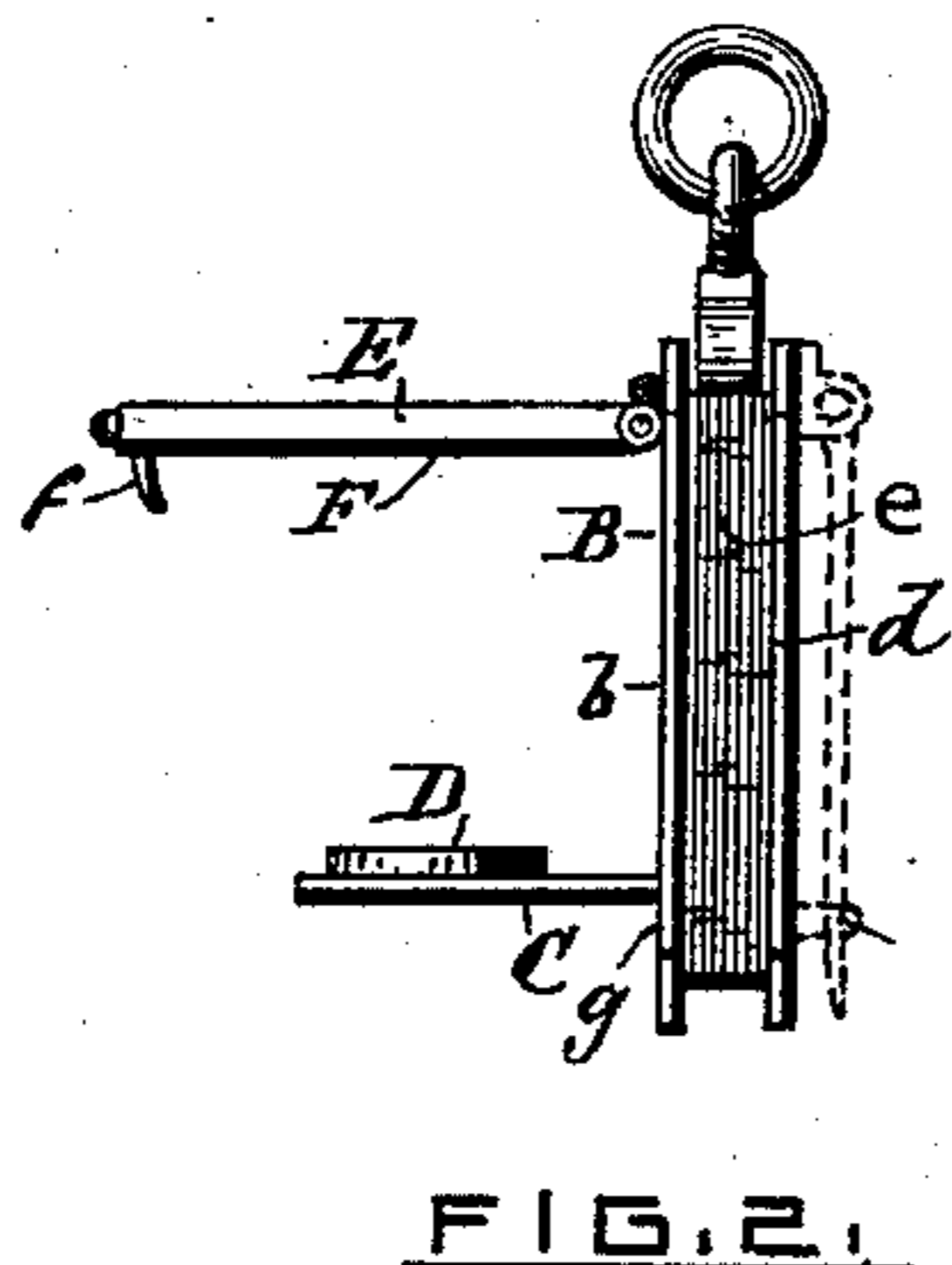
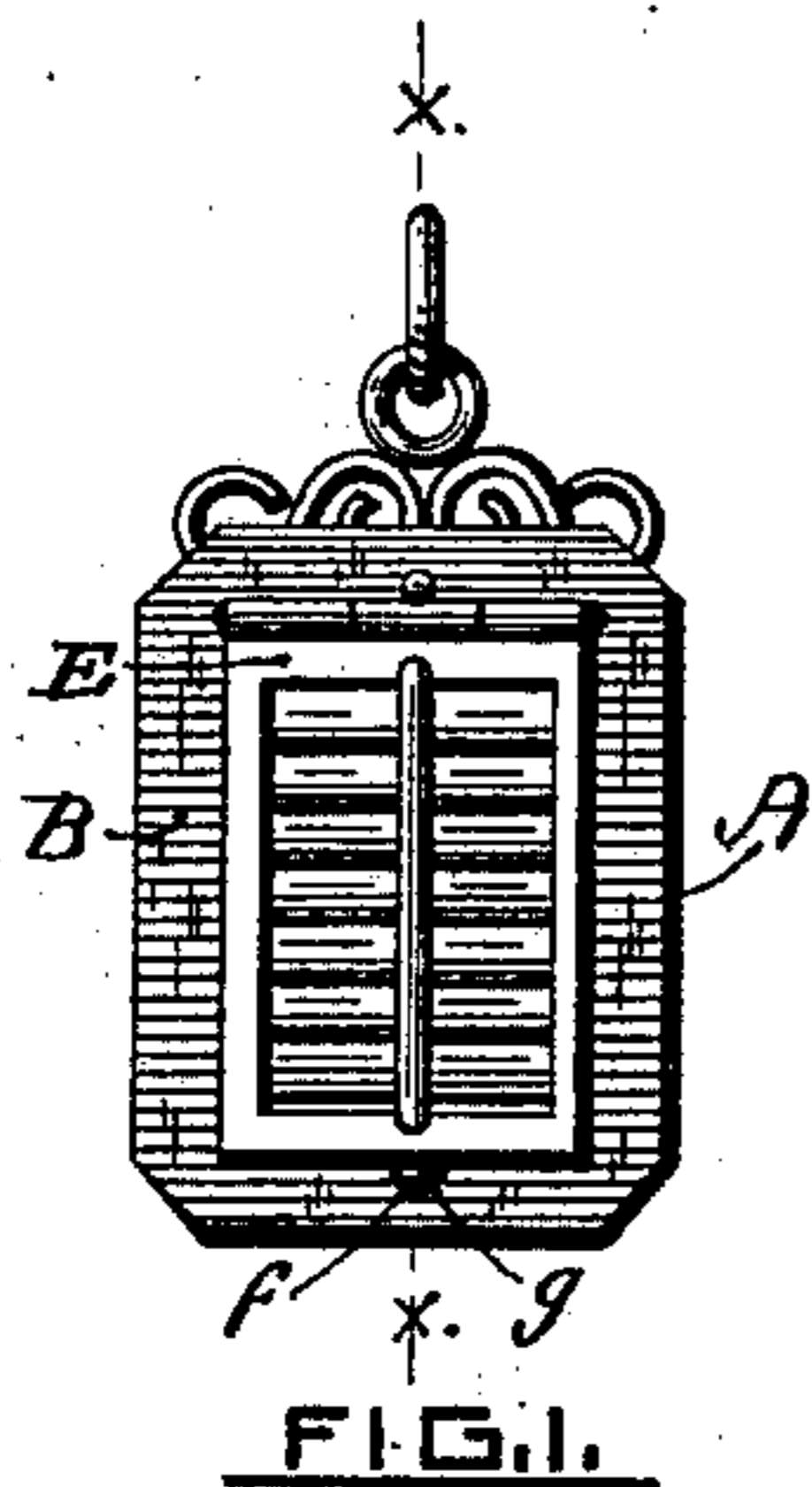
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE W. FOSTER, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented an Improvement in Locket, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the improved combination of a box provided with an open chamber formed with a perforated front plate, with a picture-box hinged to the exterior side of the front plate, and a lens-frame hinged within the chamber of the holding-box, whereby the exteriorly-hinged picture-box may be made of less depth than would be necessary with the lens-frame hinged on the same side of the front plate, thus securing a neat, trim appearance in the article of jewelry.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the locket closed. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the locket opened. Fig. 3 is a section of the locket, taken in the line *xx* of Fig. 1, the opened condition of the locket being shown by dotted lines.

In the drawings, A is a box provided on one side with a plate, B, provided with a perforation, *b*, adapted to receive the frame C, which carries the lens D. The lens-frame C is hinged within the chamber *a* to the inner side of the plate B, but may be hinged to the back plate, *d*, if preferred, or pivoted to the inner side of the rim *e*, and is operated, in its movement to an elevated position, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, by means of the spring *i*, coiled around the pivot-wire *h*.

The picture-box E, hinged to the exterior of the plate B, carries upon its inner side the picture F, and is provided at its outer end with the pin *f*, which enters a hole, *g*, in the plate B, in order to form a friction-catch for holding the lens-frame C and picture-box E in a closed position, as shown in Fig. 3, in which position the lens D will enter the chamber *a* through the perforation *b* in the plate B. The picture-box E, which is hinged to the exterior surface

of the plate B, may thus be made of sufficient depth only to hold the picture F, provision for the lens D being made in the chamber A, and will not, in this case, project from the surface of the plate B to the extent made necessary when the picture-box and lens-frame are both hinged to the same outer side of the plate B, thus securing a neat and attractive external appearance.

A locket containing a picture and a magnifying-lens may be thus made of first-class material and workmanship much cheaper than when made with a hinged case in equal parts, as in the ordinary construction; and the box A may be made with a perforated plate on both sides, each carrying a picture-box and lens-frame, thus forming an improved double locket. Locket constructed as shown in the drawings, with the picture-box hinged to the front plate, may be readily provided with a pin-tongue at the opposite side of the locket, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2, and be thus worn as a pin with desirable effect, instead of being suspended from a chain.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a locket, the combination of a box provided with a perforated front plate, with a picture-box hinged to the exterior side of the front plate, and a lens-frame hinged within the chamber of the holding-box, substantially as described.

2. In a locket, the combination of a picture-box hinged to one side of a perforated plate, and a lens-frame hinged to the opposite side of the same, and adapted to rise through the perforation in the plate upon the elevation of the picture-box, substantially as described.

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