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CUFF BUTTON AND HOLDER.

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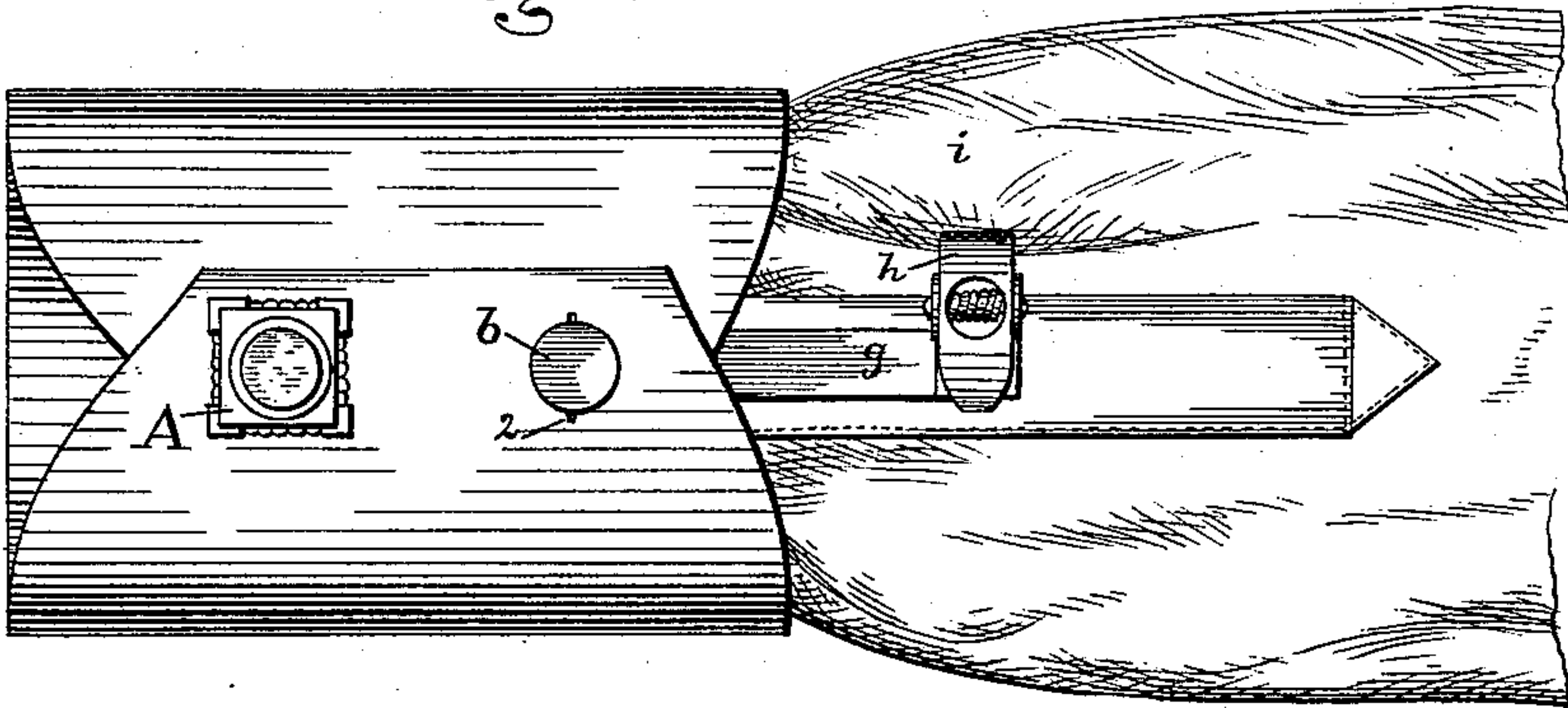


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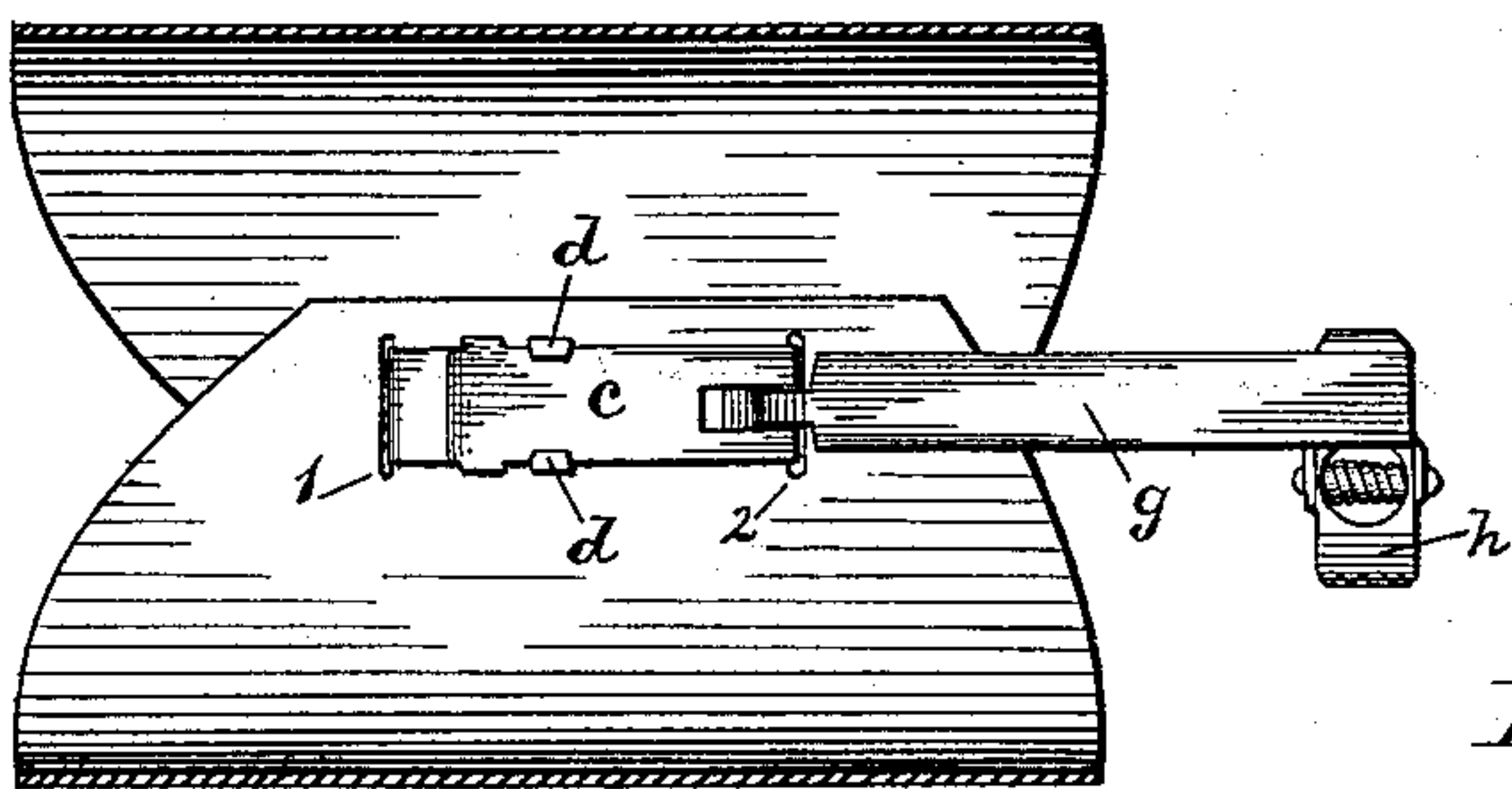


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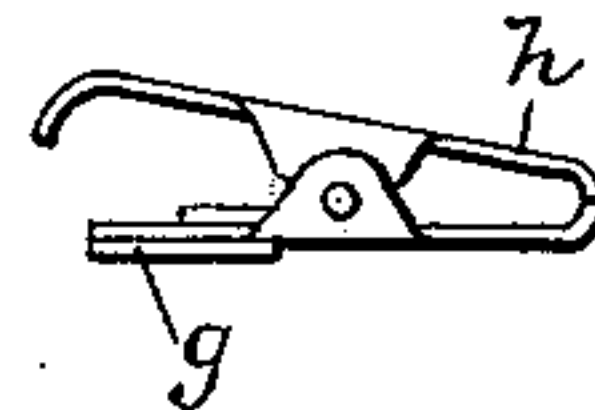


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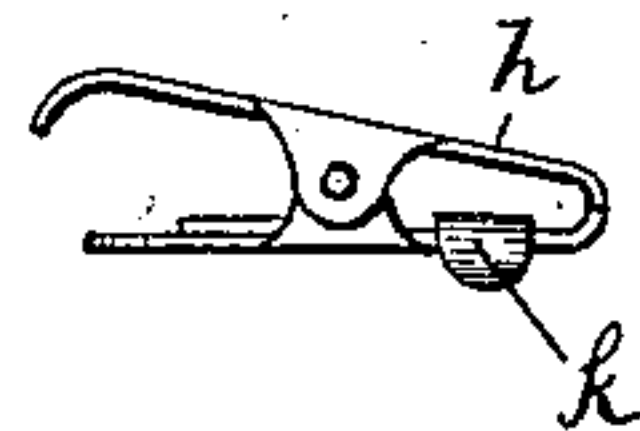


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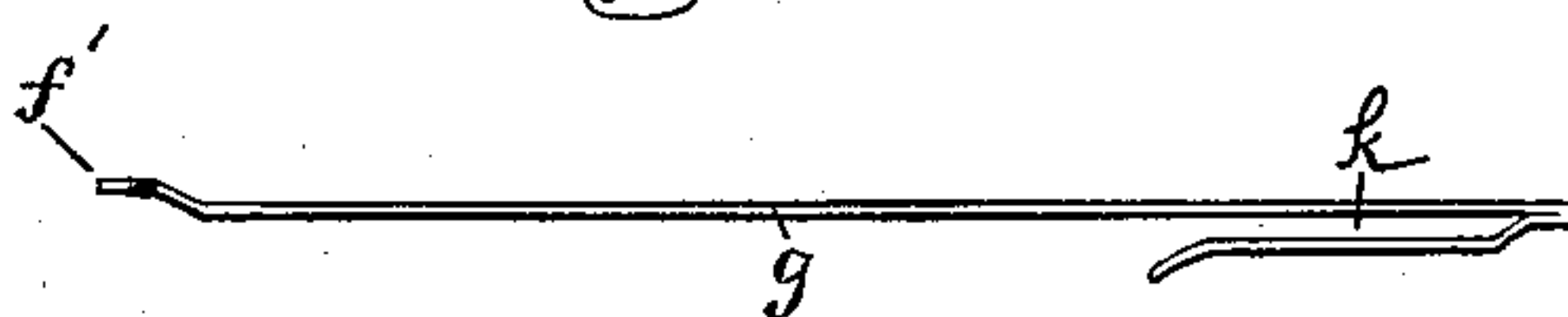


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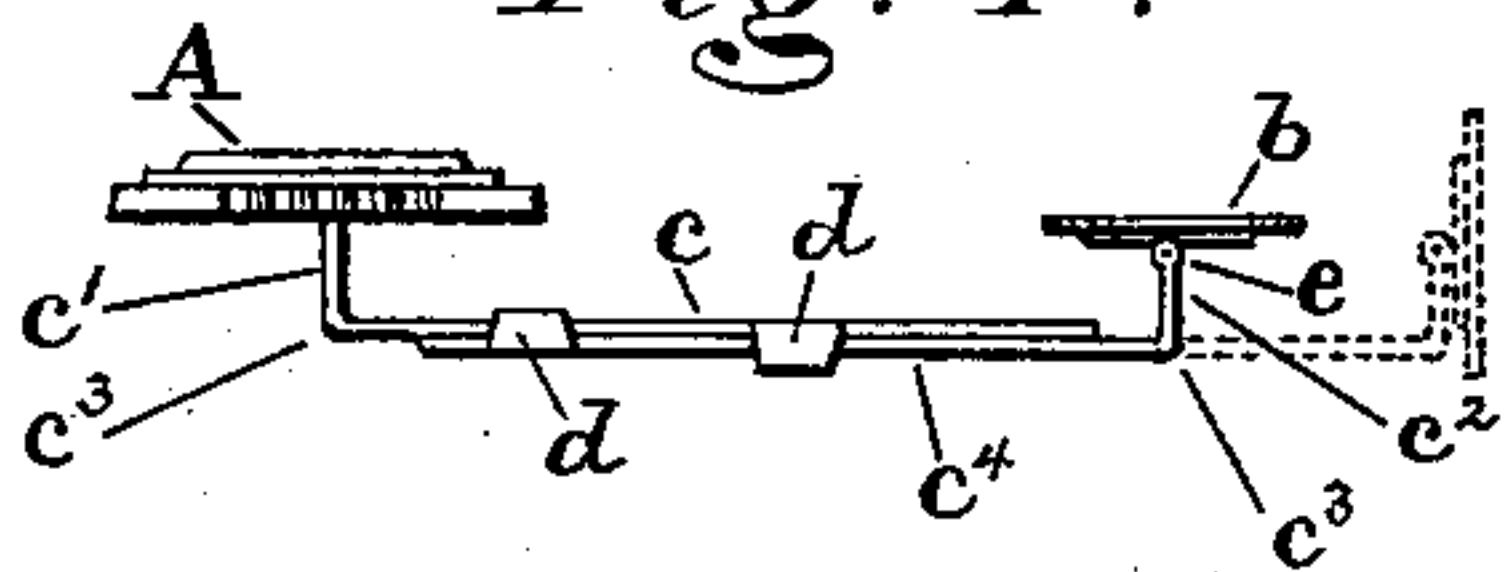


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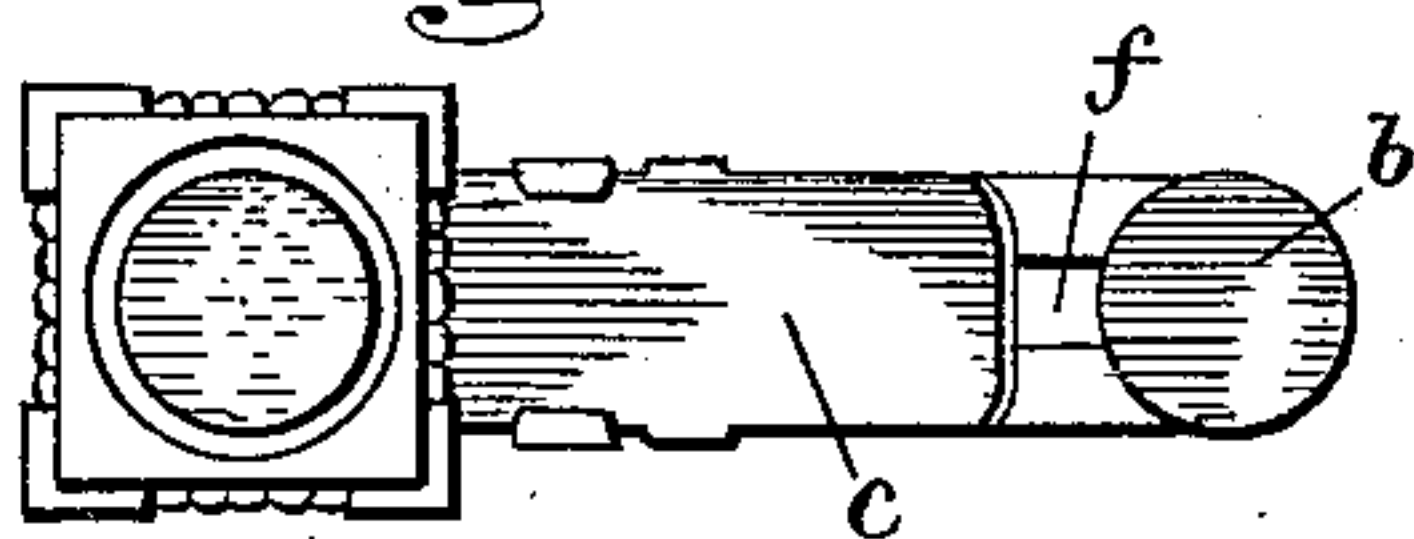


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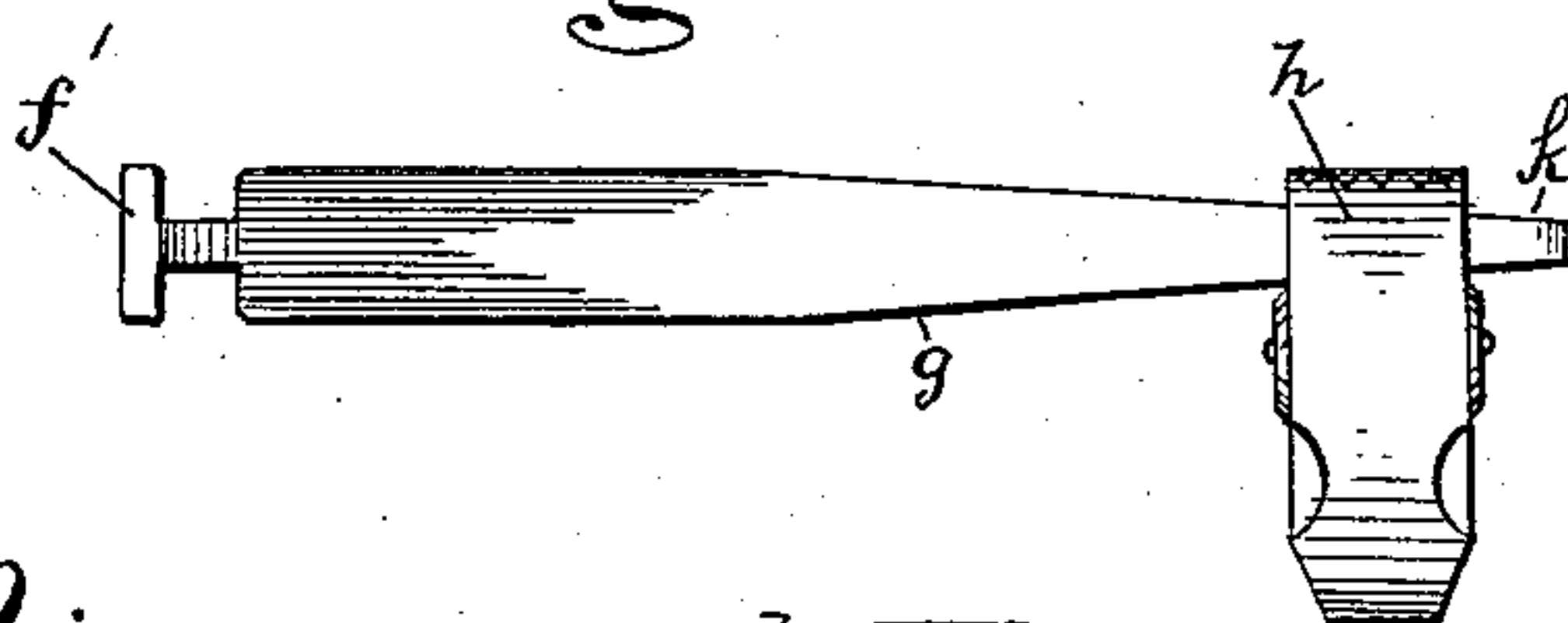
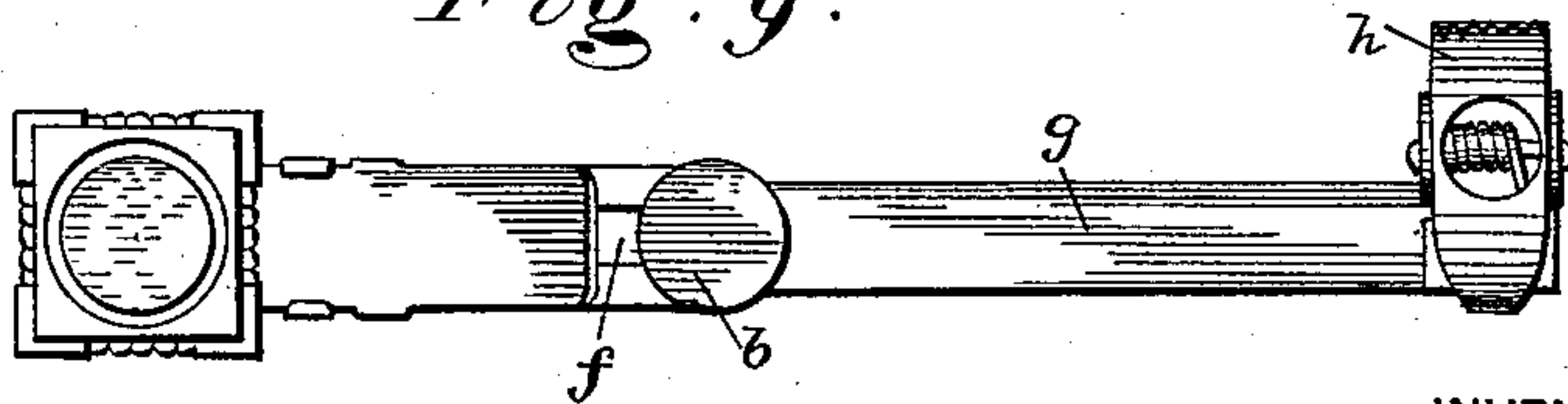


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CUFF BUTTON AND HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN A. STUART and JOHN F. WOODMANSEE, citizens of the United States, residing, respectively, at Austin and Flatonia, in the counties of Travis and Fayette and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cuff Buttons and Holders, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to an improved cuff button and holder.

The invention consists of two connected buttons and a holder having certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, which will first be described and then claimed.

In the drawings hereto annexed, Figure 1 is a side view of a cuff and shirt sleeve, showing the improved button and holder attached. Fig. 2 is a section or inside view of a cuff, showing on the reverse side the shank-plate which connects the buttons and also the holder. Fig. 3 is a side view of the clamp attached at the end of the holder. Figs. 4 and 5 are side and top views of the buttons. Fig. 6 shows a modification for attaching the clamp. Figs. 7 and 8 are side and top views of the holder, showing the modification for attaching the clamp. Fig. 9 is a top view of the cuff buttons and holder in position as when on the cuff.

The letter A designates the main or first button, which is the ornamental button exposed to view. *b* is the supplemental or second button and connected with the main button by a shank-plate, *c*. The main button has one end, *c'*, of the shank-plate *c* rigidly attached to it, and the second button may be attached to the other end, *c''*. Just below each button the shank-plate has a right-angle bend, *c'''*. (Shown plainly in Fig. 4.) We prefer to construct the shank-plate with two parts, *c* and *c''*, and lap one part on the other, and provide each on its edges with tangs *d*, which hook or embrace the edges of the other, and thereby adapt the two parts to slide endwise with respect to each other, "telescope fashion"—in other words, the shank-plate is extensible. By this or some equivalent construction the two buttons attached to the shank-plate are adjustable toward or away from each other, and thereby the device may be applied

to cuffs of different sizes or having various widths between the front and back button-holes, 1 and 2. The supplemental or second button, *b*, is connected to the shank end *c''* by a joint or hinge, *e*, and may thereby tilt, as indicated by broken lines in Fig. 4, to a position parallel with the said shank end. When in this position the button may be easily inserted in the button-hole of the cuff. The shank-plate has a slot or hole, *f*, at or near the end where the second button is attached. Into this slot the T-shaped end *f'* of the holder-bar is inserted. The slot and T-shaped end comprise a coupling device. The holder-bar *g* has at the other end a gripper or spring-clamp, *h*, of well-known construction. This gripper or clamp serves to grasp the shirt-sleeve *i* at any desired point, and thereby it holds the cuff securely. To insert this button device in the holes of cuff, tilt the second button, *b*, to a position parallel with the shank end *c''*; place the holes in the two ends of the cuff so they coincide; then insert the tilted button through the front holes, 1, from the top or outside of the cuff, and pass the entire shank-plate through until the main button A has its proper position against the cuff. Now couple the T-shaped end of the holder-bar with the slot in the shank-plate; then push the tilted button up through the back hole, 2, of the cuff and turn it on its hinge to give it its proper position flat against the cuff. Finally, press open the jaws of the gripper or clamp and set them fast on the shirt-sleeve. The spring-clamp *h* may be permanently attached at the end of the holder-bar *g*, as in Figs. 2 and 3, or it may be so attached as to permit of ready removal, as in Figs. 6, 7, and 8. In this latter case the holder-bar is bent or doubled back on itself (see Fig. 7) to form a hook or loop, *k*, and one jaw of the spring-clamp is inserted through the hook or loop, as shown. The clamp then is ready to grasp the shirt-sleeve.

By the above-described construction the cuff-button is provided with means which secures it from loss. It will retain the cuff securely, and it may be applied to the cuff without soiling it or injuring its appearance.

Having described our invention, we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. A cuff button and holder having in combination a shank-plate, two buttons, one attached at each end of the shank-plate, and a clamp-bar, one end of which is for attachment to the shirt-sleeve, and the other end having a device to couple with said shank-plate, as set forth.

2. A cuff button and holder having in combination a shank-plate composed of two parts which slide endwise or are extensible with respect to each other, two buttons, one attached at each end of said extensible shank-plate, and a holder-bar for attachment to the shirt-sleeve, as set forth.

3. A cuff button and holder having in combination a shank-plate, a front button rigidly attached at one end of the shank-plate, and a back button hinged to the other end, and a holder-bar for attachment to the shirt-sleeve, as set forth.

4. A cuff button and holder having in combination a shank-plate, a front button rigidly attached at one end of the shank-plate and a back button hinged to the other end, and a holder or clamp bar for attachment to the shirt-sleeve, having a device to couple with said shank-plate, as set forth.

5. A cuff button and holder having in combination a front and back button connected by a shank-plate provided with a slot, and a holder or clamp bar for attachment to the shirt-sleeve, having a T-shaped end for insertion in the slot, as set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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