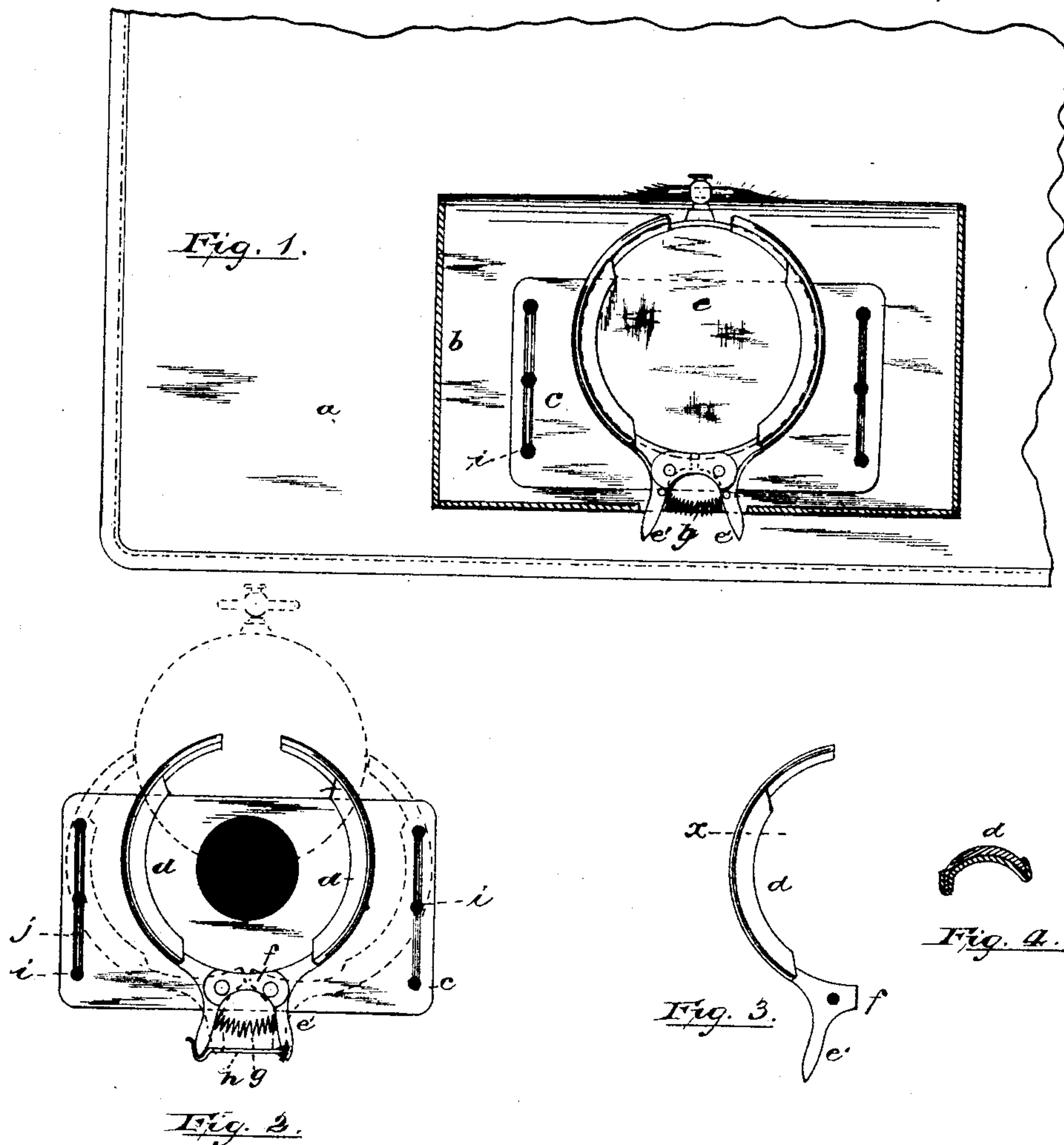


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. BEETCHENOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Pockets for Watches; 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 of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to more effectually prevent the surreptitious withdrawal of a watch from the pocket; and it consists in the arrangements and combinations of parts, substantially as will be hereinafter set forth, and finally embodied in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the figures, Figure 1 illustrates a portion of a vest or other garment, one side of the pocket of which is removed to show the watch protecting or holding device in side elevation attached to the other side of said pocket. Fig. 2 is a similar elevation of the said device detached from the said pocket. Fig. 3 is a detail view of one of the grasping-arms, and Fig. 4 is a section of the same taken through line *x*.

In said drawings, *a* represents a portion of a vest or other garment; *b*, the pocket thereof; *c*, a carrying-plate secured by stitching or other means in said pocket, and *d d* are co-operating grasping arms or levers pivoted or fulcrumed on said plate to hold the watch therebetween. Said grasping-arms are curved to conform to and inclose the usual circular watch-case, *e*, are concaved or recessed on the inner sides, as illustrated in Fig. 4, to hold the edge of said case and prevent it from dropping out laterally, and are provided with finger-pieces *e'*, which may project through an opening in the bottom of the pocket to enable the fingers to freely press the said pieces together and thus open the grasping-jaws. Said grasping-jaws are provided near their fulcrums with stop projections *f*, which hold the jaws at a little distance apart.

Between the finger-pieces *e' e'* is arranged a spring, *g*, which tends to hold the curved jaws against the watch. The pressure of said spring, the freedom with which the jaws move on their pivots and adjust themselves to the pull on the watch-chain from any direction, and the peculiar relation of the jaws to the watch, make it impossible to withdraw the watch from its protector by any ordinary pull unless the jaws be spread by compressing the finger-pieces.

If desirable, I may provide the device with a spring latch, catch, snap, or other locking device, *h*, which prevents action to the jaws, so that should the wearer be in a peculiarly dangerous position he may lock the device and prevent the jaws from separating.

I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to any particular locking device.

I prefer to make the protector of metal, although other suitable substance may be employed, and the arms or jaws and other portions of the device may be lined or covered with chamois-skin to prevent said jaws from scratching the surface of the watch-case. Such a lining is illustrated in Fig. 4.

The plate *c* is perforated, as at *i*, to allow the same to be stitched to the pocket. The perforations are connected by grooves *j*, into which the thread of the stitching may lie and thus be protected from wear.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new, is—

1. The combination, with the pocket having an opening at the bottom thereof, of grasping-jaws arranged therein and provided with finger-pieces which project through said opening, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In combination, the perforated and grooved plate *c*, adapted to be stitched to the pocket, and the levers fulcrumed on said plate and adapted to grasp and hold the watch in said pocket, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In combination, the perforated plate *c*, adapted to be sewed to the inside of the pocket, and levers fulcrumed on said plate to hold the watch, said levers being curved to conform to the shape of the watch, so as to prevent withdrawal, and concaved to fit around the edge to prevent lateral displacement.

4. In combination, in a watch-protector,
grasping-arms curved to hold the watch be-
tween and prevent withdrawal, said arms be-
ing concaved to fit around the edge of said
5 watch to prevent lateral displacement, and act-
uated by a spring to hold said arms into en-
gagement with the watch, substantially as set
forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I
have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of 10
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