

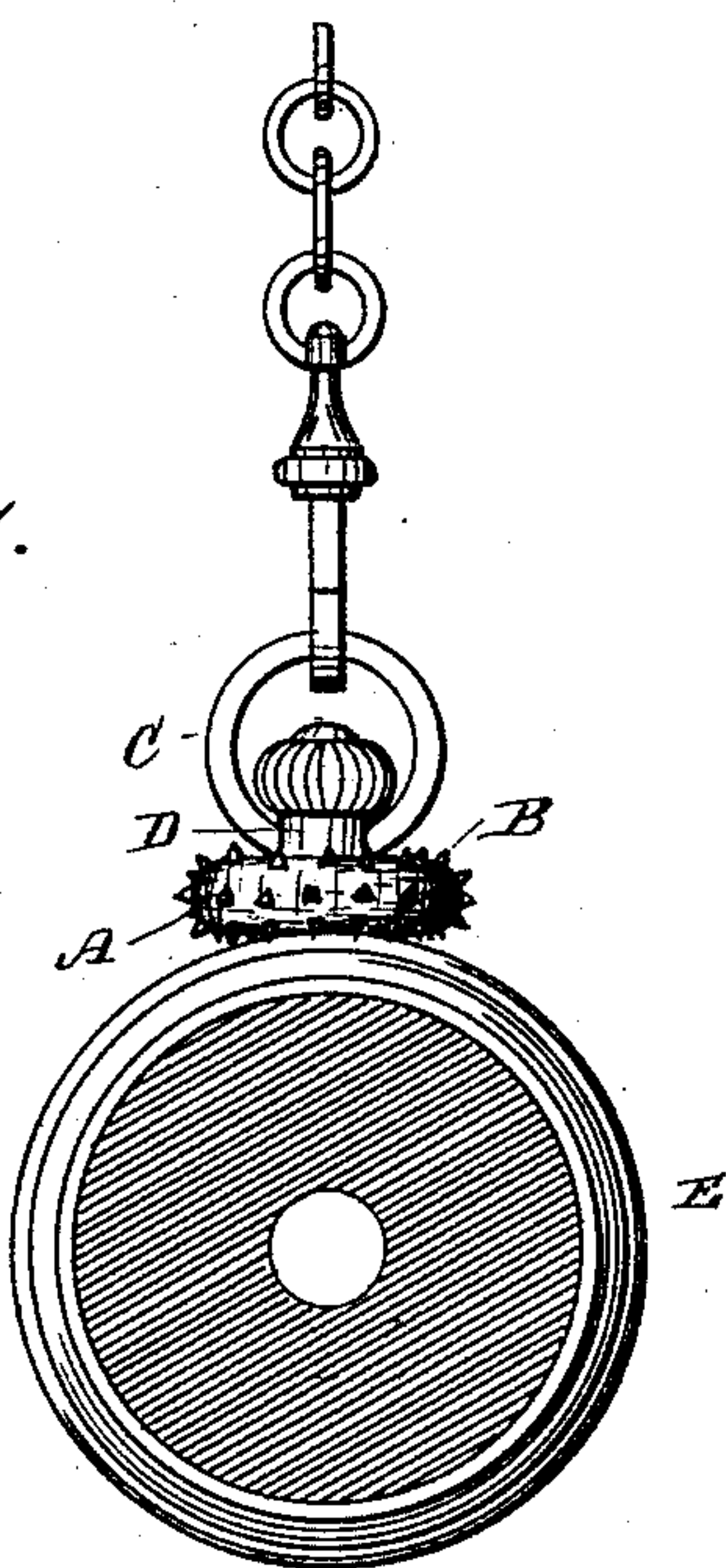
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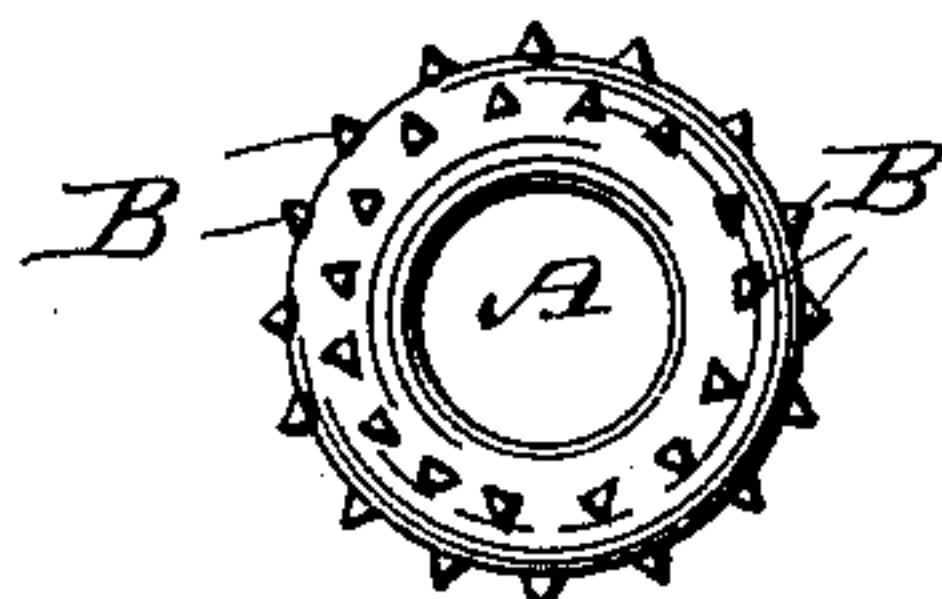
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## RUBBER WATCH-PROTECTOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. GARDNER, of Lynn, State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Rubber Watch-Protector, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved attachment for watches for the purpose of making it difficult or impossible for pickpockets to pull a watch out of other persons' pockets, and also to prevent the watch from dropping out when the person stoops down.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

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

Figure 1 is a face view of a watch provided with my improved watch-protecting ring. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the ring.

The ring A, made of soft rubber and having a circular cross-section, has a series of short radial rubber projections or studs, B, on the outer surface, some of the projections extending downward, some upward, and some horizontally. The bow C on the pendant D of the watch E is passed through the rubber ring A, so that the said ring is held on the pendant.

When the watch is in the pocket, it can only be removed by pulling the chain considerably, as the projections B catch on the pocket-lining, and the strain on the chain required to pull out the watch is so great as to be noticed by the owner or person in whose pocket

the watch is at the time. This person or owner can easily withdraw the watch, especially if he grasps it at the pendant or part surrounded by the ring.

The ring is very small, does not bulge out the pocket, it can be applied very easily, and the projections cannot tear the pocket.

I am aware that a safety attachment for watches has been formed of a flat circular or oval piece of rubber having a scalloped edge, a central aperture and slots on opposite sides of the aperture, and I do not claim the same as of my invention. In my construction a round rubber ring is used which is covered with a series of projecting points. In the old construction, when strain was exerted on the watch to remove it from the pocket, there was a great tendency for the scalloped edges to bend downward over the upper part of the watch and allow the watch to be pulled out; but it will be noticed that I use a round ring covered with projecting points, which will engage the pocket, and should an attempt be made to withdraw the watch the friction of the points against the pocket will effectually prevent it.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a safety attachment for watches, consisting of a round soft-rubber ring, A, formed with projecting points B around its outer surface, substantially as set forth.

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