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HAT HOLDER.

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FIG. 1.

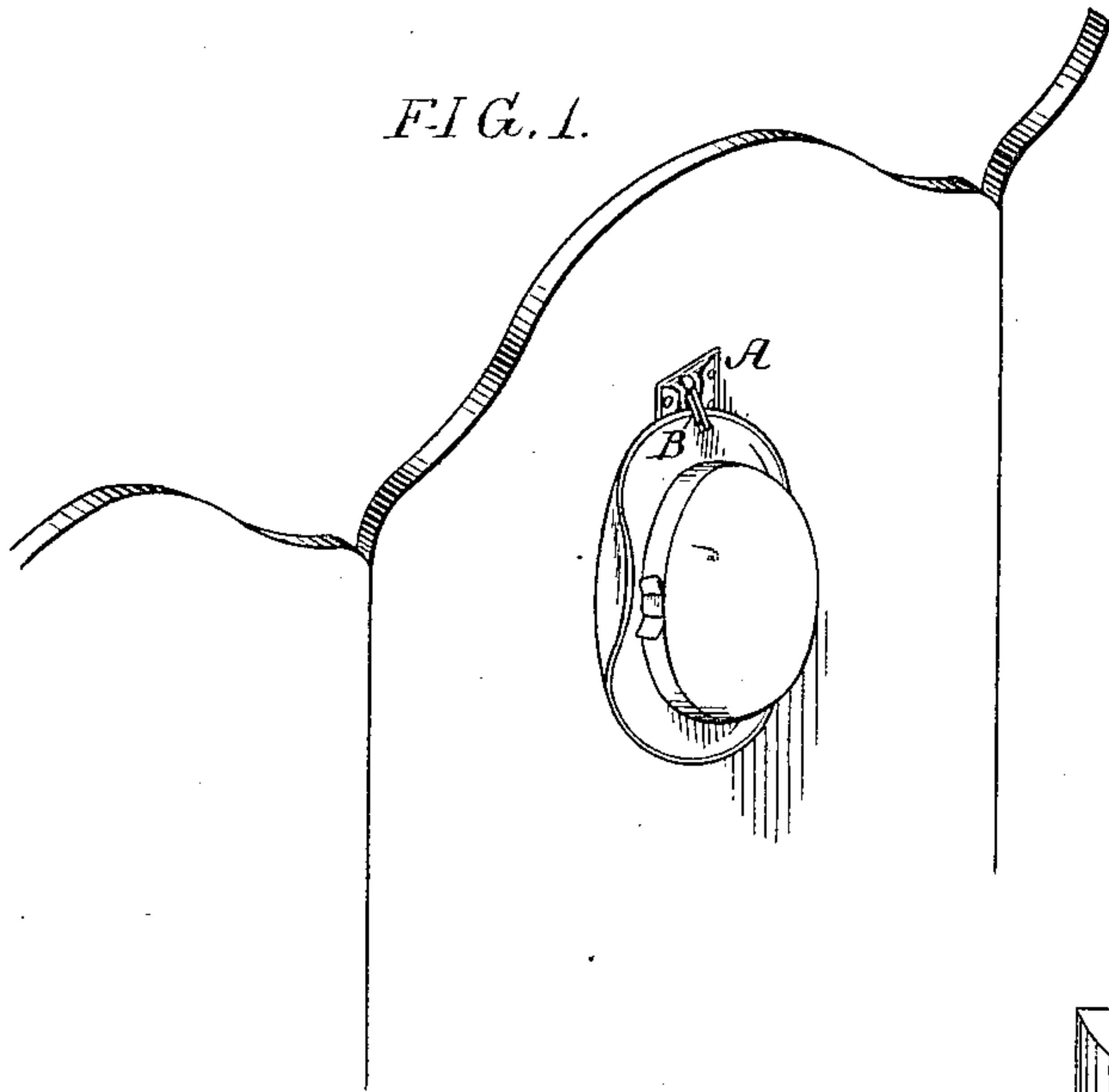


FIG. 2.

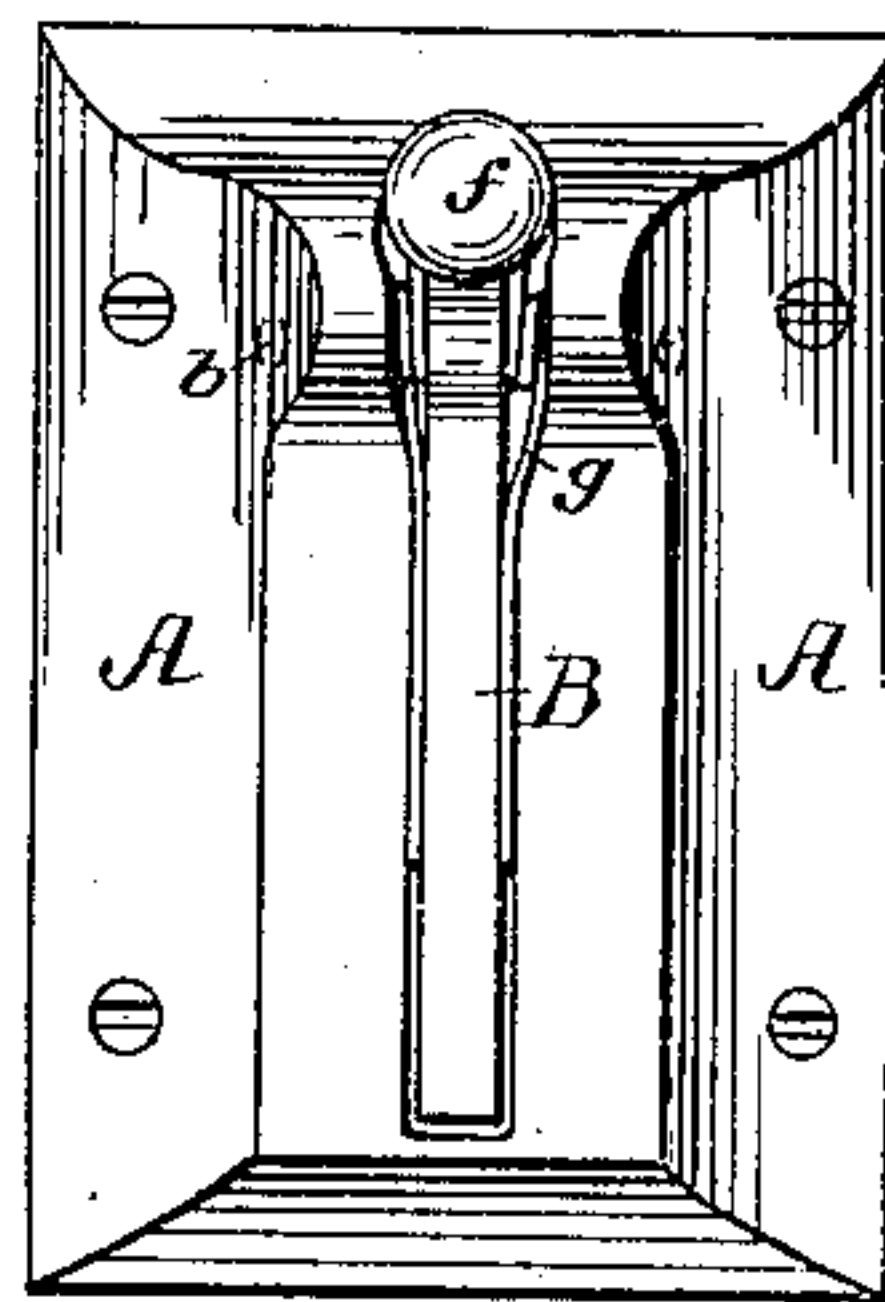


FIG. 4.

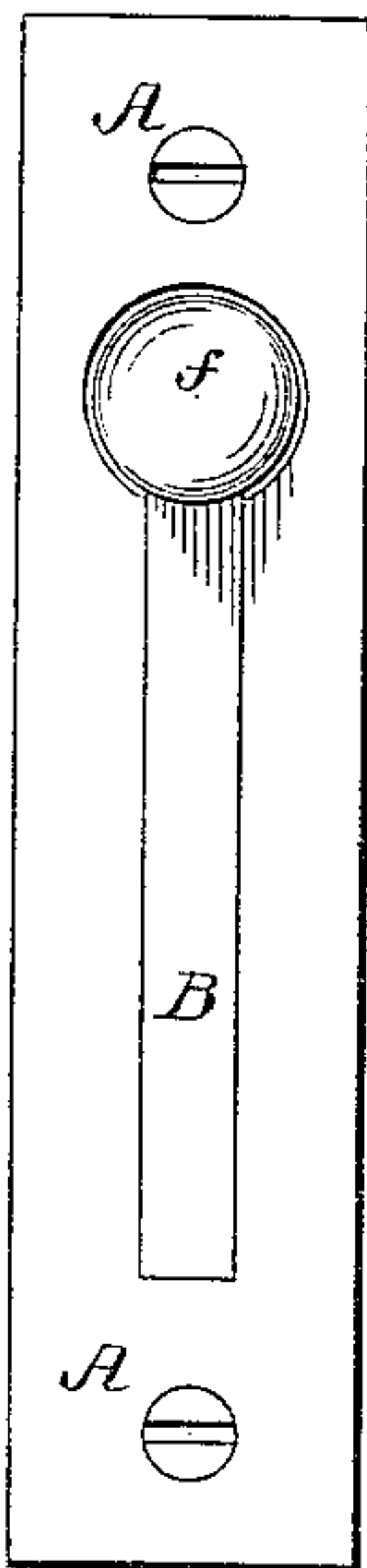


FIG. 5.

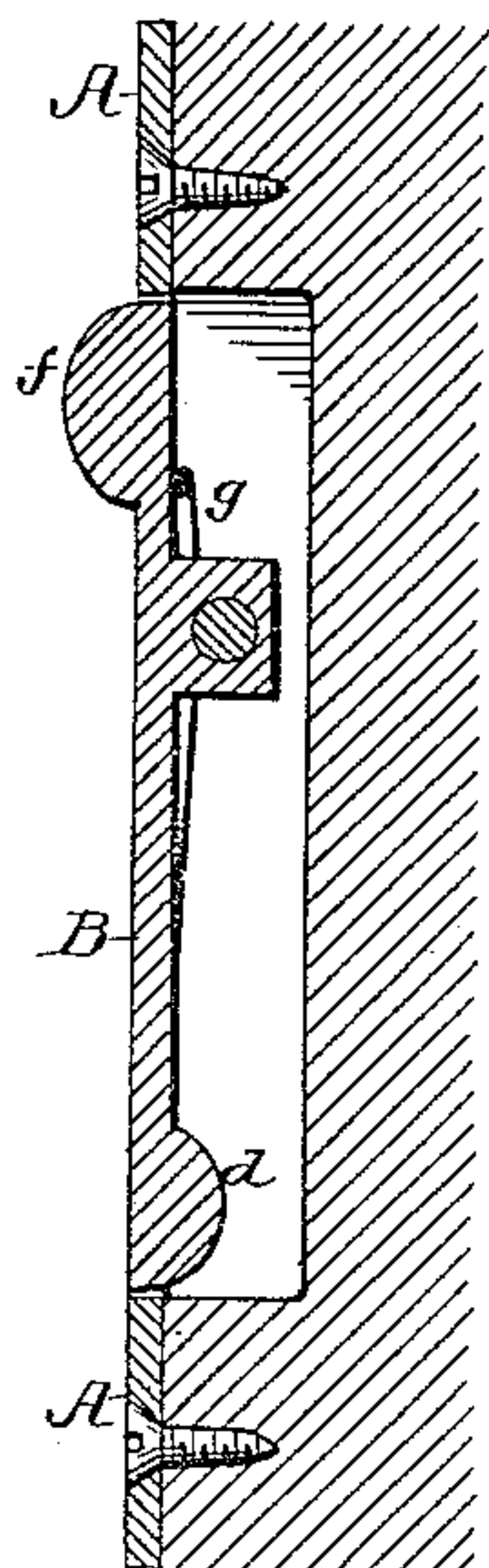


FIG. 6.

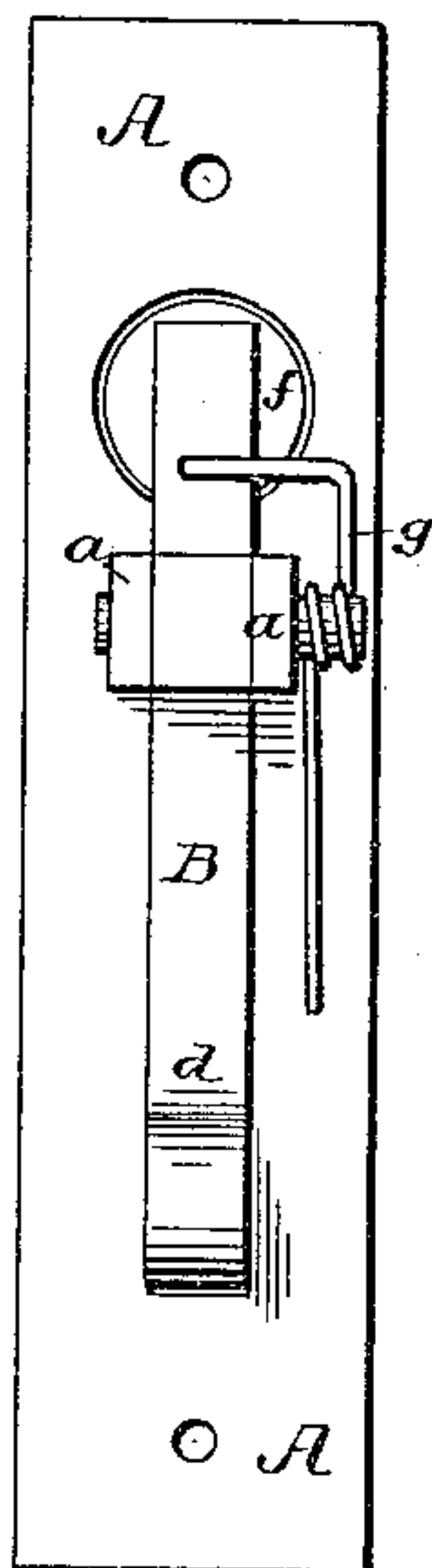
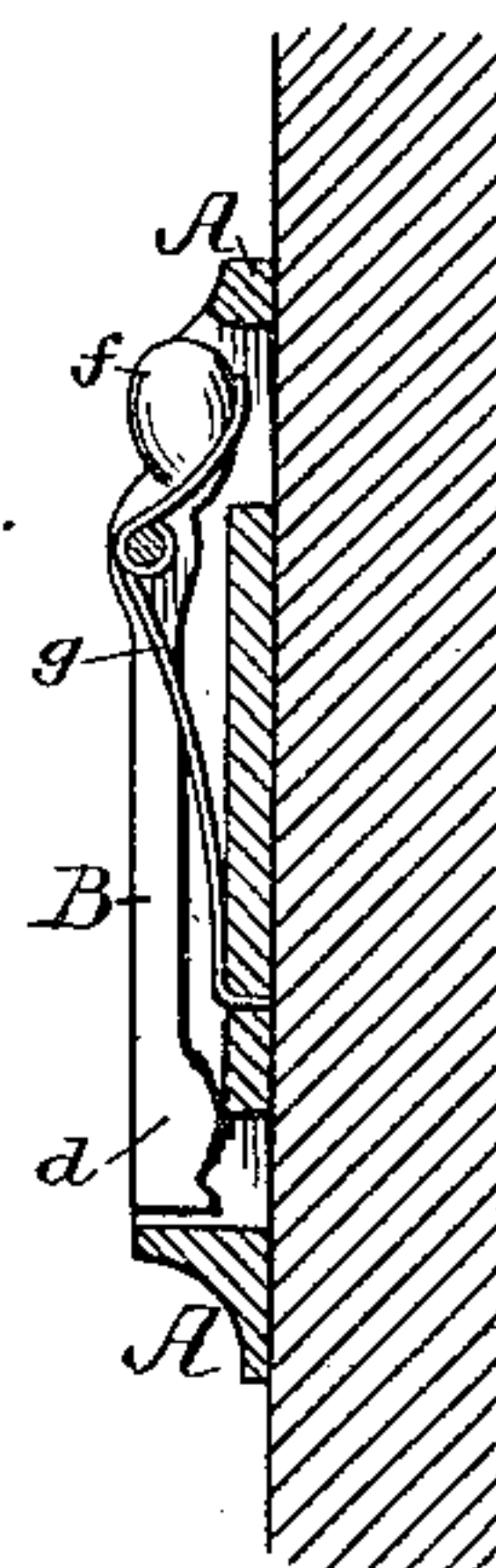


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES HIGBEE, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a certain Improved Hat-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to construct a simple but effective hat-holding device, which is more especially adapted for use in connection with theater-chairs or church-pews, and which, when so used, will present no projection sufficiently prominent to catch and tear the clothing of persons passing between the rows of seats, as fully described hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the back of a theater-chair provided with my improved hat-holder. Fig. 2 is a face view of the same, drawn to an enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is a transverse section; and Figs. 4, 5, and 6 represent, in face view, section, and rear view, respectively, a modification of my improvement.

A is a plate, which is shown as fitted to the back of a theater-seat, and in this plate is a pivot-pin, *b*, on which is mounted a catch-lever, B, adapted to normally lie within a longitudinal opening in the plate A. The long arm of this lever has a hat-retaining knob, *d*, while the upper short arm of the lever is provided with a press-button, *f*. It will be seen that when the hat-retainer is not in use the outer surface of the lever B will be flush, or nearly so, with the surface of the plate, so that no projection is presented sufficiently prominent to catch the clothing of persons passing between the rows of seats. A spring, *g*, is coiled around the pivot-pin, *b*, on one or both sides of the lever B, and one end of this spring is secured to the plate A or bears against the same, while the other end of the spring bears against the button or short arm of the lever B, as shown in Fig. 3, to tend to maintain the said lever in the closed position illustrated in that figure.

When it is desired to apply a hat to the holder, the button *f* is depressed against the action of the spring, so as to project the lower

end of the lever outward, so that on removing pressure from the button this lever catches the brim of the hat, to retain the same, as shown in Fig. 1.

In the modification shown in Figs. 4, 5, and 6 the lever B is pivoted on lugs *a* at the rear of the plate A, and the spring *g* is coiled around a portion of the pivot-pin *b*, projecting at one side beyond a lug, *a*. I prefer the construction illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, however, as in that case the recessing of the seat or other frame to which the attachment is fixed (illustrated in Fig. 5) is not needed, Fig. 3.

It will be understood that although I have described my hat-holding device as more especially adapted for application to the backs of theater chairs or church-pews, it may be applied to hat-stands or other structures wherever found useful.

I claim as my invention—

1. The herein-described hat-holding device, consisting of a plate having a longitudinal opening and a spring retaining-lever within said opening, substantially flush with the surface of the plate.

2. The combination of the plate with a spring retaining-lever pivoted to the plate in an opening in the face of the same, the lever being substantially flush with the face of the plate, as set forth.

3. The combination of the plate with a retaining-lever having a button, *F*, and pivoted in an opening in the face of the plate, and substantially flush with the latter, as set forth.

4. The combination of the plate with the retaining-lever pivoted in an opening in the plate, and substantially flush therewith, and a spring acting on said lever, substantially as specified.

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

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