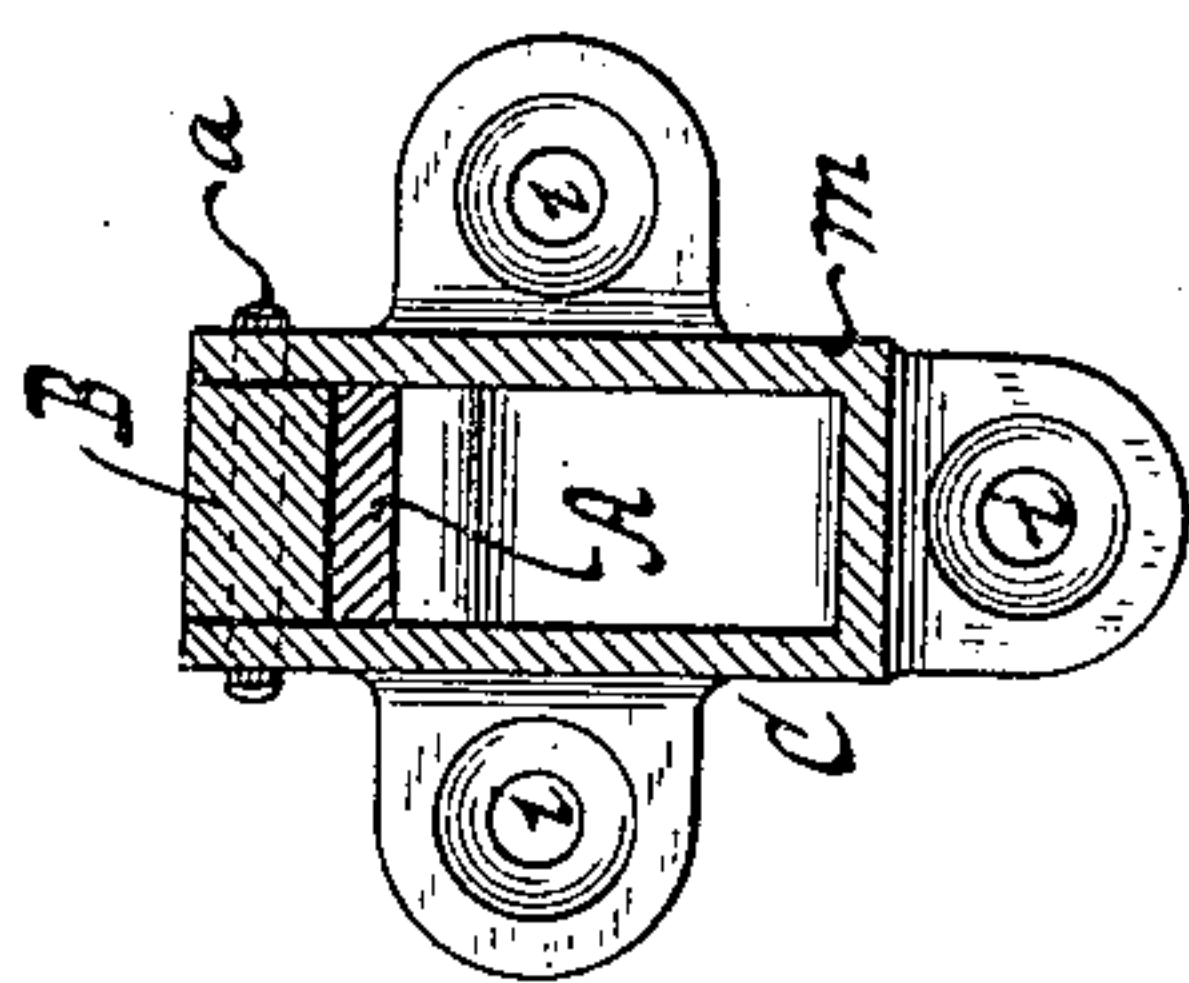
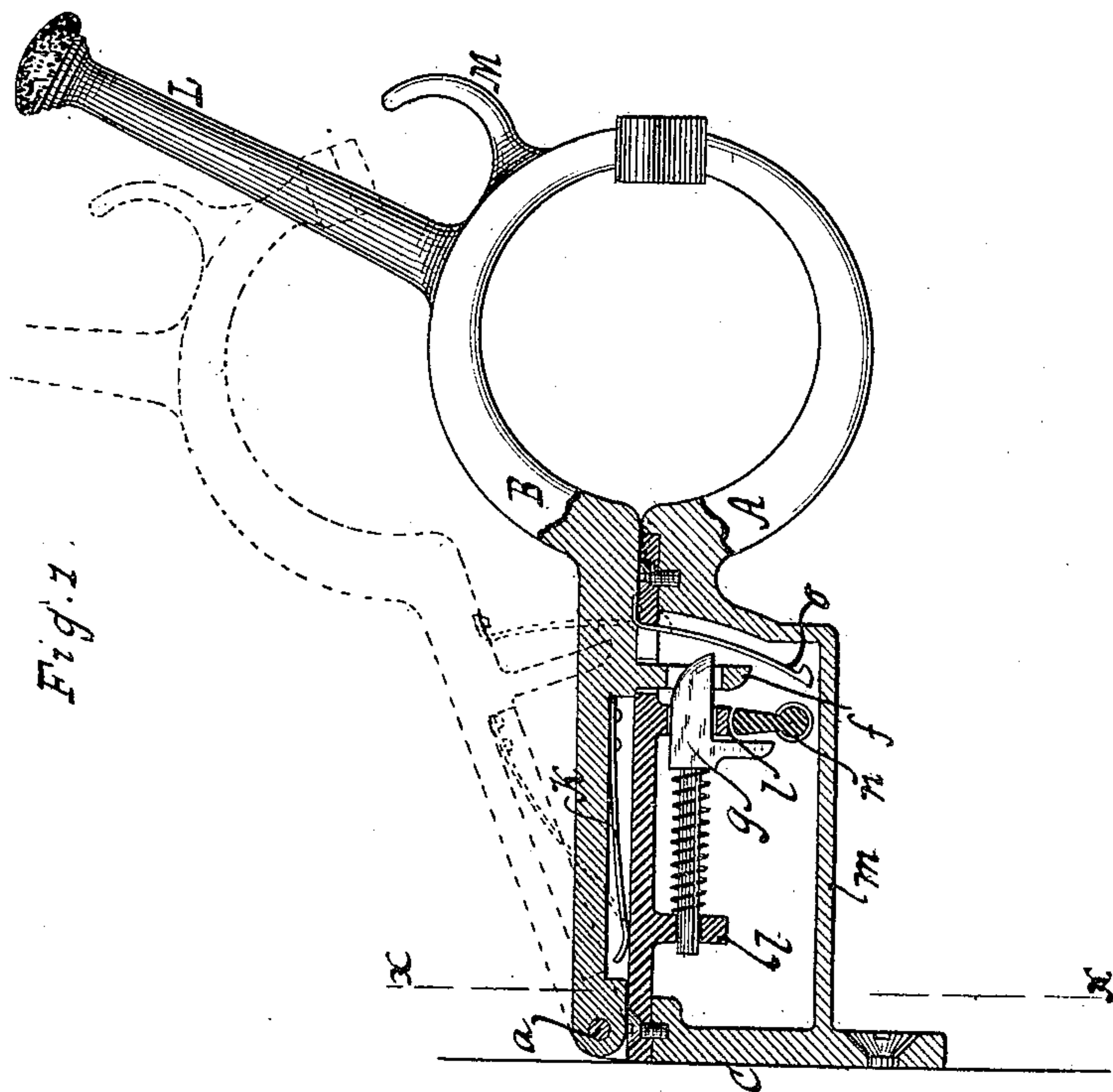
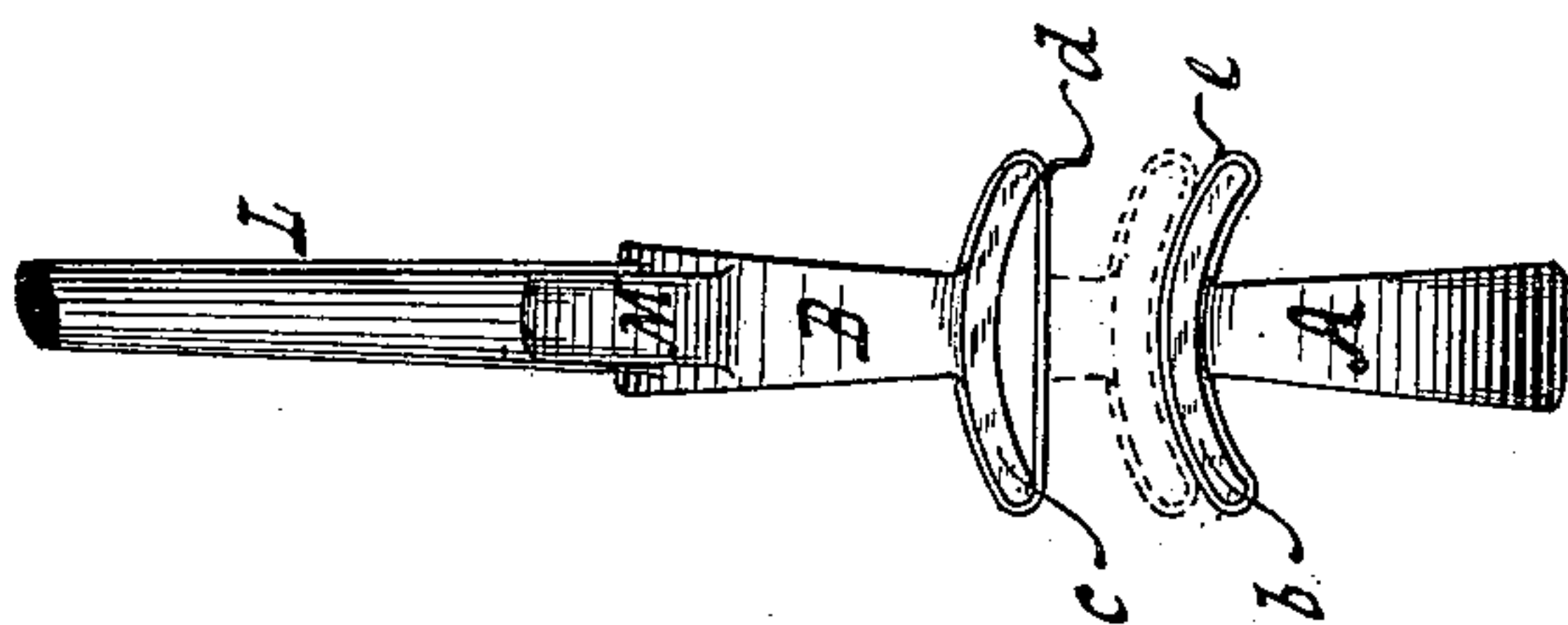


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD D. LAWSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Coat and Hat Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of coat and hat hooks which are provided with a locking device so constructed that a coat, hat, or other article clamped therein cannot be carried off by an unauthorized person.

The peculiar and novel construction of my coat and hat hook is pointed out in the following specification and claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a sectional side elevation. Fig. 2 is a front view. Fig. 3 is a transverse section in the plane $x x$, Fig. 1.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, the letter A designates the stationary section of my hook, and B is the movable section. The stationary section A is firmly secured to or made integral with the bracket C, which serves to fasten the hook to a wall or other place, and which is provided with two or more screw-holes, $i i$. Instead of providing the section A with a bracket, said section may be provided with a screw-shank or any other suitable device for securing the same in the desired position. The movable section B is connected to the stationary section A by a pivot or pintle, a , and it is provided with a spring, k , which has a tendency to throw the same open, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. From the movable section projects a standard, L, for supporting a hat, and a hook, M, from which a cap, vest, or other article of wearing-apparel can be suspended.

The stationary hook-section A is provided with a convex jaw, b , and to the movable hook-section B is secured a concave jaw, c , which, when closed down, fits the convex jaw b . Over said concave jaw is stretched an elastic band, d , while the convex jaw b is provided with a covering, e , of felt or other suitable material, so that when the back of a coat is placed upon the jaw b and the jaw c is closed down the

coat will be firmly clamped between the two jaws without sustaining any injury.

From the shank of the movable section B projects a catch, f , through a slot in the shank of the stationary section A, and this shank is provided with two lugs, $l l$, which form the guides for a spring-latch, g . This latch is inclosed in a case, m , which is secured to the bracket C, and which contains a hole for the key n . By turning this key in the proper direction the spring-latch g is thrown back, so as to release the catch f , and as soon as this is done the movable section B is thrown up to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1 by the action of the spring k .

On the shank of the movable section B is secured a hook, o , which forms a stop to prevent said section from flying open beyond the desired limit. By this stop the movable section, when open, is retained in a convenient position to permit the introduction of a portion of a coat or other article between the jaws $b c$, and then to depress the movable section, so as to clamp the coat and to lock the said section.

I do not claim as my invention the combination of a locking device with a coat and hat hook, such being not new.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the two sections A B of a hook, and with a locking device, of a convex jaw, b , secured to one of the hook-sections, a concave-jaw, c , secured to the other hook-section, and the elastic band d , stretched across the clamping-surface of said concave jaw, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the two sections A B of a hook, the hinge-joint connecting the same, and with a locking device, of the spring k , secured to one of the hook-sections, and the stop o , substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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