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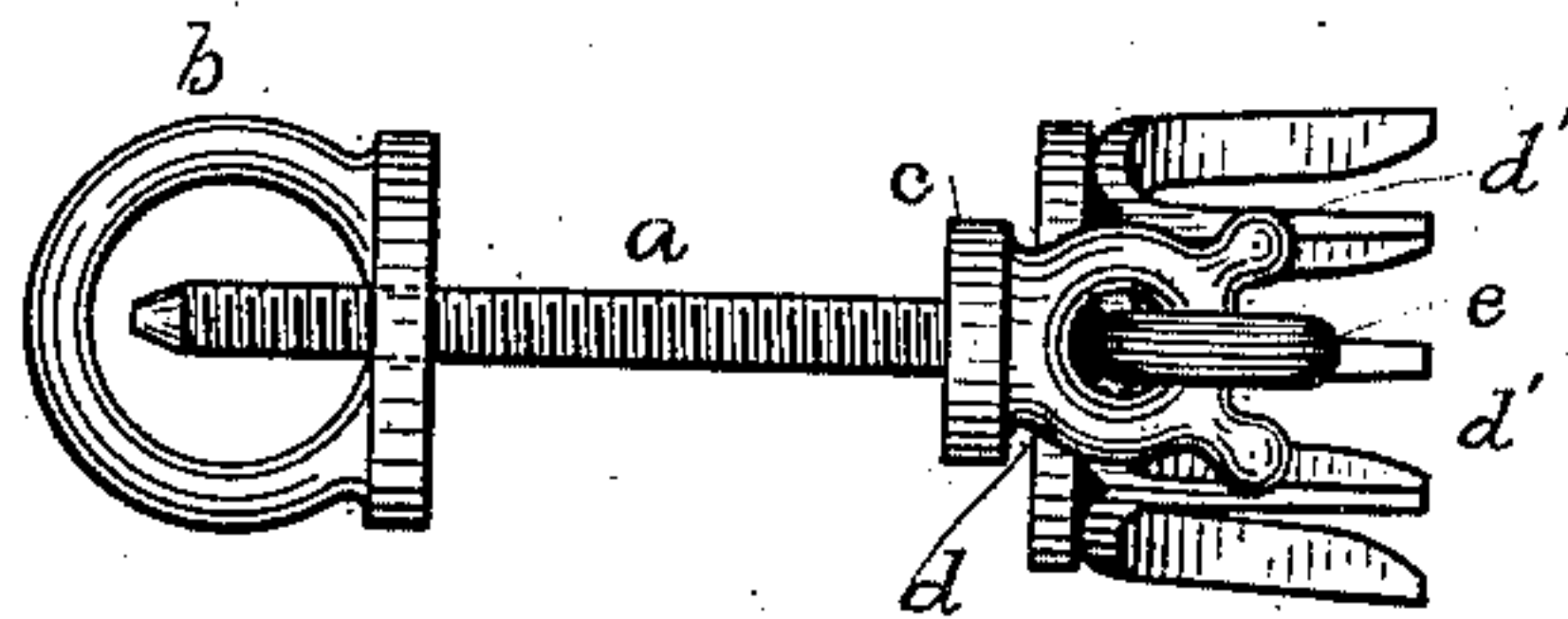
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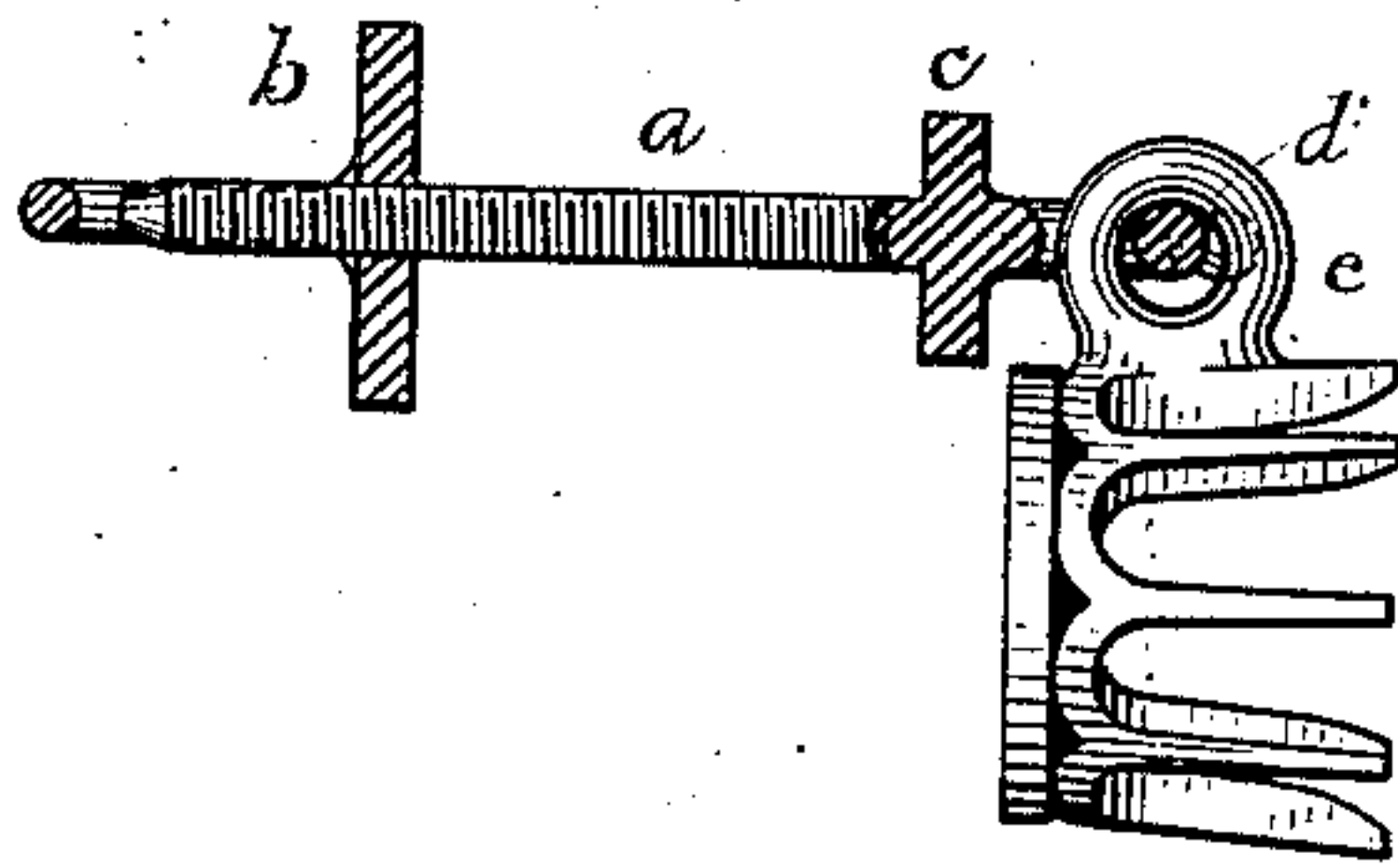
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## EAR-RING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LUTHER F. BROOKS, of Boston, Suffolk county, Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ear-Rings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of ear-rings in which the pendant is carried by a pin or bar which is thrust through the ear, so that the pendant lies high up and close to the lobe of the ear, as distinguished from ear-rings in which the ordinary bow is employed.

The object of the invention is to improve the hanging of the pendant, and to give it a bearing which will permit its free and delicate oscillation and support the drop in an elevated position opposite the lobe of the ear.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top view of my improved ear-ring, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same.

*a* represents the pin or bar, which passes through the ear, and is screw-threaded either its entire length, as shown, or near its end, for the reception of the screw cap or nut *b*. The front end of the pin is provided or formed with a flange, *c*, which rests against the lobe of the ear, and extending outwardly from this flange is a small horizontal eye, *d*. The vertical eye *e* on the pendant or drop interlocks with the horizontal eye *d* and forms a swivel-joint, which permits of the vibration or oscillation of the drop.

Two lugs or projections, *d'*, are preferably formed on the horizontal eye *d*, and when the

pendant is in place the eye *e* lies between these lugs, as viewed in Fig. 1. The pendant is therefore free to vibrate within certain limits, but is prevented by the lugs from turning too far and coming in contact with the ear.

Any of the well-known bearings for increasing the delicacy of the oscillation of the drop—such, for instance, as the well-known knife-edge or pivot-bearings now in general use—may of course be employed in connection with my invention.

I am aware that in ear-rings of this class two vertical eyes have been employed, and do not claim such subject-matter. By the use of a horizontal eye, as in my invention, the drop is supported in a more elevated position than is possible where two vertical eyes are used.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the pin *a*, its horizontal eye, the drop, and its vertical eye, which interlocks with the horizontal eye on the pin, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the pin *a*, the horizontal eye thereon, the lugs *d'* on the eye, the pendant, and its vertical eye, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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