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Fig. 1.

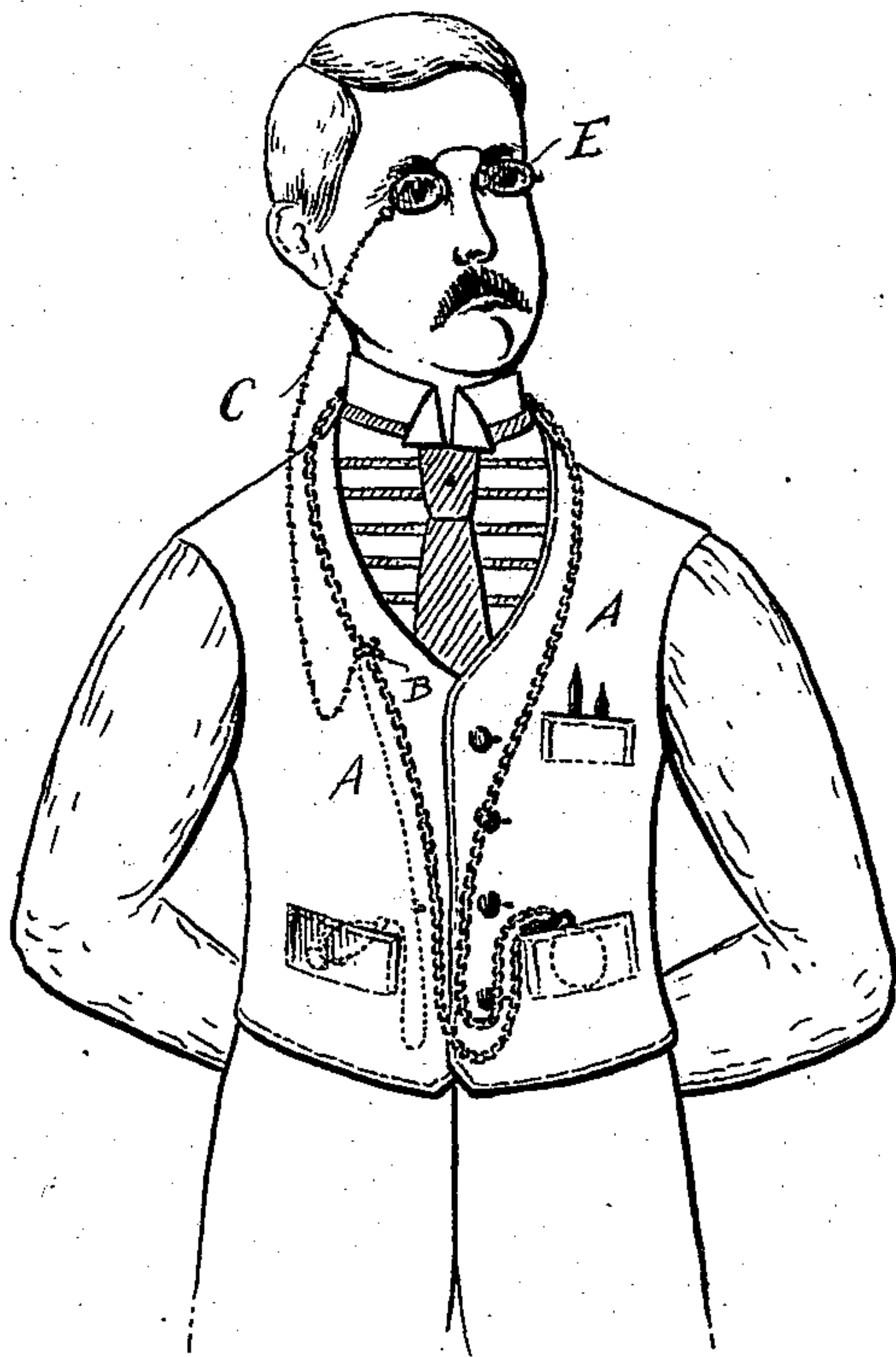
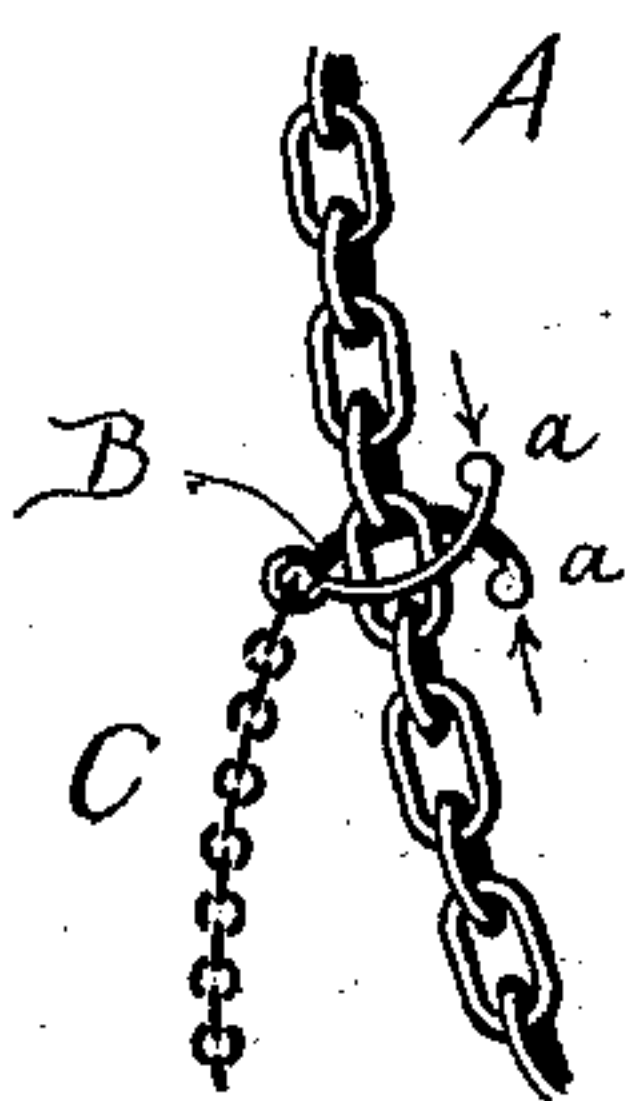


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMANN FRITSCHÉ, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch-Chains, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in that class of watch-chains that are worn around the neck.

10 The object of my invention is to provide chains of this kind with a branch chain for holding an eyeglass or pencil, which branch chain can be moved up and down on the main chain and held in different places on the same.

15 The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts and details, as will be fully described and set forth hereinafter, and then pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 20 shows my improved chain in perspective view, also showing the manner in which it is worn. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of part of the chain, showing the means for locking the branch chain in place on the main chain.

25 Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The chain A, which may have links of any desired pattern, shape, or size, and which may be made of any desired material, is of such 30 length that it can be passed around the neck of the wearer, as shown. Two strands of the chain thus appear on the vest of the wearer, and on one of them a ring, B, is mounted to slide, with which a branch chain, C, is connected, on the free end of which branch chain 35 an eyeglass, E, or a pencil, &c., can be held by means of a snap-hook or analogous device.

When the eyeglass is raised to be placed upon

the nose, the ring B slides upward on the main chain A, and when the eyeglass is taken off 40 and placed in the pocket the ring B slides down on the chain.

In some cases it is desirable to hold the ring B in a certain position on the main chain A, and for this purpose the ring B is provided 45 with a spring locking device. For example, the ring may be made of spring material and have two crossed prongs, *a*, which can be pressed together to disengage or unlock the spring-ring from the chain A, the spring-ring lock- 50 ing automatically when released.

It is evident that the chain A and the branch chain may be made of hair or of silk strands or other material.

Having thus described my invention, I claim 55 as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination, with a neck-chain, of a branch chain having one end mounted to slide on said neck-chain, substantially as herein shown and described. 60

2. The combination, with a neck-chain, of a sliding ring on the same and a branch chain connected with said ring, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. The combination, with a neck-chain, of a 65 spring clamping device on the same and a branch chain connected with said clamping device, substantially as herein shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my 70 invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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