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Fig. 1.

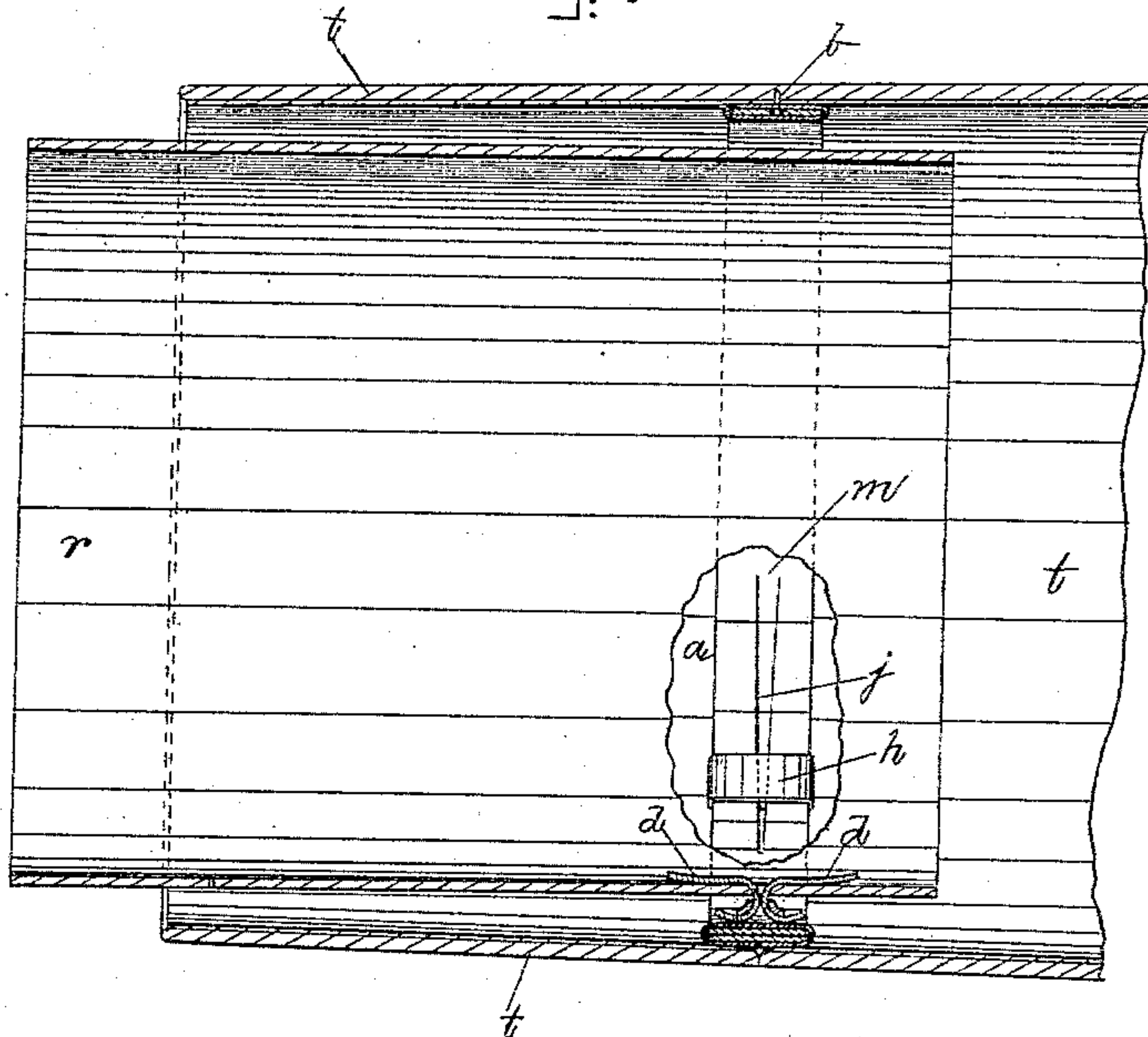


Fig. 2.

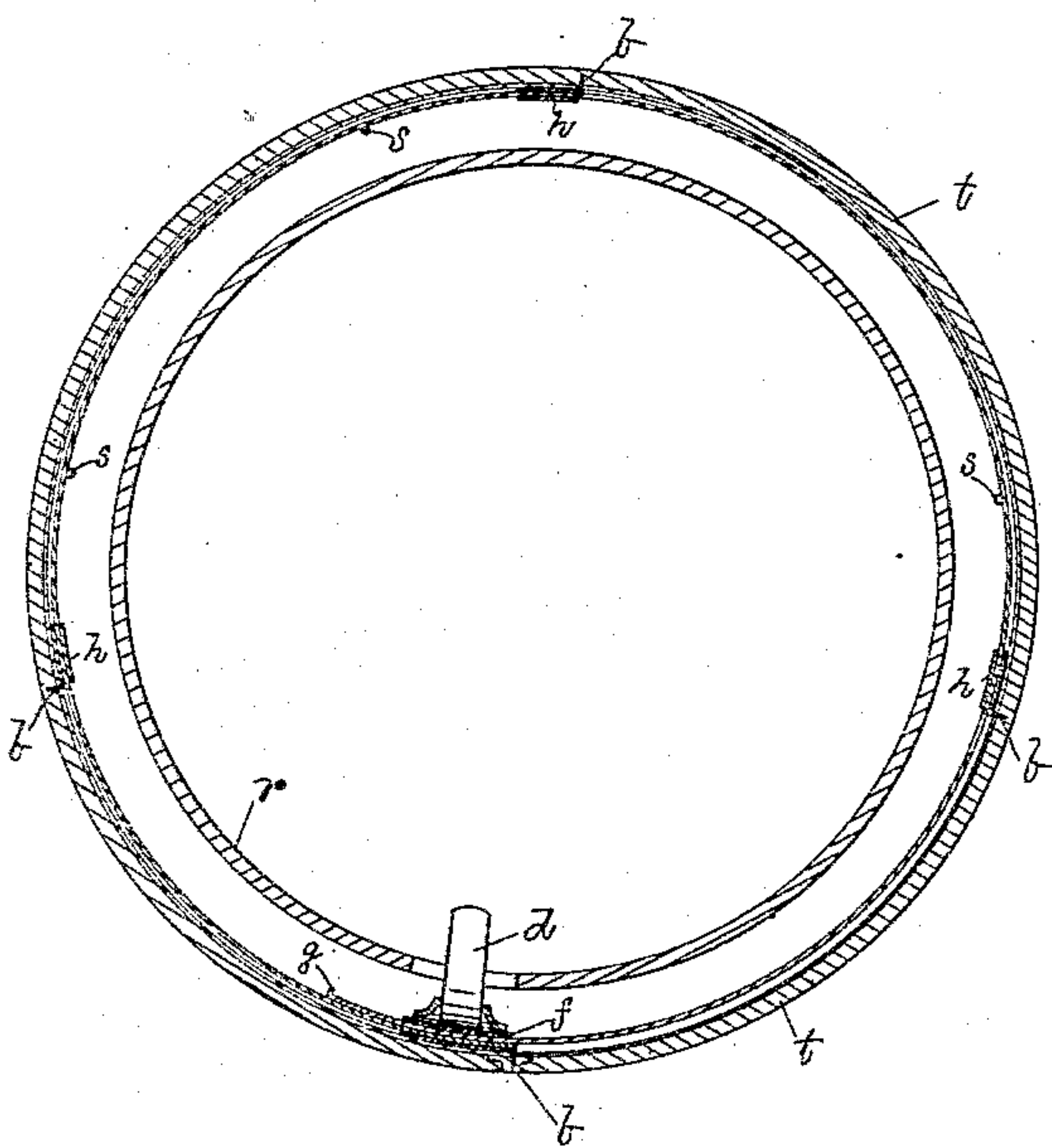
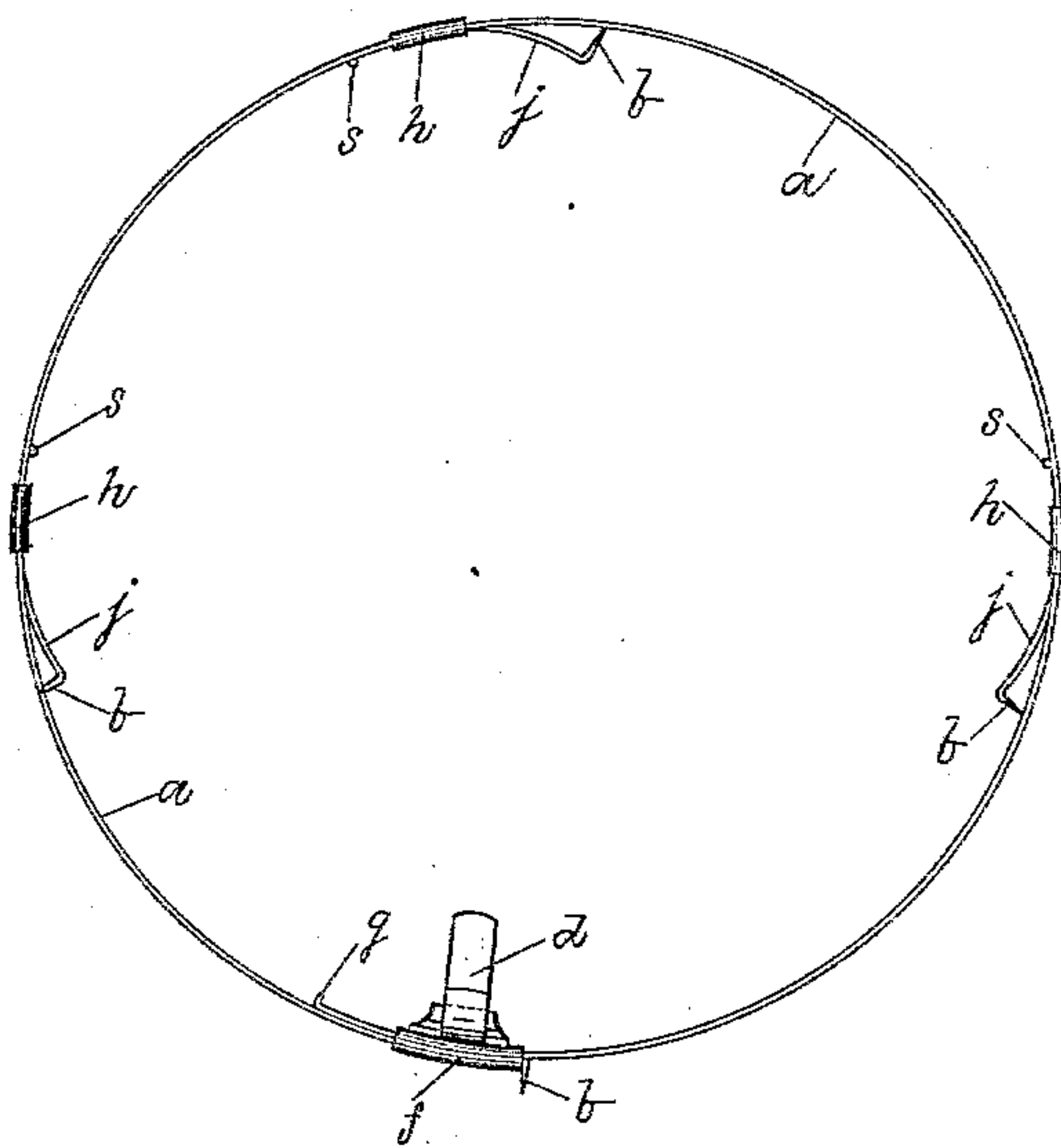


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. REED, of Lynn, county of Essex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cuff-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the drawings accompanying and forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of the end of a coat-sleeve, showing the cuff and my improved holder. Fig. 2 is an end view looking into the sleeve. Fig. 3 is a view of the holder detached from the coat and cuff.

The object of my invention is the construction of a cuff-holder by which a cuff may be secured in a coat-sleeve of any size and at any desired point in the sleeve—that is, so that the cuff will show more or less out of the sleeve, as desired, said holder being of such construction as to be easily applied or removed without injury to the sleeve lining.

My invention consists in a metallic band, to one end of which is secured a clasp through which the other end of the band may slide, said band having on its inner surface a device for securing the cuff to the band, and being further provided with projections or prongs adapted to project outwardly from the band into the sleeve or its lining, and thus secure the band in position in the sleeve, as herein-after more fully described.

My invention will be readily understood from the following description, in which like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the drawings.

The band *a* is made preferably of a narrow strip of flexible spring metal, and to one end of this strip a small band or clasp, *f*, is rigidly secured by solder or otherwise. A sufficient space is left inside the clasp *f* to receive the other end of the band *a*, which, after it is inserted therein, is slightly turned to form a stop, as shown at *g*, and thus prevent the end of the band, which is free to slide in the clasp, from coming out of the clasp. Since one end of the band is thus held in sliding contact with the other end by means of the clasp *f*, the band is expansible, and its diameter may be increased or diminished, and thus the band may be accommodated in size to coat-sleeves of various sizes. On the clasp *f* and inside the

band, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, I secure a device, *d*, by which the cuff may be attached to the band. Any of the well-known devices which are in common use for securing cuff-buttons in cuffs may be used. I prefer a device such as is shown, which in one position may be inserted in a button-hole in the cuff *r*, and after insertion may be spread out or thrown down to secure the cuff in position.

As many of these devices are well known and may be employed in my invention, it will be unnecessary to give a detailed description of any of them.

The point within the band *a* at which the cuff is secured thereto is obviously unimportant. I prefer, however, to place the cuff-securing device *d* on the clasp *f* for greater strength and ease of construction. At the point where the device *d* is secured to the band I provide on the outside of the band and projecting at right angles therefrom a rigid prong or projection, *b*, which may be either soldered on the band or struck up from the material of which the band is composed. In my invention, as illustrated in the drawings, the cuff-securing device *d* being secured on the clasp *f*, which is attached to the end of the band, the rigid prong *b* is most conveniently formed by tapering the end of the band to which the clasp *f* is attached and turning up the point thus formed beside the clasp.

The prong *b*, which is opposite the device *d*, is intended to enter the sleeve or lining *t* at the seam on the under side of the sleeve, thus bringing the cuff-button in proper position underneath the cuff. In order that the band *a* may be more firmly secured inside the sleeve, other prongs *b* are provided at other points of its circumference. These prongs may vary in number as desired, and may be constructed as already described. I prefer, however, to use three such prongs, and to construct them so that when it is desired to remove the holder from the sleeve these prongs may be withdrawn from contact with the lining, and thus avoid any danger of tearing or defacing it. To render them capable of being thus withdrawn, I construct them by cutting from the material of the band a narrow tongue, *j*, of the shape shown in Fig. 1, which is left at one end attached to the band, as shown at *m*. The free end of the

tongue *j* is turned upwardly at right angles to form a prong, *b*, and the base of the tongue is sprung downwardly, so as to normally hold the prong or turned-up end below or inside the band, as shown in Fig. 3. To hold the prong in its outward position, a slide, *h*, is provided on the band *a*, and by moving this slide onto the tongue or spring *j* the tongue is forced into the slit made by cutting it from the band and its upturned end is caused to project from the band and into the sleeve-lining if the band is in position. To prevent the slide *h* from moving out of convenient proximity to the spring *j*, a stop, *s*, is struck up in the band.

My invention is best applied to the coat-sleeve when the coat is off. The prong *b* on the band *a*, opposite the cuff-securing device *d*, is placed in the seam at the under side of the sleeve. The band is then expanded, so as to fill the sleeve, and the slides *h* are slid over the springs *j*, thus projecting the prongs and securing the band in position. The cuff is then placed inside the band and the securing device *d* inserted in a button-hole in the cuff.

What I claim is—

1. A cuff-holder consisting of a flexible metallic band, as *a*, provided with a device, as *d*, for securing the cuff, and having projections, as *b*, whereby said band is secured inside the coat-sleeve, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the expansible band *a*, provided with outwardly-projecting prongs, as *b*, of the clasp *f*, whereby the ends of the band are held in sliding contact, and the button or securing device *d*, whereby the cuff is secured to the band, for the purposes and substantially as shown and described.

3. A cuff-holder consisting of a flexible metallic band provided on its interior with a device for securing the cuff thereto and having prongs or projections, as *b*, mounted on springs, as *j*, set in openings in the band, said prongs being retracted by the action of the springs and projected by the slides *h*, substantially as shown and described.

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