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Fig. 1.

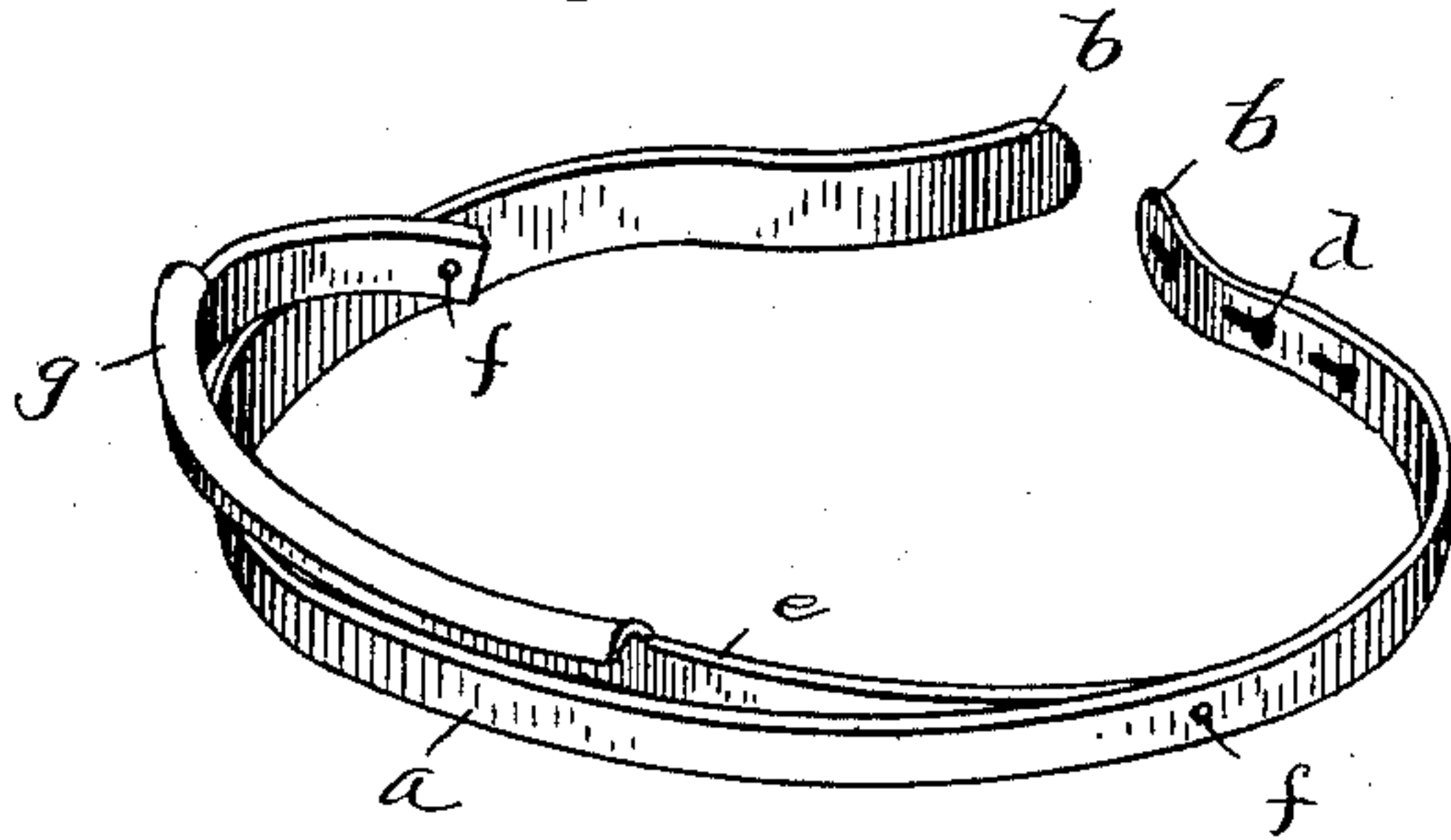


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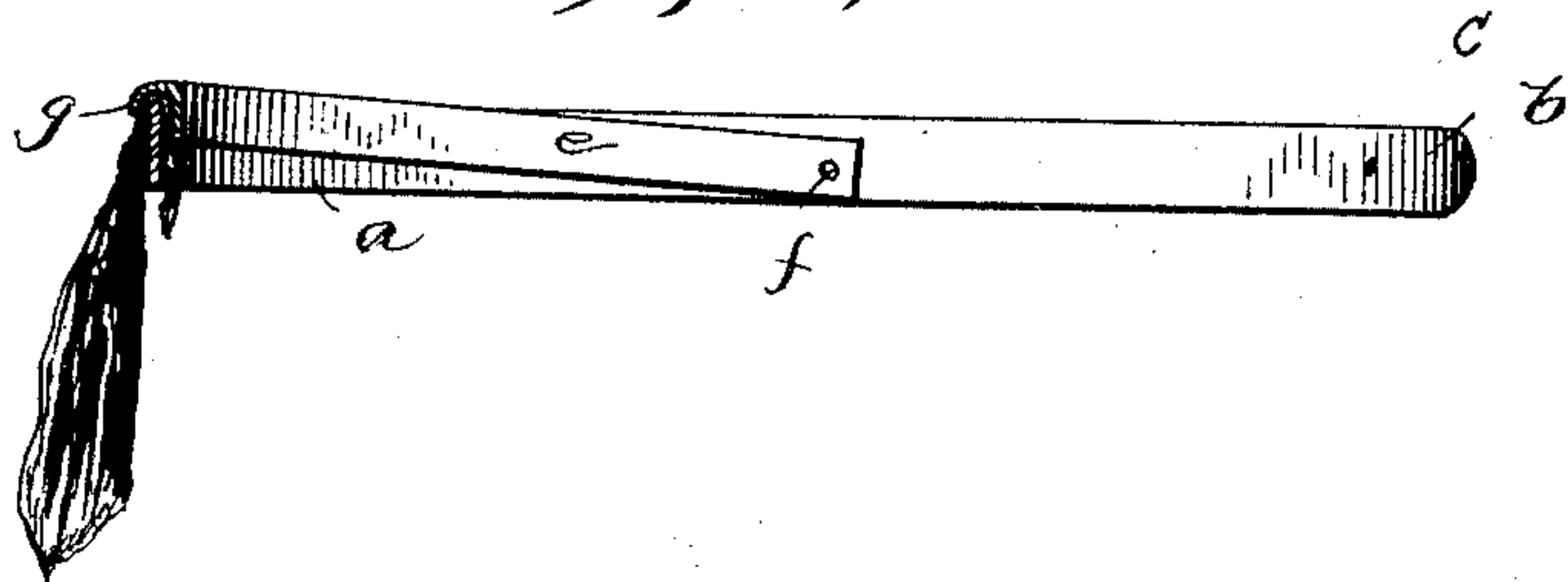


Fig. 3.

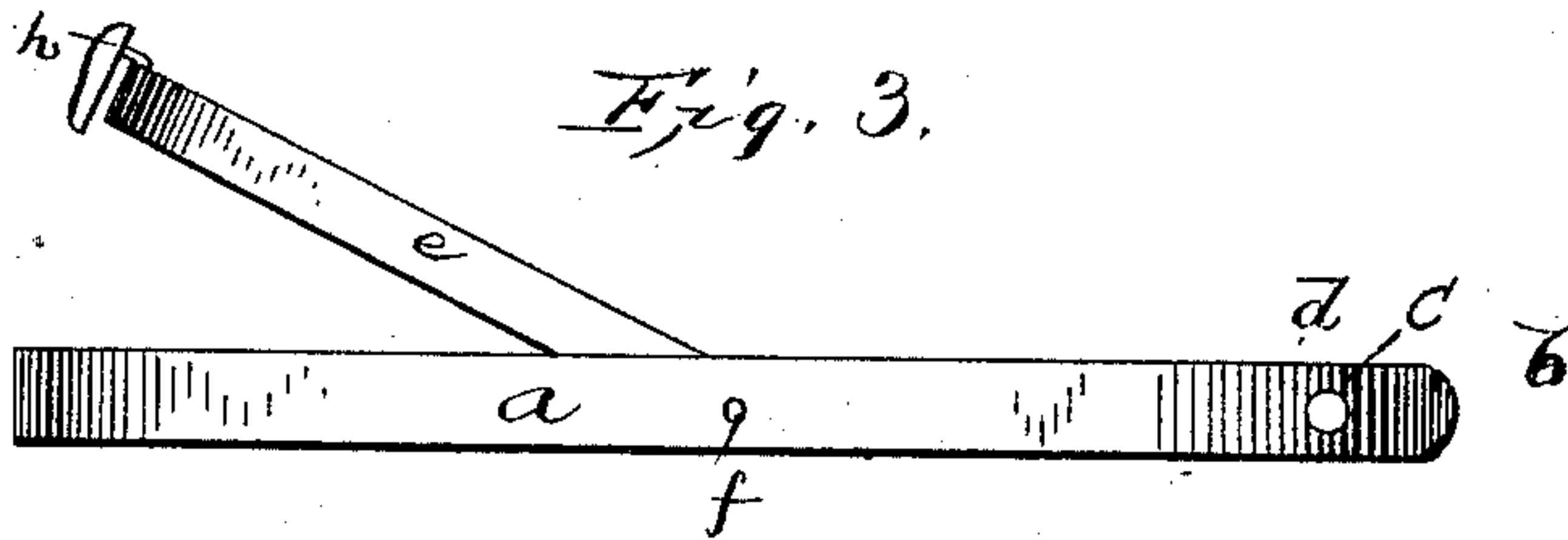
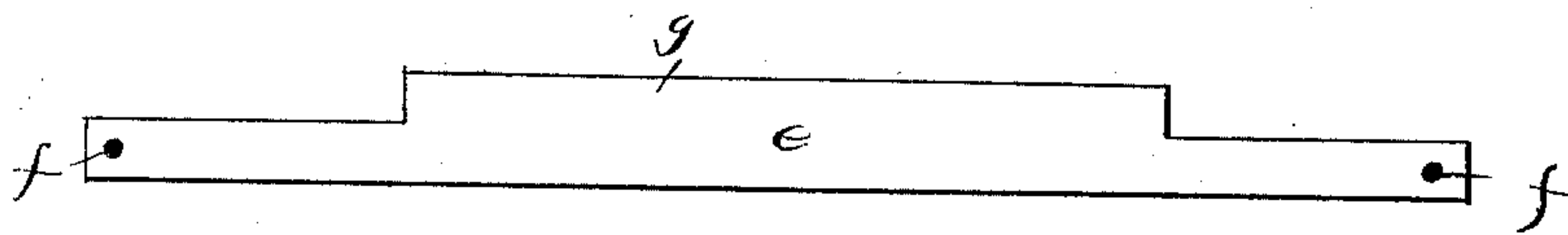


Fig. 4.



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## NAPKIN AND TOWEL SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. ADAMSON, of Sabetha, in the county of Nemaha and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Napkin and Towel Supporters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in napkin-supporters adapted to hold a napkin or towel beneath the chin of a person.

The object of the invention is to provide a cheap, simple, and improved article of this class more easy to operate and use than those heretofore in use, which is not uncomfortable to the wearer, and will firmly and securely hold the napkin or towel in position without danger of slipping. These objects are accomplished by and my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and in combinations of parts more fully and particularly pointed out and described hereinafter.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective showing the locking or holding segment thrown open. Fig. 2 is a cross-section. Fig. 3 is a modified construction. Fig. 4 is a blank showing the lip *g*.

In the drawings, the reference-letter *a* indicates a cut ring formed of spring metal, having the free ends *b b* constantly tending to spring together. This ring is of a size to embrace the neck of a person, and is placed thereon, as is evident, by drawing apart said free ends and then slipping the ring upon the neck and releasing the ends, and the ring will retain itself upon the neck without incommoding the wearer. As the ring is liable to slip or be pulled from the neck of children unless some means are provided for fastening the same thereon, I provide one of said free ends with a headed stud *c* and the other end with one or more slots *d*, enlarged at one end to admit the passage of the stud and contracted at the other end to embrace the neck of the stud, but prevent the passage of the head of the stud therethrough. Thus said

two ends can be locked together upon the neck of the person and prevent the ring from slipping off. A spring-segment *e* is located in the closed or front portion of the ring, and at its ends is pivoted to the ring at *f f* a distance from the ends thereof, so that said segment can swing into or out of the ring, and this segment along its top edge is provided with a curved longitudinal lip *g*, formed integral with the segment and adapted to extend over the top longitudinal edge of the ring and down in front of the same when the segment is closed into the ring.

In order to secure the napkin or towel to the ring, the segment is swung up and the cloth placed between the ring and segment, and then the segment is folded down into the ring, thereby firmly clamping the cloth between said ring and segment and firmly holding the same. There is no liability of the napkin slipping, as the segment automatically locks itself, and the greater the strain on the napkin the more securely it is held by the segment and ring.

Instead of providing the segment with a longitudinal lip, it can be provided with a curved lug or clip or lip *h*, (see Fig. 3,) extending outwardly and downwardly from the center of its top edge and adapted to extend above the top edge and down in front of the front center of the ring, and thereby hold the napkin or other article.

This article is a great improvement over the napkin-supporters heretofore in use as regards simplicity, ease of operation, and firmness and security in holding the article.

This article can be made of metal and nickel-plated, or it can be composed of any other suitable material, such as celluloid, papier-maché, &c.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A napkin-supporter consisting of a cut-spring ring adapted to spring around the neck of the wearer and a spring-segment pivoted at its ends to the inside of opposite sides of said ring a distance from the ends thereof, so as to swing in or out of the closed center of said ring, said segment being provided with means, substantially as described, to clamp



the napkin between the segment and inner side of the ring.

2. The combination of the cut-spring ring and the segment pivoted thereto so as to fold  
5 on the closed side of the ring, and provided with a lip on its edge to project over the edge of the ring, substantially as described.

3. A napkin-supporter consisting of the cut-spring ring, one of the ends of the ring  
10 having a transverse slot, and a headed stud on the other end of the ring to enter said slot and clamp the ring on the neck of the wearer,

in combination with the segment pivoted to swing into or out of the closed side of the ring and clamp the napkin therein, substantially 15 as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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