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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

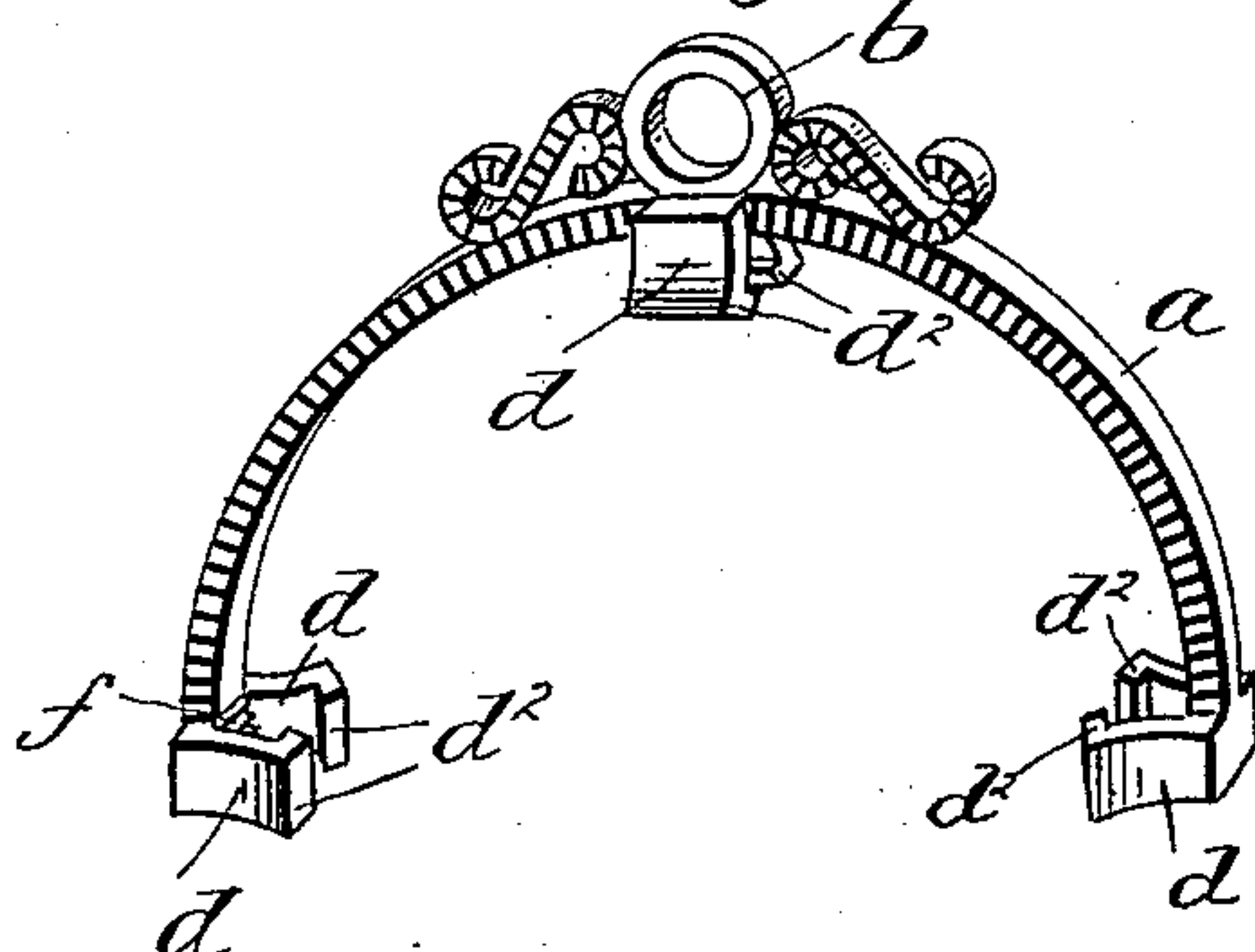


Fig. 3.

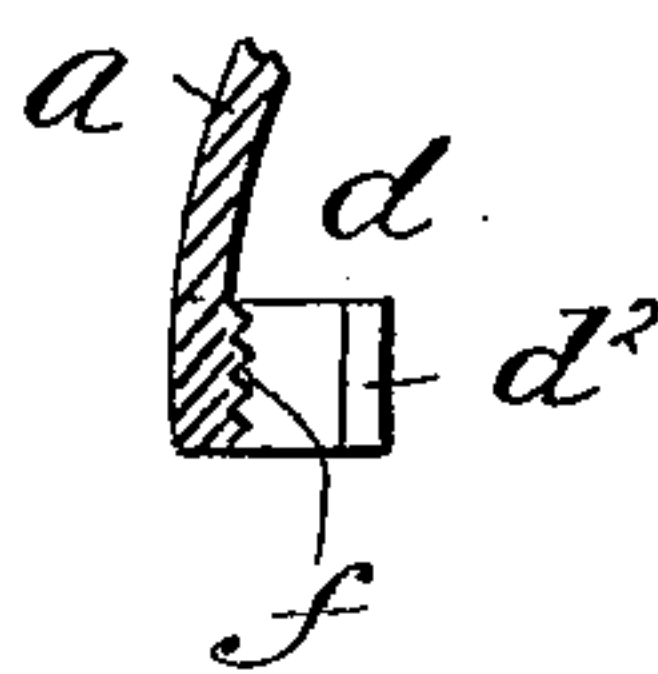
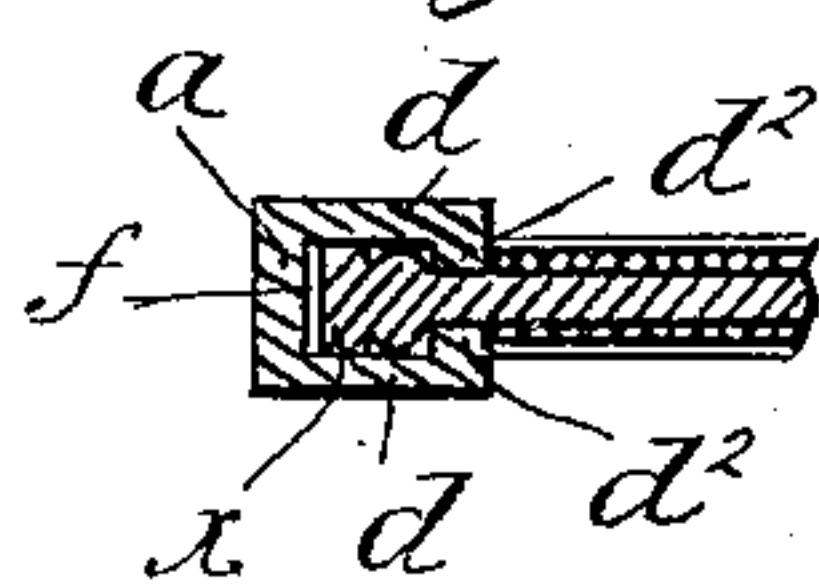


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER J. HANDFIELD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Keepers for Coins, Medals, &c., of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved keeper or suspending device for a coin or medallion,—one which will be simple, cheap and practicable of construction, easy of attachment upon the coin or medal, and above all very secure in its engagement therewith.

The invention to these ends consists in the construction or formation of the keeper all substantially as will hereinafter fully appear and be set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a side view of the keeper applied on a coin. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the keeper. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal sectional view of one end portion of the keeper, and Fig. 4 is a transverse section of a part of the keeper and the coin or medal.

The keeper comprises the band or strip, *a*, of arc-form, preferably equal to about, or a little more than, half of a semicircle and it has intermediate between its ends the outwardly extended eye, *b*. The said arc-formed strip has, at its concave edge several pairs of opposing and inwardly extended lugs, *d*, *d*, with the angularly extended or approached lips, *d*², as shown.

In Figs. 1 and 3 the keeper is shown as having within the grasp thereof a coin, the lugs, *d*, *d*, extending at each side of the rim, while the lips, *d*², are pressed inwardly to engage the slight bead or edge flanges, *e*. The lip-

provided lugs are preferably made integral with the strip, *a*, and the whole is of a suitable ductile or malleable metal or alloy so that the lugs, after having been forced from their spread relations, seen in Fig. 2, to their closer approach for holding the coin, will remain in their set positions, with no tendency for spring or outward distension. The concave side or edge of the strip, *a*, as indicated at *f*, is transversely serrated between the lugs whereby to fit into the milling or knurling on the edge of the coin or medal, thus furthermore conducing to the secure retention of the latter. The eye, *b*, of course, affords a ready means of connection with a watch-chain or suspension cord or ribbon.

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

1. A keeper for a coin or medal consisting of an arc-formed strip having at its middle the outwardly extended eye, and having at its concave edge pairs of inwardly extended opposing lugs, substantially as described.

2. A keeper for a coin or medal consisting of an arc-formed strip having at its middle the outwardly extended eye, and having at its concave edge pairs of inwardly extended opposing lugs, with the angularly extended or approached lips, substantially as described.

3. A keeper for a coin or medal consisting of an arc-formed strip having at the middle of its convex side the eye and having at its concave edge the inwardly extended opposing lugs with the angularly extended or approached lips, and the portions of the concave side between the lugs transversely serrated, substantially as described.

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