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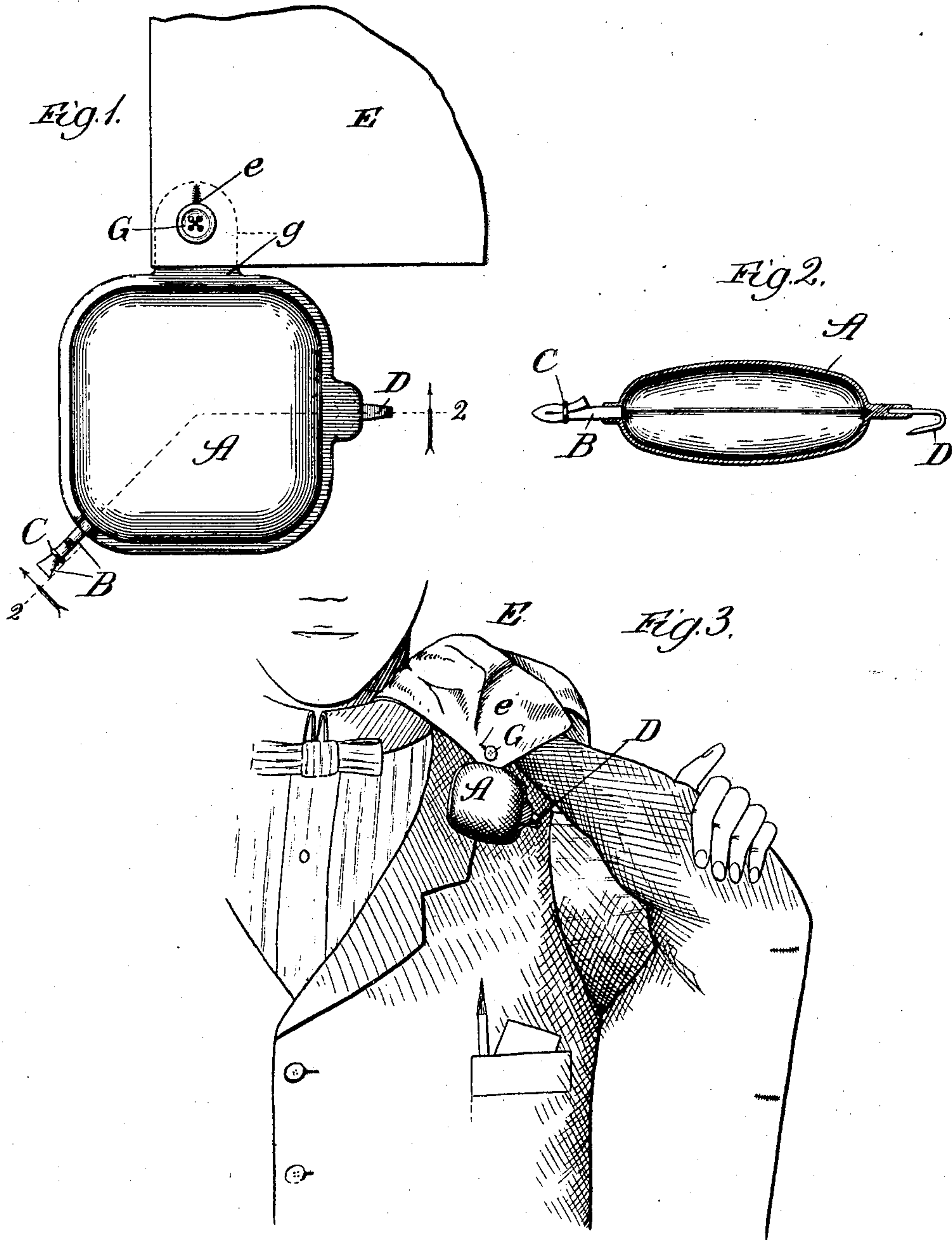
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VIOLIN-REST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. HOFFMANN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Violin-Rests, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of devices adapted to be used in connection with a violin for the purpose of protecting the clavicle-bone of a performer when using the violin.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, economical, and efficient rest for a violin; and the invention consists in the features, combinations, and details of construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a violin-rest and attached kerchief; Fig. 2, a sectional view taken on the irregular line 2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 a view of my improvement as it appears when in use.

In the art to which this invention relates it is well known that violinists, especially the better class, play in concert-halls, auditoriums, and theaters and that during their playing they become overheated, so that their collars are liable to become wilted, rendering it necessary to insert a handkerchief between the collar and neck of the wearer. It is also well known that the violin rests generally in the hollow of the shoulder and that such portion of the violinist's anatomy becomes chafed, sore, or lame from the frequent raising of the shoulder in order to hold the violin at a proper angle.

The principal object of my invention therefore is to provide a simple, economical, and efficient rest which will not only protect the clothes of the performer, but will also minimize the objectionable features above noted, all of which will appear from an examination of the drawings and the following description and claims.

In constructing a rest in accordance with my improvements I make an inflatable cushion A of the desired size, which is provided with a stem B, preferably formed of rubber or similar material, for the purpose of introducing air into the inflatable cushion and

which may be folded and clenched by means of a metal ring C for the purpose of retaining the air in the cushion. In order to assist in holding the rest in position, it is provided with a hook D, formed, preferably, of metal and embedded or otherwise secured to the material forming the cushion in such manner that it may be hooked onto the garment of the wearer, as shown clearly in Fig. 3.

To complete an economical rest, a sheet of cloth E is provided, preferably about the size of an ordinary handkerchief, which has a buttonhole *e* worked therein, preferably in one corner thereof, so that it may engage a button G on a projecting lug *g* of the inflatable cushion, and thus secure both of such parts together and complete an economical rest.

In use the rest is combined as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 3. A portion of the handkerchief is inserted between the collar of the violinist and his neck. The remainder is then thrown back over his shoulder and the inflatable cushion portion attached to the garment directly over the hollow in the shoulder, so that the violin may rest on the same and be thrown to the proper angle, thus doing away with the necessity of raising the shoulder and pressing the clavicle-bone. The latter is a material and important advantage and from experimental tests has been and is highly appreciated by leading violinists.

I claim—

1. In mechanisms of the class described, the combination of an inflatable cushion provided with an inflating-stem, an attaching-hook, a sheet of cloth, and means for securing the cloth and inflatable cushion together, substantially as described.

2. In mechanisms of the class described, the combination of an inflatable cushion provided with an inflating-stem, an attaching-hook, a projection with a securing-button, and a sheet of cloth perforated at one portion thereof for securing it to the attaching-button, substantially as described.

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