

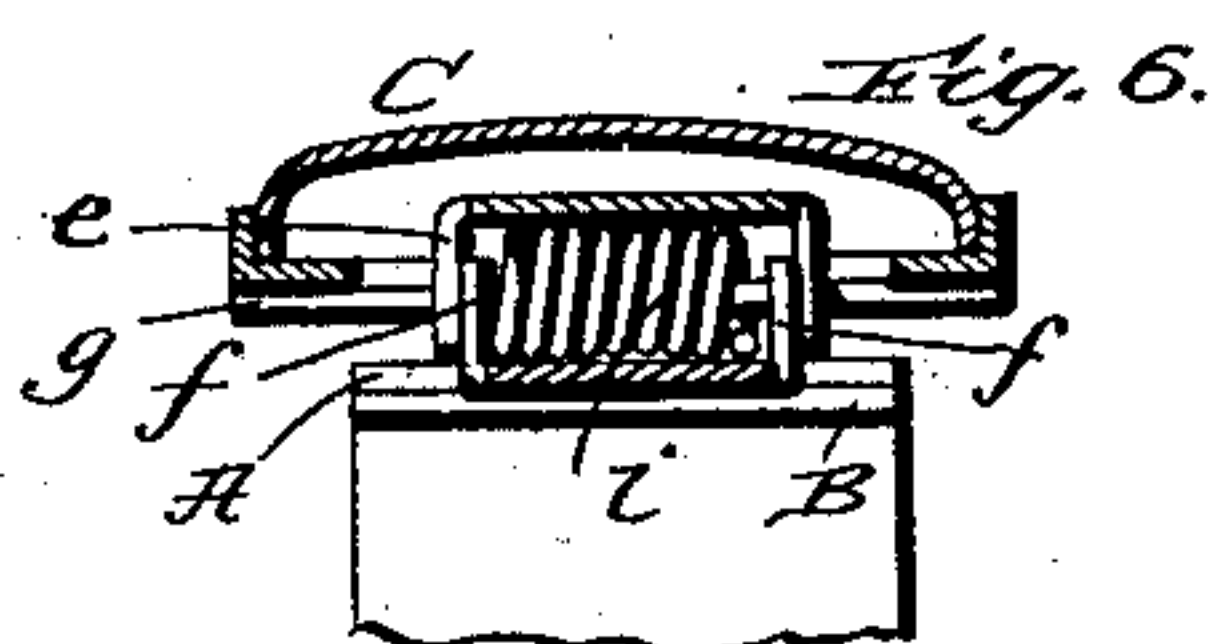
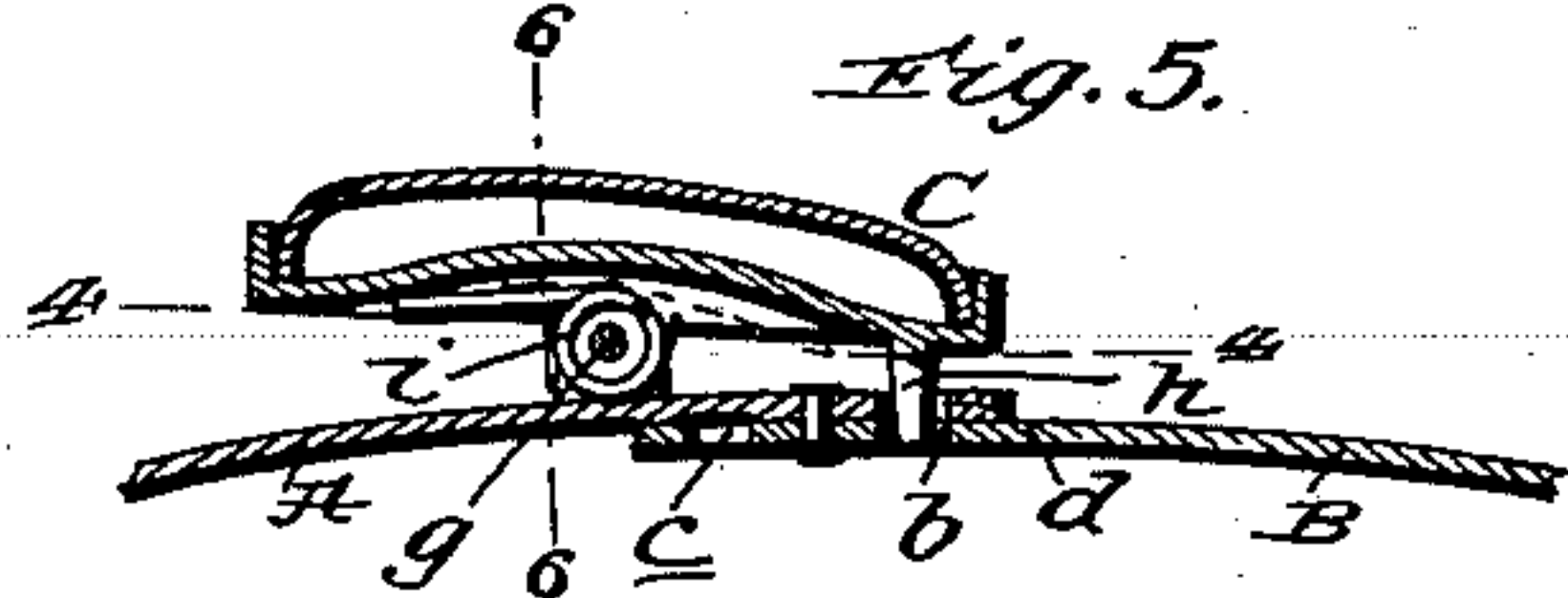
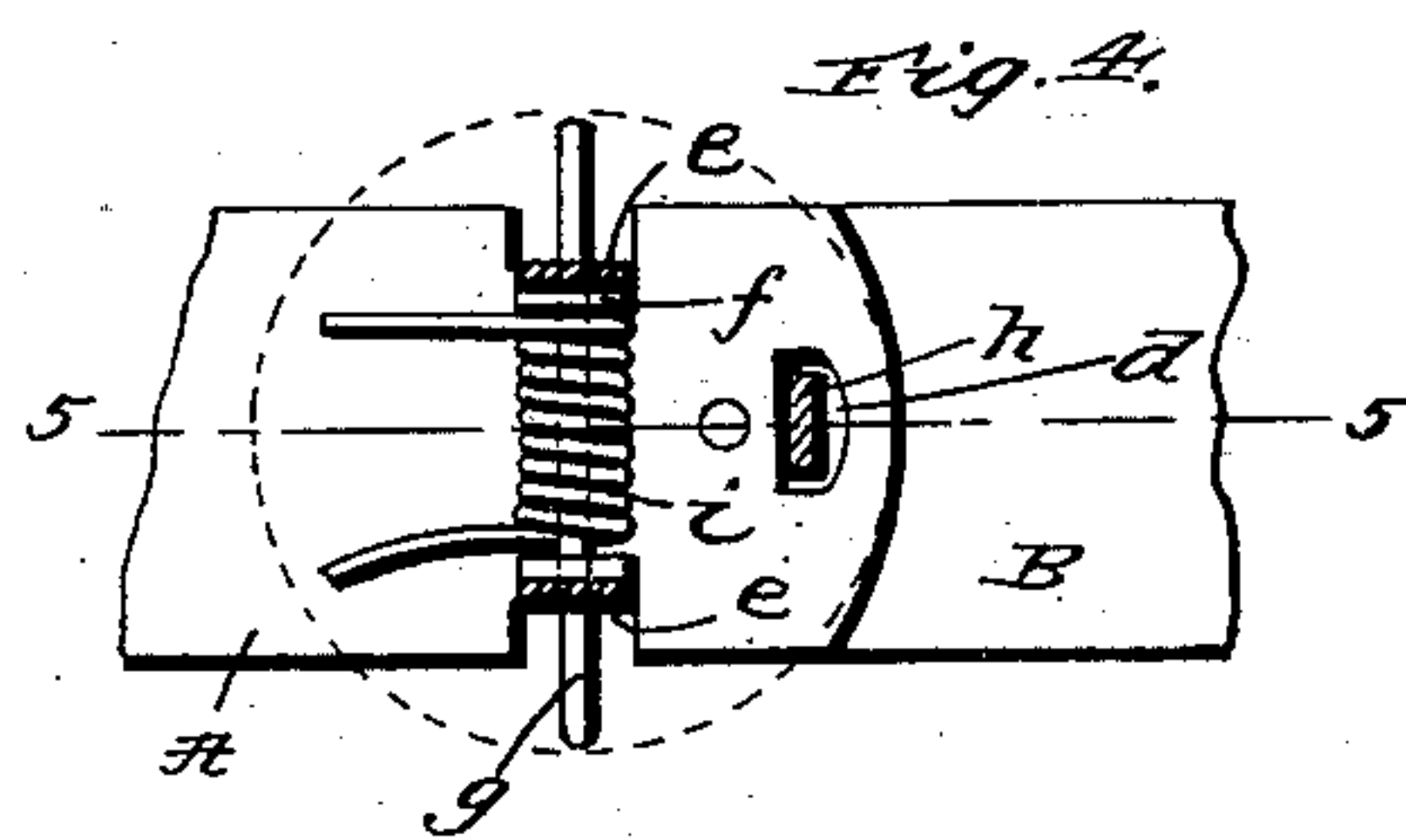
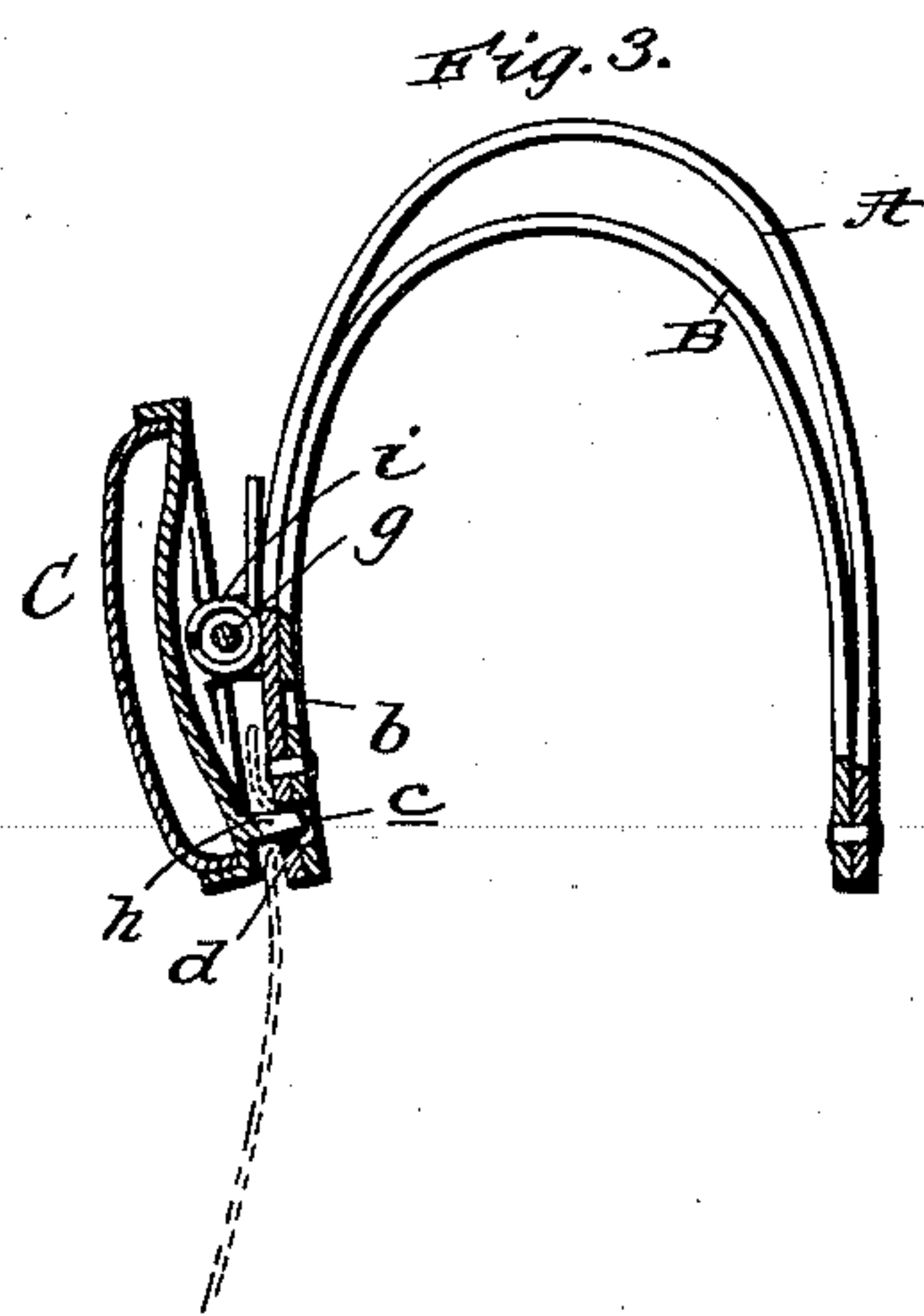
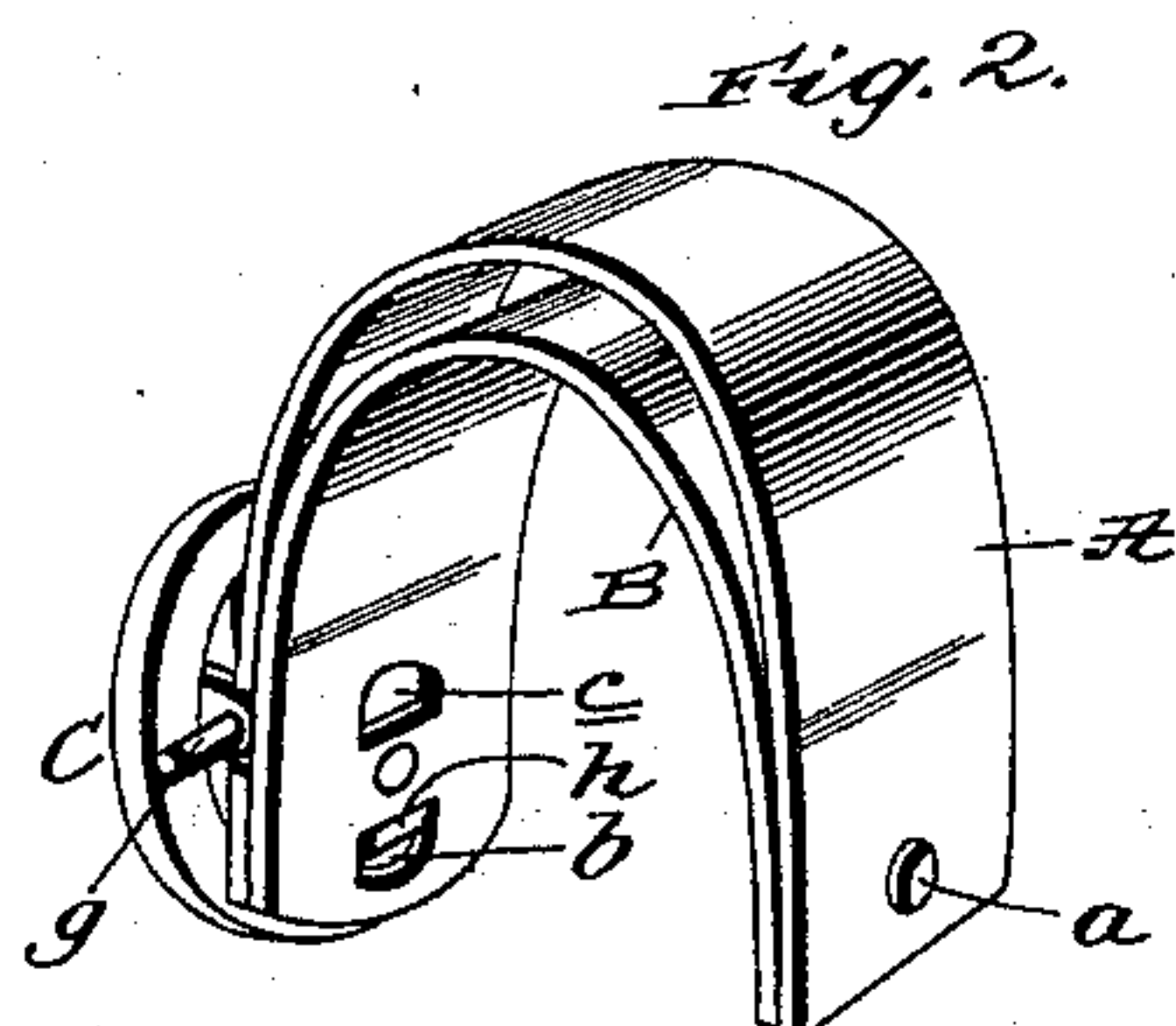
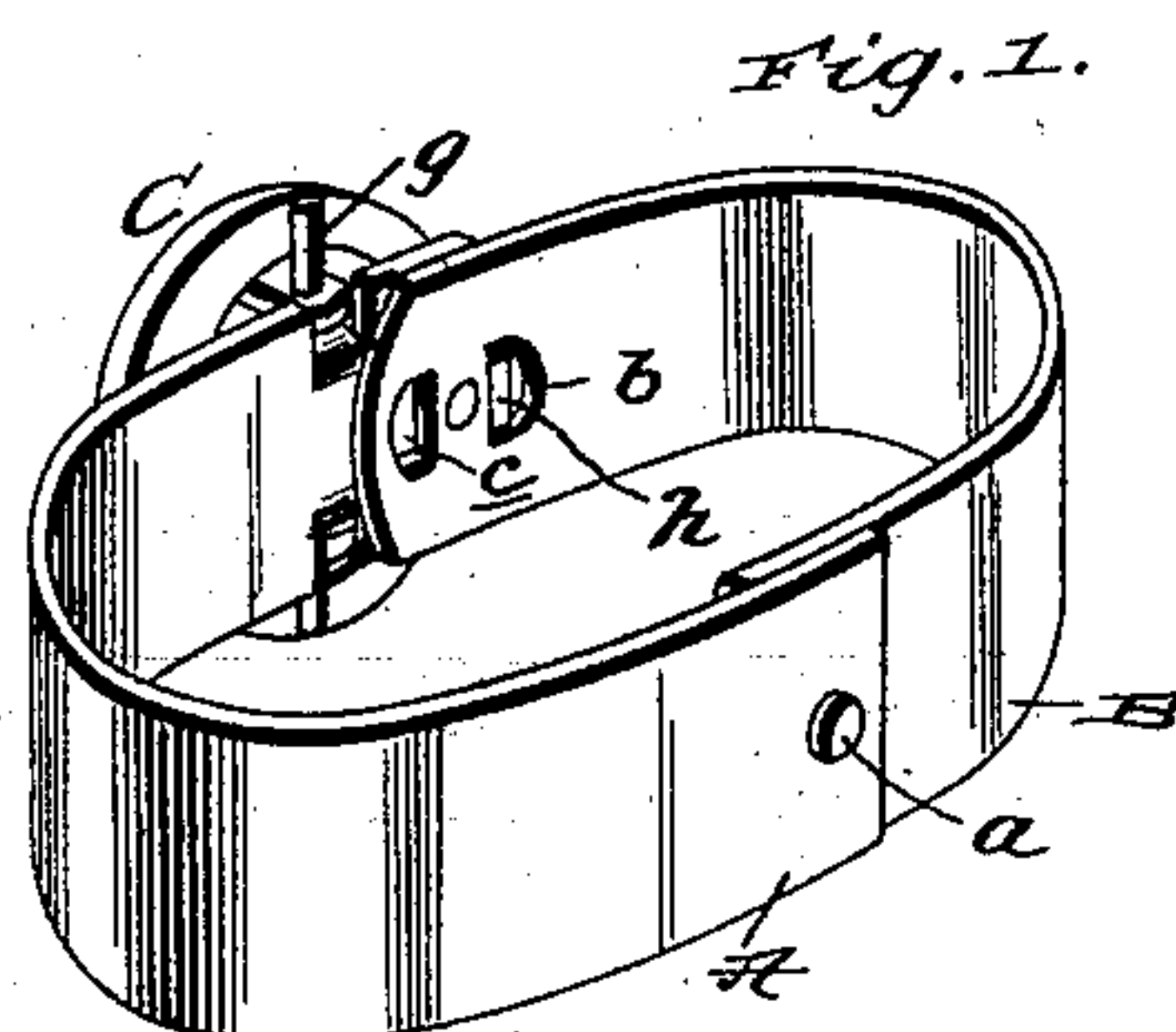
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## NAPKIN-RING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JACOB FRAME, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have  
5 invented new and useful Improvements in Napkin-Rings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to napkin-rings, and is designed more particularly as an improve-  
10 ment upon those napkin-rings which are susceptible of being readily converted from a ring into a hook for suspending a napkin from the collar of a person and as readily converted from a hook into a ring adapted to  
15 receive and hold the napkin in the usual manner.

It has for its general object to provide a napkin-ring of the kind stated embodying two pivotally-connected members and a latch  
20 adapted to hold said members against casual movement when adjusted to form either a ring or a hook and also adapted to serve as a clasp for connecting a napkin to the napkin-ring when the members of the latter are adjusted  
25 to form a hook.

With the foregoing in mind the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in conjunction with the annexed drawings, in which—  
30 Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device with the pivotally-connected members adjusted to form a ring. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the pivotally-connected members adjusted to form a hook. Fig. 3 is an enlarged side elevation, with parts in section, illustrating the manner in which the latch serves as a clasp to connect a napkin to the hook. Fig. 4 is a detail section taken in the plane indicated by the broken line 4 4  
40 of Fig. 5. Fig. 5 is a detail section taken in the plane indicated by the broken line 5 5 of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a detail section taken in the plane indicated by the broken line 6 6 of Fig. 5.

Referring by letter to the said drawings, A B are the members of my improved napkin-ring, which are preferably U-shaped and have their ends lapped and pivotally connected together by rivets *a*, as shown, or  
50 other suitable means. The member B, which has its ends arranged within those of member A, is provided adjacent to one of its ends

with two apertures *b c*, said apertures being disposed at opposite sides of one of the rivets or pintles *a*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The  
55 member A is provided adjacent to one of its ends with an aperture *d*, which is arranged to coincide with the aperture *b* when the members A B are adjusted to form a ring and with the aperture *c* when the members  
60 are adjusted to form a hook. Said member A is also provided with two outwardly-extending ears *e*, which rest between ears *f* on a combined latch and clasp C and are designed to receive a pintle *g* on said latch and clasp,  
65 as best shown in Figs. 4, 5, and 6.

The latch and clasp C is provided adjacent to one end with a teat or projection *h* and is subject to the action of a spring *i*, which is coiled about the pintle *g* and has an arm  
70 bearing against the ring member A and another arm bearing against the latch and clasp. The said spring tends to normally press the end of the latch and clasp bearing the teat *i* toward the ring and enables said teat to en-  
75 ter the coincident apertures of the ring members, so as to secure them against casual movement and also enables said teat to bind a napkin against the outer ring member, and thereby connect the napkin to the ring.  
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When the napkin-ring is to be used in the ordinary manner, the members A B are adjusted to the position shown in Fig. 1, the teat *h* entering the coincident apertures *d b* of said members, and thereby holding them  
85 against casual movement with respect to each other.

When it is desired to use the ring as a hook to connect the napkin to the collar of a person, the latch and clasp C is rocked to  
90 withdraw the teat *h* from the apertures *d b* and the members A B are adjusted to the positions shown in Figs. 2 and 3, after which the end of the napkin is interposed between the teat of the latch and clasp and the mem-  
95 ber A, and the said teat is caused to enter the coincident apertures *d c* of the members and lock the same together.

It will be appreciated from the foregoing that my improved device is readily converti-  
100 ble from a ring into a hook, and vice versa, and that when the device is adjusted to form a hook a napkin may be readily connected to and disconnected from the same. It will



also be observed that the napkin-ring is simple in construction and is neat and ornamental in appearance, especially when the latch and clasp is made in the form of a button and is provided with a picture or other embellishment.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

As an improved article of manufacture, the napkin-ring described comprising the two U-shaped members having their ends looped and pivotally connected together whereby one is adapted to swing within the other; the outer member also having an aperture *d* adjacent to one end, and the inner member having an aperture *b* adapted to register with the aperture *d* when the inner member rests within the outer member, and

the aperture *c*, at the opposite side of the pivotal connection with reference to aperture *b*, adapted to register with the aperture *d* when the inner member is extended from the outer member, and a spring-pressed latch mounted on the outer member and having a teat adapted to enter the coincident apertures of the members and thereby positively lock them against casual movement with respect to each other, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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