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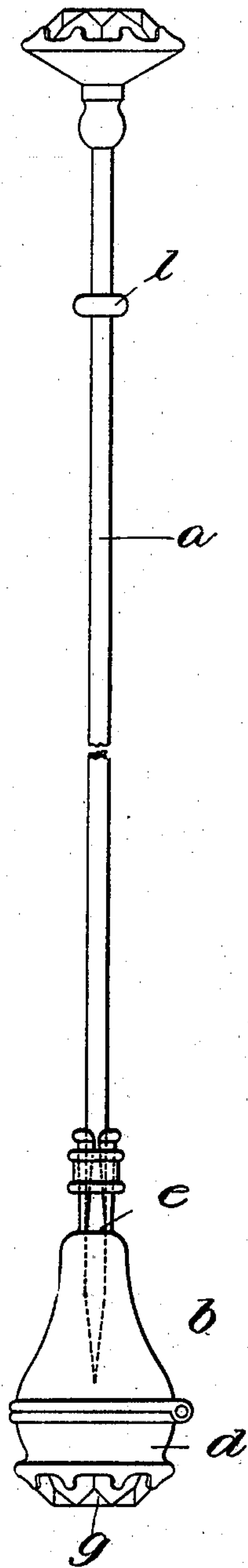
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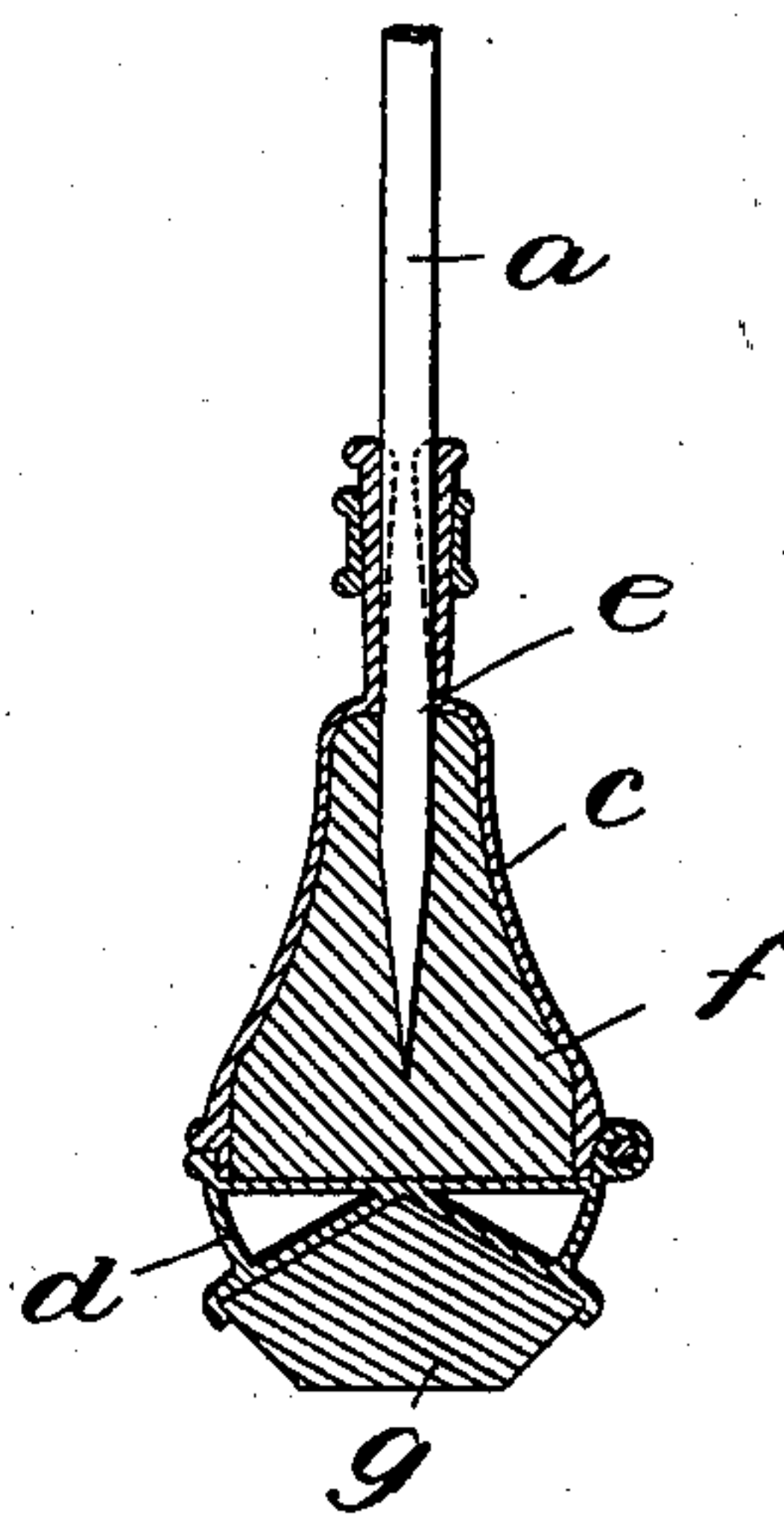
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## HAT-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDITH DASHWOOD, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at London, England, have invented a new and Improved Hat or Bonnet Pin and Fastener and Shield Therefor, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved hat or bonnet pin and device adapted to be applied thereto for the purpose of preventing such pins from being inadvertently displaced and for shielding or covering the points to prevent injury to other persons.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved hat or bonnet pin having my fastener and shield applied to it, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

*b* indicates the fastener and shield. The said fastener and shield comprise a box or casing *c*, having a lid or cover *d* at one end and a hole or aperture *e* at the other end of substantially the diameter of the pin, through which the pin can be inserted into the box, and a filling *f*, of cork, india-rubber, or other suitable elastic material, into which the point of the pin can be introduced by pressure, and which will hold the pin firmly by frictional contact therewith and prevent the accidental removal of the pin. It will be understood that when the pin *a* has been placed in position and the device *b* pressed onto the pin the said device will prevent the pin from working out of the hat or bonnet, while at the same time the point will be covered up so that it cannot cause injury.

As shown in the drawings, the casing *c* is made somewhat of a pear shape and the lid *d* is represented as being ornamented with a jewel *g*. It is to be understood, however, that the said box *c* may be of any other convenient shape and that any desirable form of ornamentation may be adopted. Also, as shown in the drawings, the lid *d* is represented as being hinged and secured by snapping over the adjacent edge of the box; but it will be obvious that, if desired, the lid may be screwed or otherwise detachably connected to the body of the box. When after repeated use the

filling material *f* becomes so perforated or worn that the device will not firmly hold upon the pin, it will only be necessary to open the box, remove the filling, and introduce a new filling.

As a precaution against the device becoming detached in case it is not firmly fixed in position I advantageously provide an auxiliary retaining device or holder *h*. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, this auxiliary holder is in the form of two taper spring-jaws *j j*, which are formed integral with the casing *c* and upon which a ring *k* slides for the purpose of clamping the jaws onto the pin.

*l*, Fig. 1, is a collar or flange with which I sometimes provide the pin to serve as a stop to prevent the pin being pushed so far into the hat as would cause the ornamental head to become concealed in the trimmings.

By providing the casing at one end with an opening of substantially the diameter of the pin the elastic material cannot be drawn out when the pin is removed, while the large opening at the other end of the casing enables the material to be removed and replaced when desired.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is—

A fastener for hat or bonnet pins comprising among its members a hollow casing provided at one end with a pin-receiving aperture, of substantially the diameter of the pin and an aperture at the other end for the insertion of a filling, a filling of elastic material within said casing, a detachable cover for said filling-aperture, a pair of spring-arms secured to said casing adjacent to the pin-receiving aperture and adapted to frictionally engage an ordinary hat-pin, and a sliding clamping-ring engaging said arms to clamp them frictionally upon the pin whereby the fastener will be securely held to the pin even if the filling were worn, substantially as described.

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