

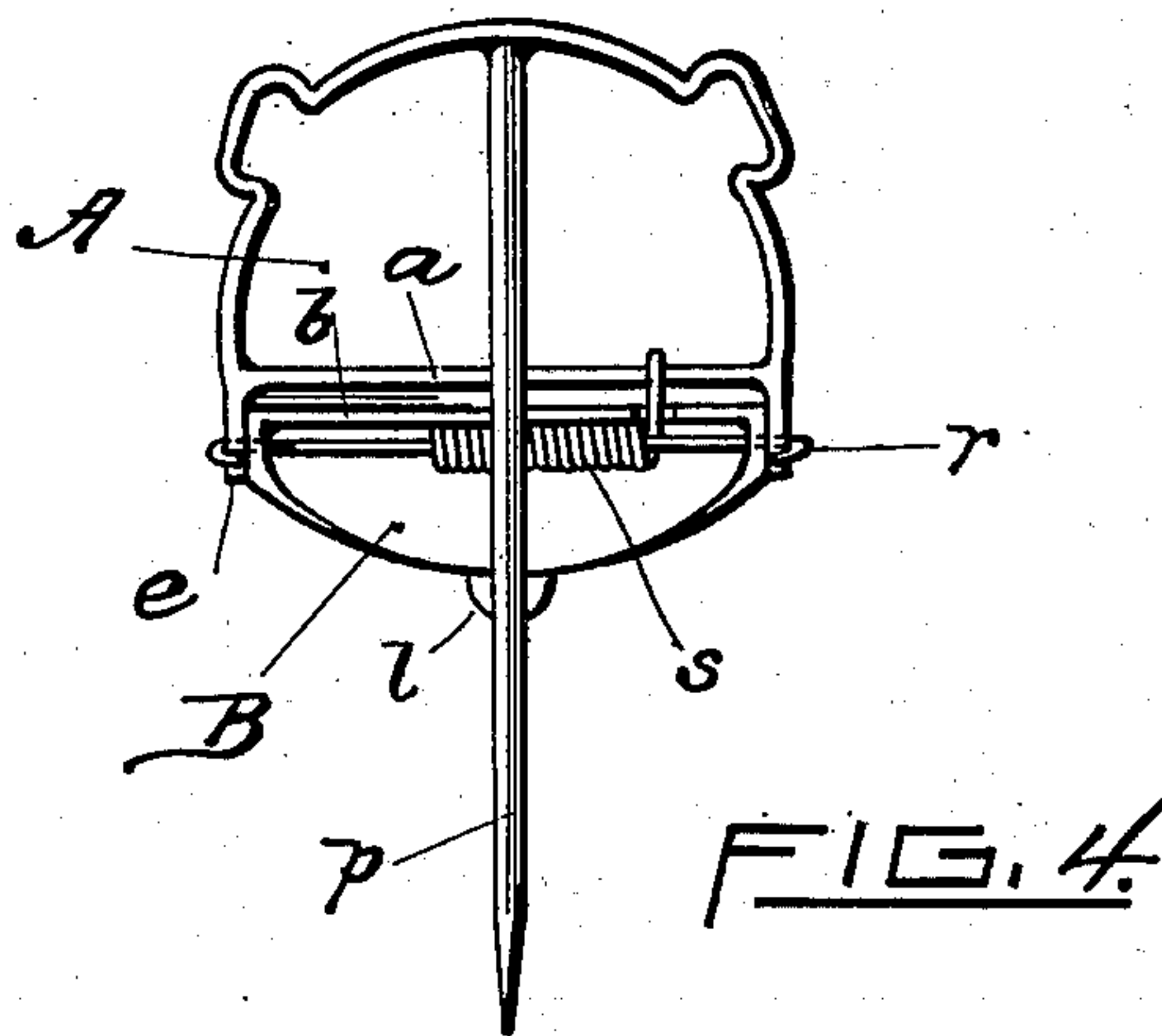
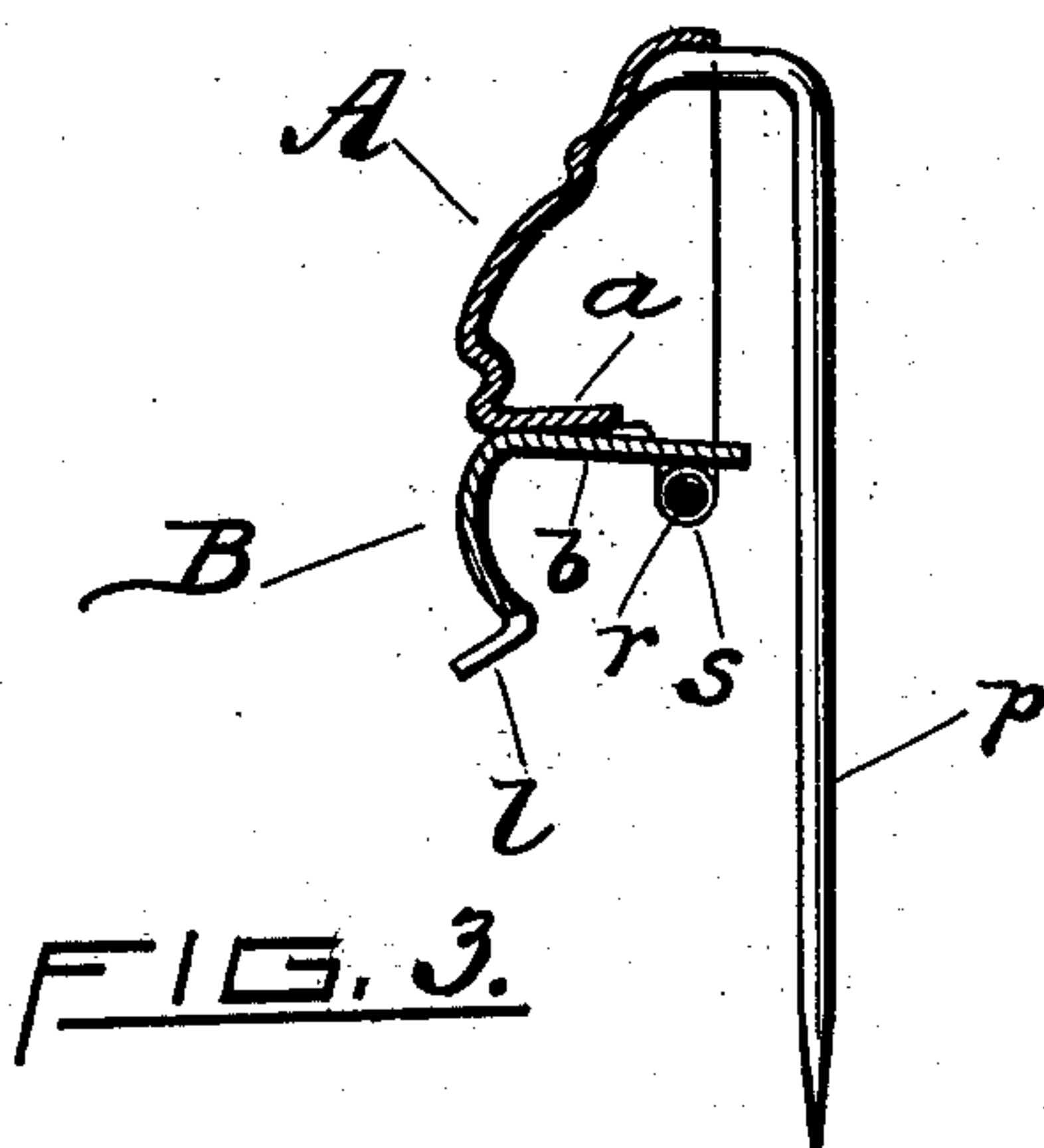
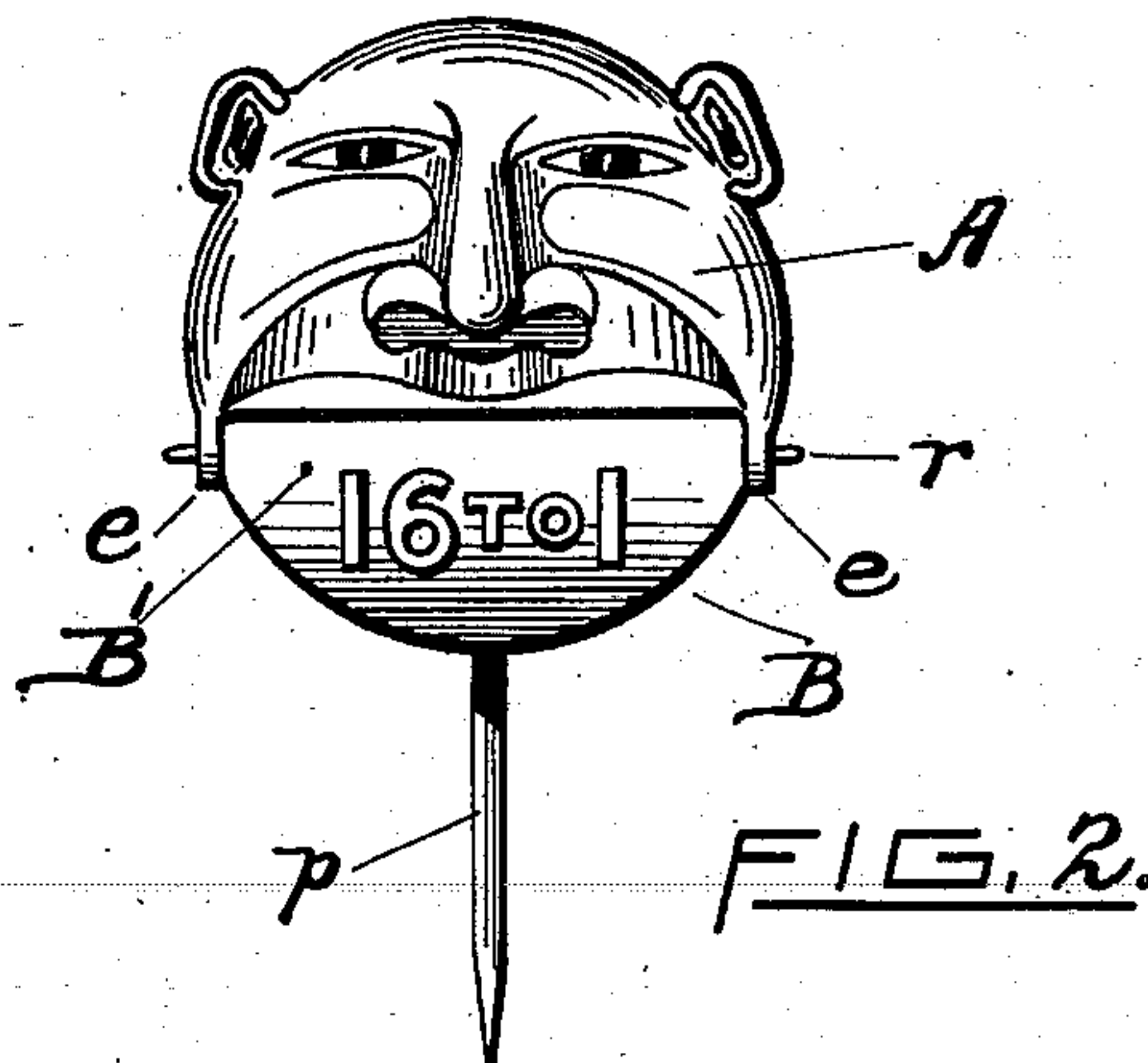
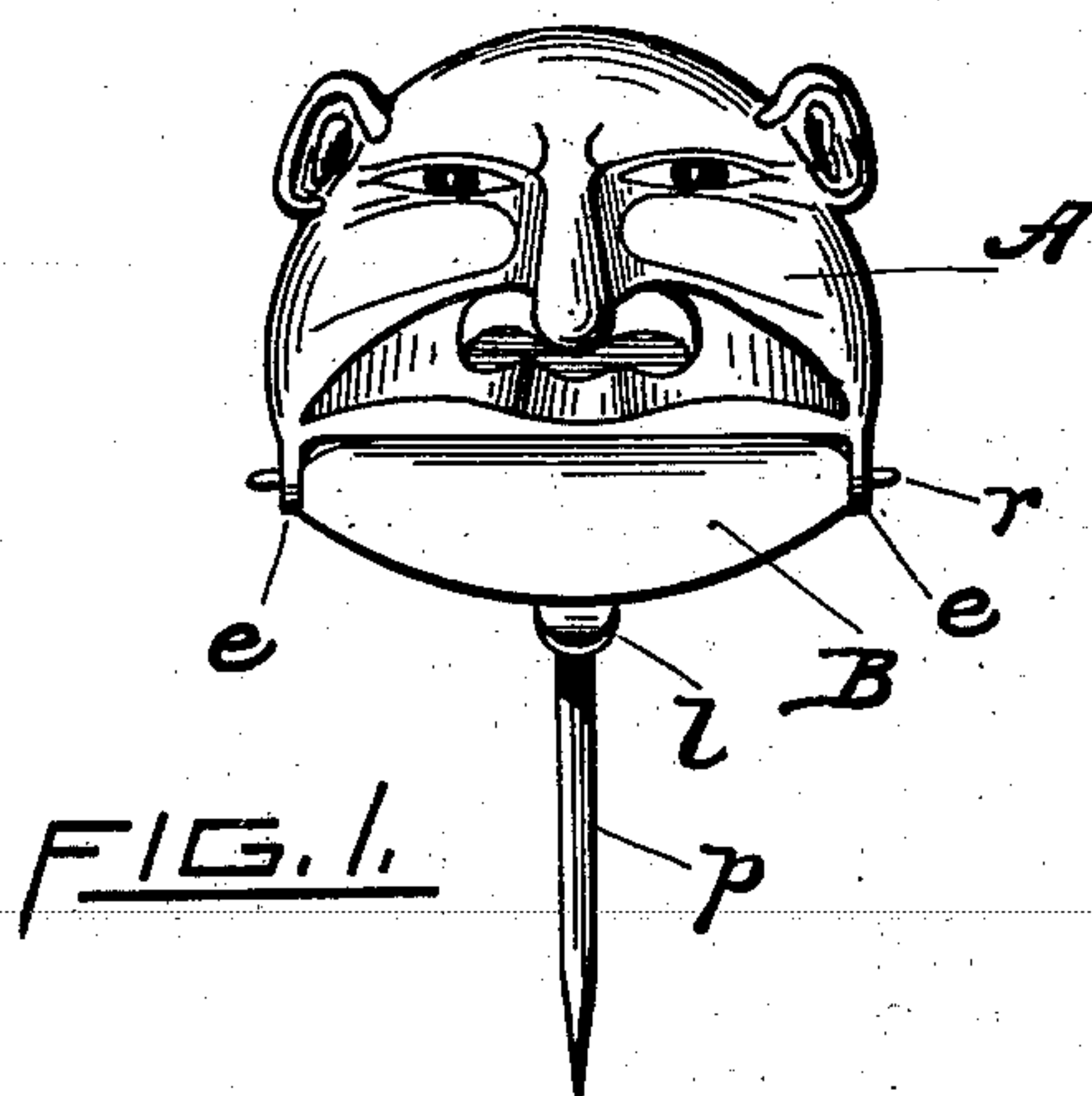
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. LUTHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Campaign Badges or Buttons, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 My invention relates to that class of pins or buttons which are adapted for display upon the clothing, and has for its object novelty of construction and simplicity at a low cost. This end I obtain by means of the device hereinafter set forth.

15 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my pin with spring relaxed; Fig. 2, a similar view with parts distended; Fig. 3, a central vertical section of the same with the pin in elevation, and Fig. 4 is a back view.

Similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the views.

My device is constructed as follows: An upper or head portion A is struck up from a sheet of metal in the shape of the upper portion of a human face, with its lower margin turned inwardly, forming a flange *a* and having ears *ee* depending from the extremities of the lower portion. Extending between these ears and attached to each at its extremities is a wire rod *r*, which serves as a hinge upon which is mounted a swinging jaw member B, also struck up from sheet metal. The jaw has two surfaces in nearly right-angular planes. 25 The front surface has dependent from the center of its lower margin a projection *l*. The inner jaw-surface *b* bears some suitable inscription B' upon its face. Coiled around the wire rod *r*, intermediate its extremities, is

a spring *s*, bearing upon the upper and lower pin parts A and B, normally pressing into contact the respective inner surfaces *a* and *b*. When the device is to be used as a pin, there is soldered to the back of the piece A a pin-tongue *p* for insertion into the garment. If 45 used as a button, any convenient usual fastening means may be employed.

The wearer operates the pin by pressing the projection *l* rearwardly, which distends the parts, as in Fig. 2, disclosing the inscription 50 borne by the inner jaw-surface. Upon relaxing the pressure upon the projection the spring forces the parts into their normal closed position, as shown in Fig. 1.

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

1. In a badge or button the combination of an upper face part having an inturned flange, a lower face part also containing an inturned 60 flange whose upper flanged surface bears an inscription, a hinge uniting both parts, and means for holding the flanged surfaces in contact.

2. In a badge or button the combination of 65 an upper face part having an inturned flange, a lower face part also containing an inturned flange whose upper flanged surface bears an inscription, a hinge uniting both parts, a spring for holding the flanged surfaces in con- 70 tact.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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