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fig. 1.

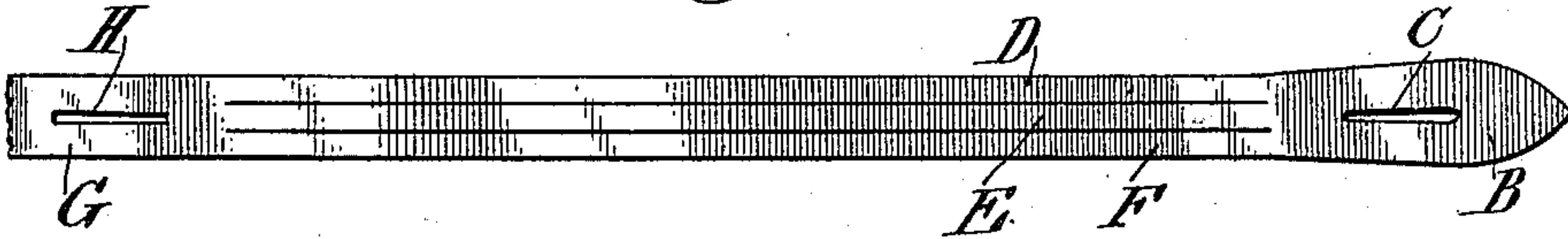


fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. RICE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Camden, State of New Jersey, have
5 invented a new and useful Improvement in Watch Chains or Guards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a watch chain or guard having end tabs for attachment to a
10 watch and a garment, and a plait intermediate of said tabs and integral with the same, whereby a chain of great strength and durability is formed, which can be cheaply manufactured and has a pleasing appearance to
15 the eye.

It consists of novel details of construction, all as will be hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 represents a plan view of the blank employed in forming the chain. Fig. 2 represents a plan view of the completed article.
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Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a watch chain or guard consisting of the tab B,
25 with an opening C therein, the tab G, with an opening H therein, and the intermediate plait J, the latter being formed of the strands D, E, and F, which are integral with said tabs B G, producing a watch chain or guard of
30 strong and neat appearance, the tab G being attachable to a watch and the tab B being attachable to the garment of the wearer.

In carrying out my invention I take the strip of rawhide or other material and form
35 therein the slits or openings C and H, slit the said strip longitudinally with a plurality of slits extending approximately to the inner

ends of the tabs or the openings C and H, producing the strands D, E, and F, and plait the latter by reeving either tab through said
40 strands, whereby the plait is formed, leaving the tabs and plait integral, avoiding attached or separate pieces, the effect of which is evident.

It will be apparent that the plaiting of the
45 strands D, E, and F can be readily effected by reeving either tab through said strands in the manner which will be familiar to those skilled in the art of weaving or plaiting devices of this character, or, if desired, the
50 plaiting may be effected by substantially the method described and shown in the Swiss Patent No. 18,113, granted December 17, 1898, to Millard, to which method of plaiting I herein
55 make no claim.

It will be apparent that various changes
may be made by those skilled in the art which will come within the scope of my invention, and I do not desire, therefore, to be limited
60 in every instance to the exact construction herein shown and described.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a watch-
65 chain having tabs, one at each end thereof, slots in each tab, slits intermediate of said tabs producing strands, and a plaited portion formed of said strands, said parts being integral.

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