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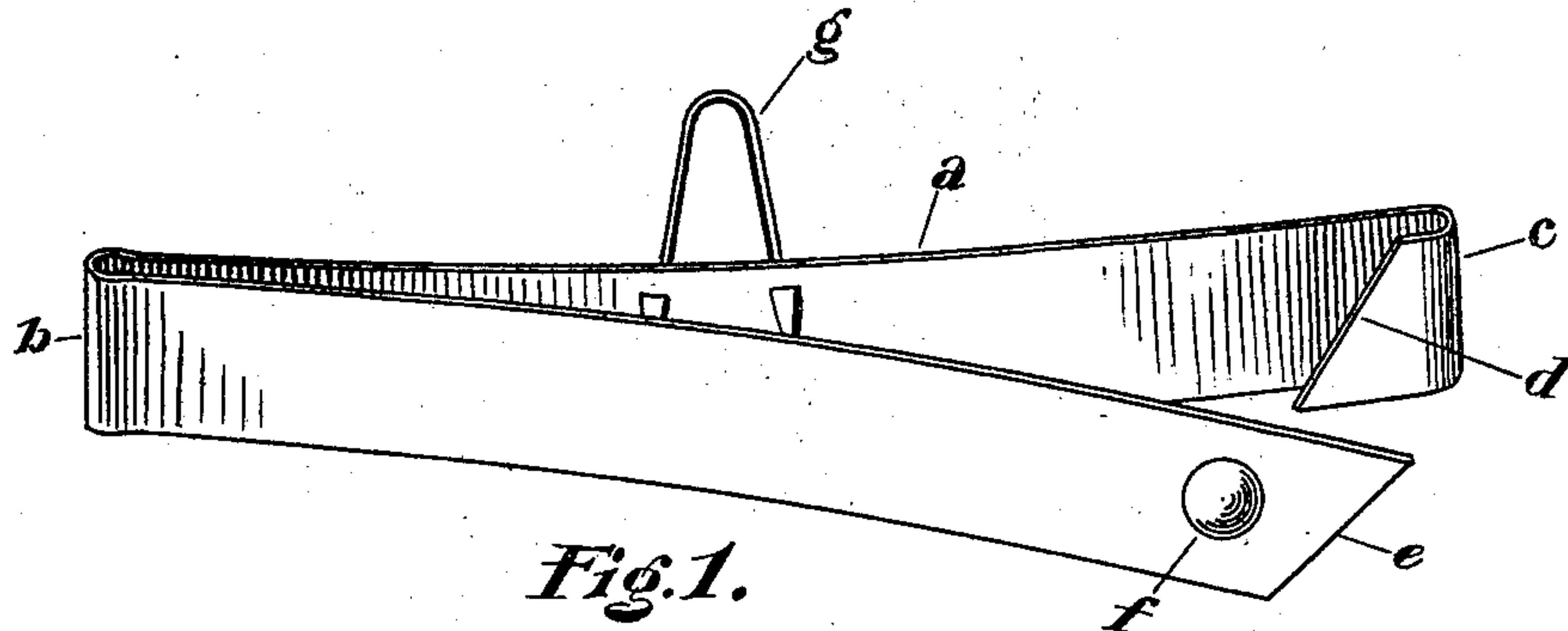


Fig. 1.

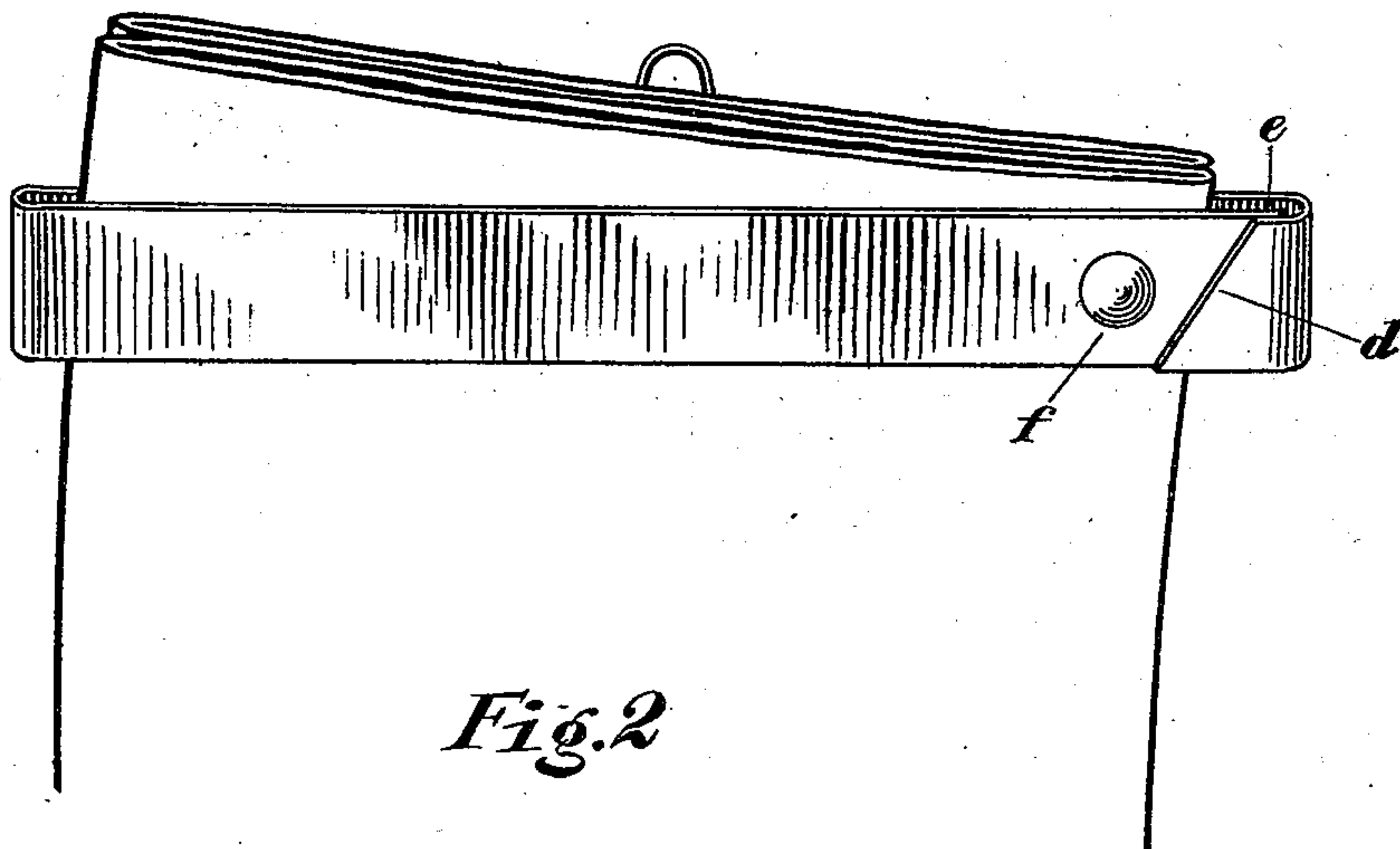


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. HOWE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trousers-Hangers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a clear, full, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to means for hanging up trousers so that they will retain their shape and be kept free from wrinkling and creasing when not in use.

The objects of my invention are to produce a trousers-hanger that will be simple and effective in use and that will produce a continuous even pressure upon the trousers without injuring them.

With these objects in view I have produced a device which consists of features and combinations of parts hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, consisting of one sheet and two figures, in which like letters of reference refer to like parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my trousers-hanger, showing it open. Fig. 2 is a view similar to that shown in Fig. 1, showing the hanger closed when holding a pair of trousers inserted therein.

a represents a strip of spring metal, of any suitable thickness and width, out of which is formed my trousers-hanger. The two ends *d* and *e* of the metal strip *a* are oppositely beveled, as shown. The strip *a* is bent at *c* outwardly and then inwardly, so that the end *d* extends inwardly a short distance beyond the loop thus formed. The strip *a* is bent at *b* outwardly and then inwardly, so that the end *e* extends slightly beyond the end *d*. The two ends *d* and *e* are thus capable of overlapping each other throughout their beveled portions. At a short distance back from the end *e* there may be provided an outwardly-projecting indentation *f*, which serves as a thumb-piece for the purpose of opening and closing the hanger.

g represents a wire loop suitably attached to my device for the purpose of providing means with which to hang it up. It is evident that any other suitably-secured device

can be used that will answer the purposes required.

After having formed the device as above described the long back portion (marked *a*) and the long front portion carrying the beveled end *e* are bent in opposite outward curves, so that when the hanger is closed these front and rear portions form a lengthwise spring and are capable of exerting a continuous even pressure throughout their length upon the inserted trousers.

When it is desired to use my device, the beveled ends *d* and *e* are released from their interlapping union, as illustrated in Fig. 1, and the trousers are inserted between the front and back portions of the hanger. The two beveled end portions *d* and *e* are then brought into union, as shown in Fig. 2, by a pressure on the thumb-piece *f* or otherwise. A slight upward pressure is then exerted until the beveled end *e* passes behind the beveled end *d*, thus securely uniting these portions of the hanger. The pressure being released, the front and rear portions of the hanger by reason of the lengthwise spring action will be brought into line, and they will exert a continuous lengthwise pressure upon the trousers and firmly hold them in place in the hanger. After being thus secured the hanger is hung in any desired place by means of the loop *g* or other suitable device engaging over the clothes hook or nail.

Having thus described my invention and its method of operation, what I claim is—

A trousers-hanger, made of a strip of spring metal, having its ends oppositely beveled, and at one end bent outwardly and then inwardly so that it extends inwardly a short distance beyond the loop thus formed, and being bent near its center outwardly and then inwardly so that its opposite end extends slightly beyond the first-named end, the two ends thus formed being capable of slightly overlapping each other throughout their beveled portions.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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