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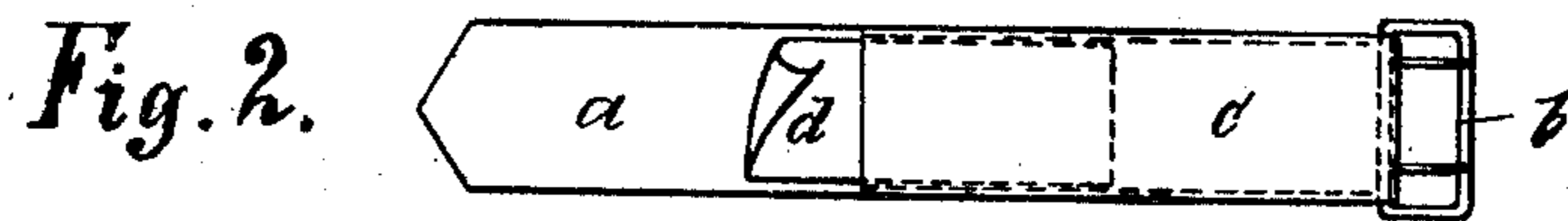
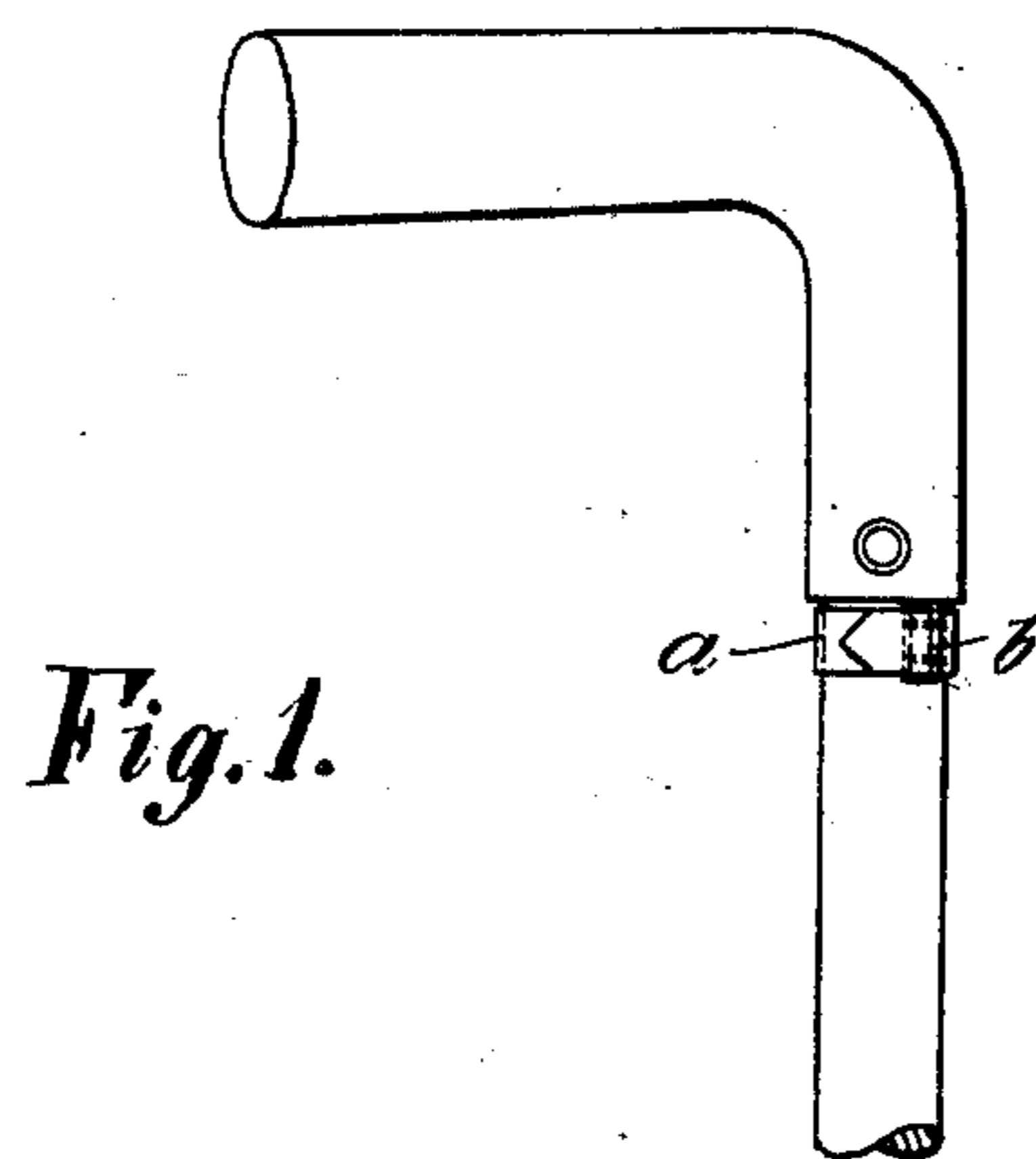
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL GEIGENMÜLLER, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, and a resident of Greitz, Reuss-Greitz, Germany, have invented a certain new and useful Identifying-Band for Umbrellas and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bands for retaining umbrellas in folded or closed position or for ornamental finish for umbrellas, canes, or the like, the object of the invention being to provide such band with means for holding concealed identification cards, numbers, &c.

With this object in view the invention consists in the improved band for such purposes, the construction, arrangement, and combination of the parts of which will be first fully described hereinafter and afterward specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate an embodiment of my invention, Figure 1 is a view of part of a cane or umbrella-staff having one of my bands applied thereto. Fig. 2 is an enlarged face view of one of my bands detached, and Fig. 3 is an edge view thereof.

In the accompanying drawings, *a* indicates a band or strap of leather or other suitable material provided with a buckle *b* of any suitable construction. In securing the band or strap to the buckle one end of the band is passed through a loop of the buckle, doubled back flat upon and in contact with the body thereof, as at *C*, and secured along the sides only of said body and said turned-back end, leaving a pocket between the said body and end, with an opening at the end of end *C*,

through which an identification-card *d* may be passed into the pocket and concealed from all who may be without knowledge of the peculiar construction of the band.

The card *d* is shown in Figs. 2 and 3 as partly withdrawn from the pocket; but when in the pocket not only is the card concealed, but the appearance of the made-up band is so nearly similar to a band of usual construction that the pocket itself is substantially concealed. By this means identification of a lost article may be made by the owner which might be impossible with ordinary identifying-marks which are always in sight and which might be removed, defaced, or obliterated by a dishonest person.

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

The herein-described band for the purposes set forth comprising a strap or band of suitable material, and a buckle, one end of the band being passed through the loop of the buckle and turned back flat upon and in contact with the body of the band and secured thereto along the edges only, whereby is formed a pocket between the body and turned-back end of the band with an opening at the end of the turned end of the band, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

CARL GEIGENMÜLLER.

In presence of—

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