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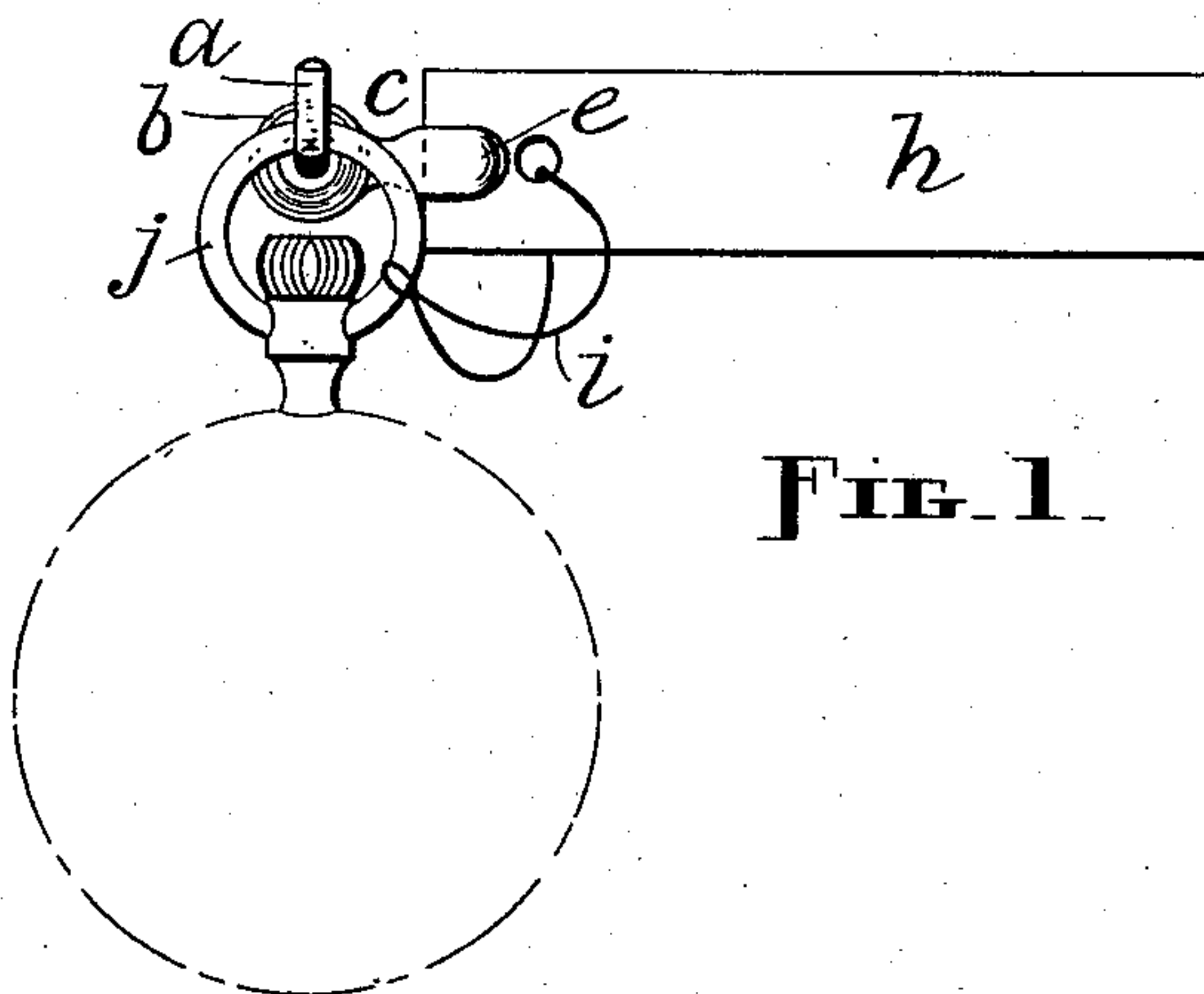


FIG. 1.

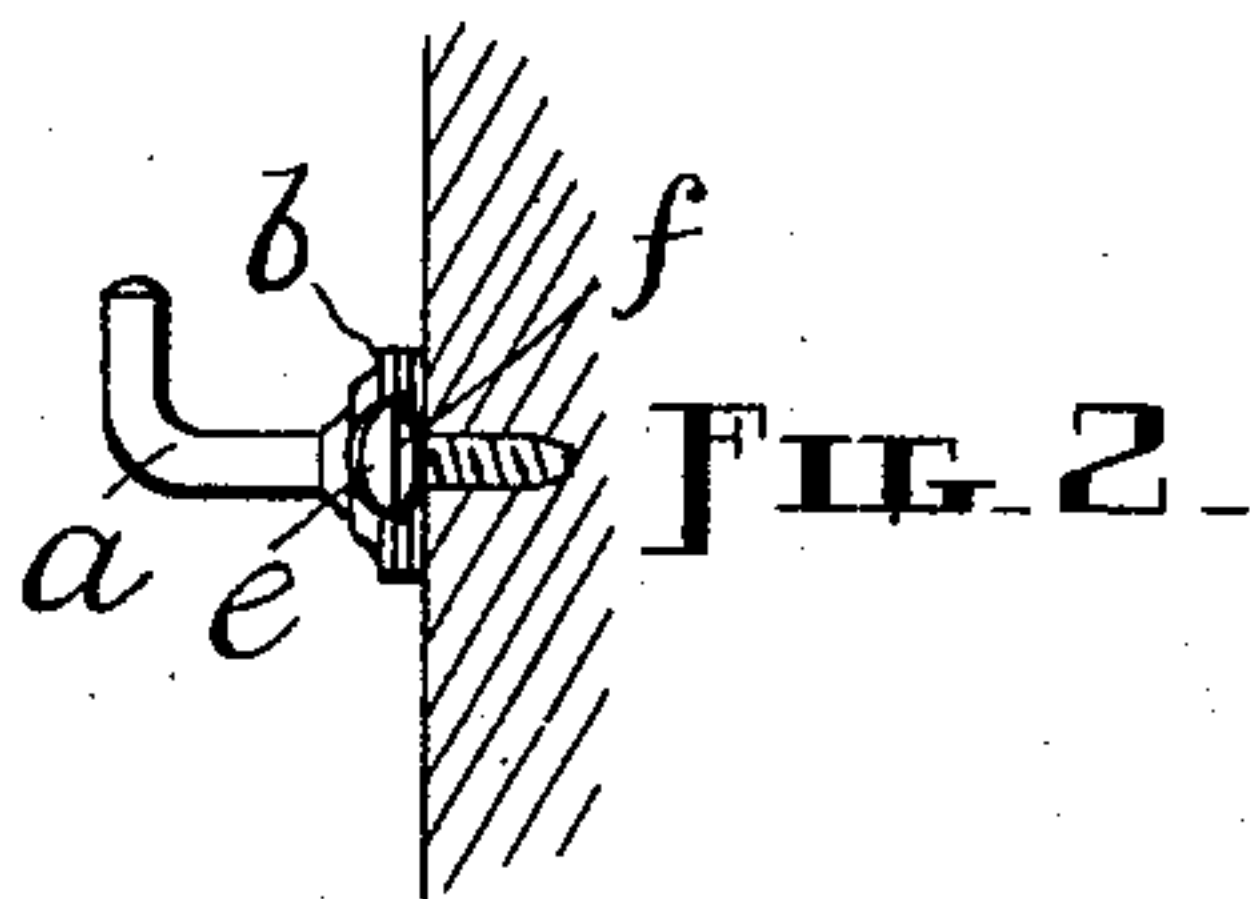


FIG. 2.

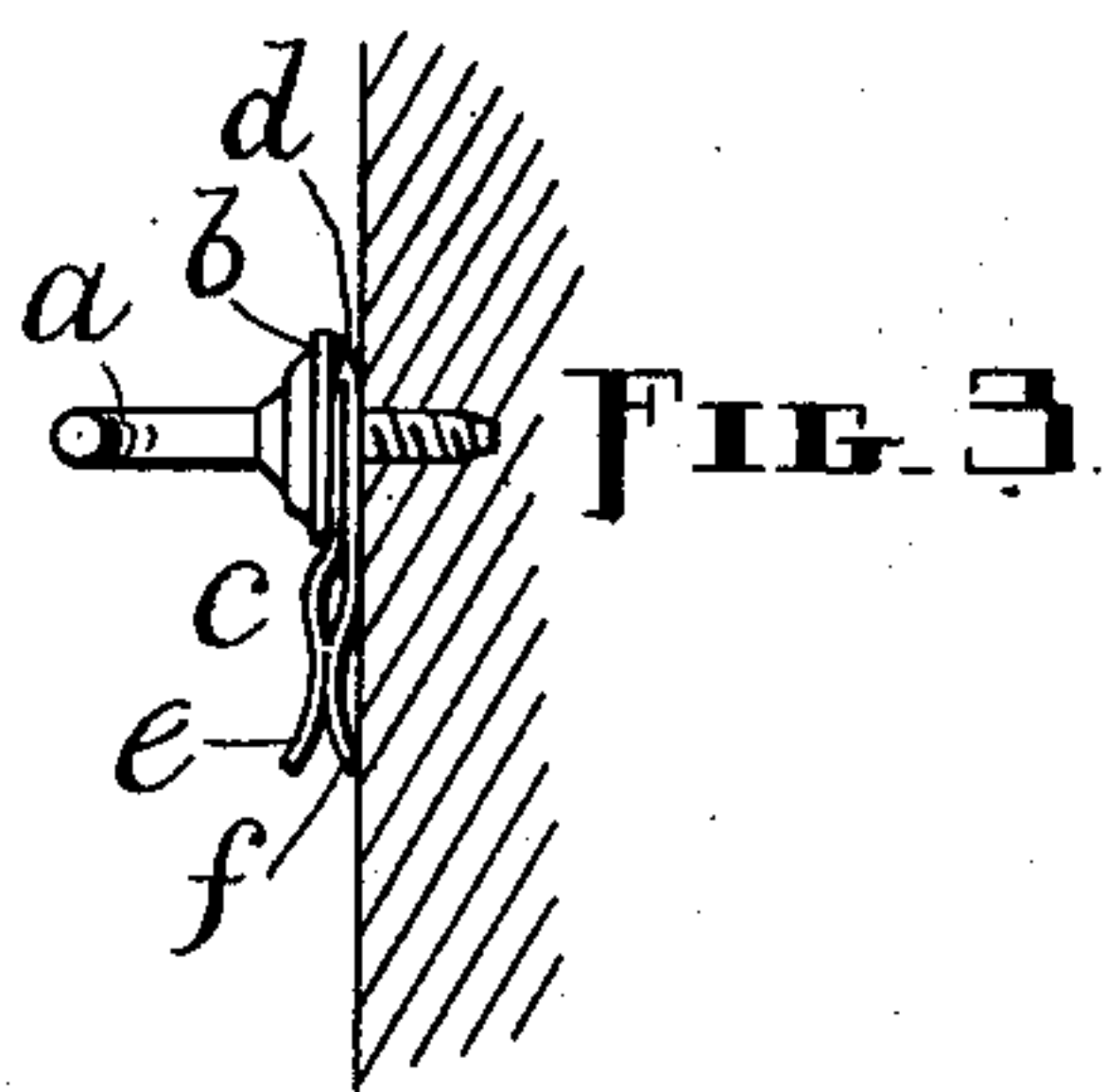


FIG. 3.

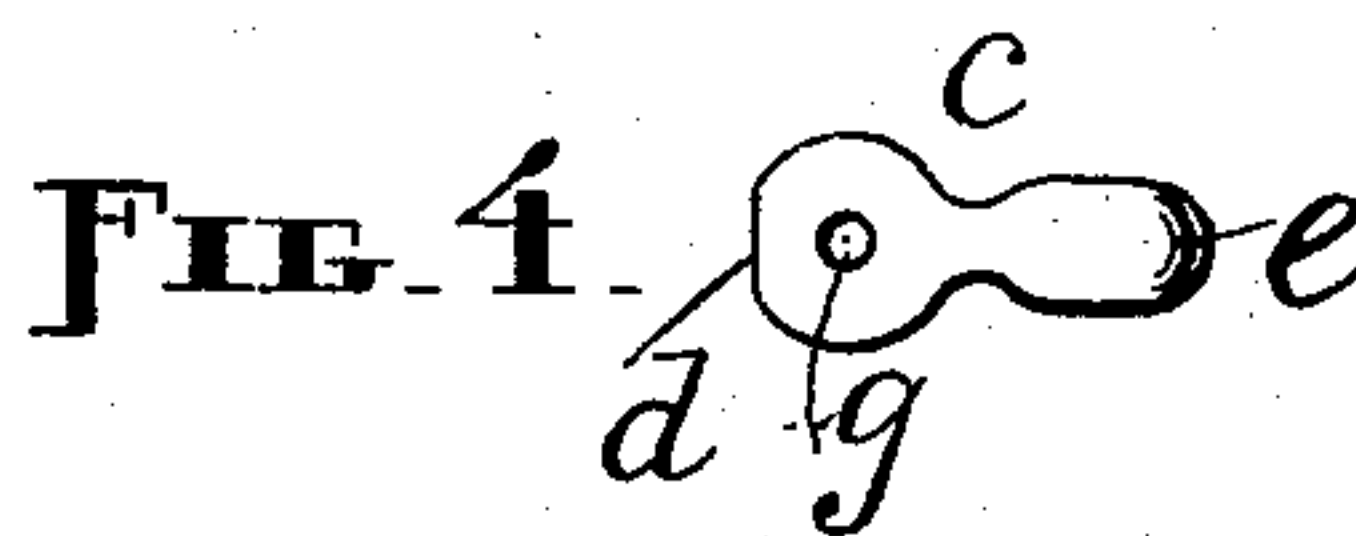
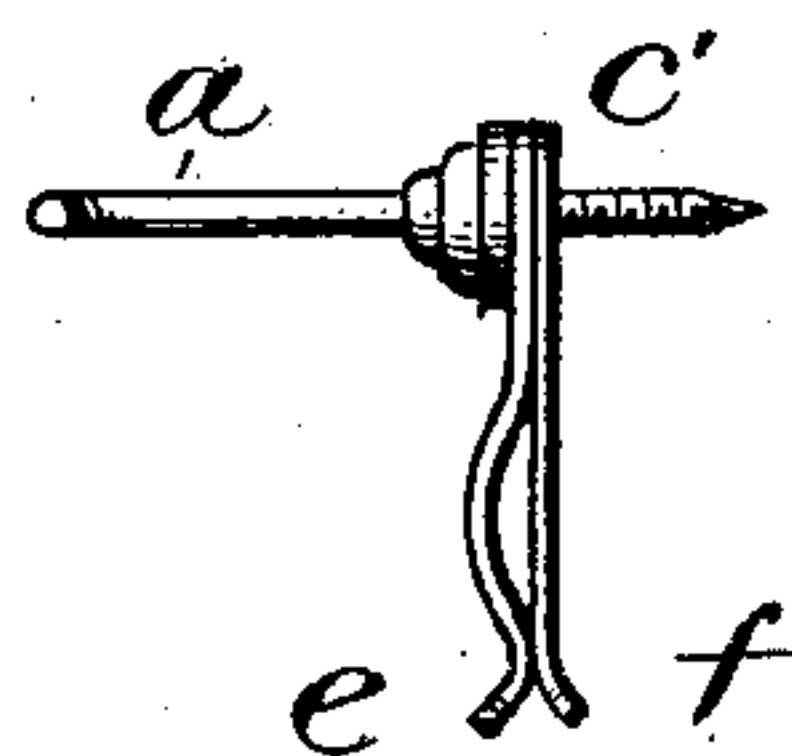


FIG. 4.

Fig. 5.



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## TAG-CLIP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK E. LADD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Hampden and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Tag-Clip, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in clips adapted to be used in connection with hooks for supporting watches, garments, and other articles to which tags, checks, or tickets are attached; and it consists of a pair of jaws designed to be held against a wall or other support by means of an ordinary hook screwed into said wall or support, as hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of my improvement is to combine with a hook upon which watches, &c., may be hung a clip adapted to hold the tag attached to the watch or other article in a convenient manner to enable the written or printed matter thereon to be easily read without handling said tag and arranged so that the latter will become detached when the article is removed from the hook, such detachment taking place without handling. A further object is to furnish such a device which is simple and inexpensive. I attain these objects by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention, showing a watch hung upon the hook and a tag held by the clip; Fig. 2, a side view of the hook and attached clip; Fig. 3, a top view of hook and clip; Fig. 4, a front view of the clip detached, and Fig. 5 a top view showing a slightly-modified form of clip.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

My improved clip is intended to be used in combination with any ordinary hook which is capable of being screwed or driven into a suitable support, and such a hook is shown and designated by *a* in the drawings. One end of the hook *a* is screw-threaded; but it is obvious that the threads might be omitted and the hook pointed to enable it to be driven into place. The usual flange *b* is found on the hook in front of the threaded portion thereof.

The clip *c* consists of a member preferably bent upon itself at *d* and having resilient

arms or jaws *e* and *f*. The jaws *e* and *f* may be made to assume various shapes, but should be so formed that at least two adjacent points on their interior faces come into contiguity when the clip is secured in position. The clip has a hole *g* therein to receive the threaded or pointed end of the hook *a*, and said clip is held in place between the flange *b* and the face of the support when said hook is screwed or driven into said support.

The clip *c* occupies a horizontal position in the drawings; but it is obvious that the same may be made to assume a vertical or inclined position at will by placing it as desired before seating the hook with its flange against said clip.

In practice a watch, for example, having a tag *h* attached by a string *i* to its ring *j* is suspended by said ring from the hook *a*, and said tag has one end forced between the jaws of the clip *c*, by which it is retained in a convenient position for inspection. When the ring *j* is removed from the hook, the string *i* draws the tag *h* from between the jaws of the clip, thus avoiding handling said tag.

Although this invention is particularly useful in connection with watches, it is equally well adapted for use in connection with garments or other articles having tags loosely attached thereto.

A clip *c'* is shown in Fig. 5, which differs from the clip *c* only inasmuch that it is made in two pieces instead of consisting of a single bent piece. The clip *c* is, however, deemed to be the better of the two.

As before intimated, I do not wish to be confined to any particular style of hook, and the clip may be varied more or less, as already suggested.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a tag-clip comprising a member bent upon and into contact with itself for a portion of its length and forming two resilient normally contacting jaws, the terminal having the said bend being flat and perforated and the jaw members being permanently separated between contacting points and flaring at their free ends.

2. The combination with a hook provided with a flange and adapted to be affixed to a



support, of a clip perforated to receive said  
hook and comprising normally contacting  
separable jaws, said clip adapted to be held  
in place by permanently contacting portions  
5 clutched between said flange and support.

3. The combination with the normally con-  
tacting separable jaws forming a tag-clip, of  
a hook adapted to be affixed to a support and  
retain said jaws in position with portions of  
10 the jaw members in permanent contact with  
each other.

4. The combination with a hook provided  
with a flange and adapted to be affixed to a

support, of a tag-clip comprising a member  
bent upon itself to form normally contacting 15  
separable jaws and perforated to receive said  
hook, the jaw members being permanently in  
contact with each other adjacent the hook-  
flange.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 20  
name to this specification in the presence of  
two subscribing witnesses.

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