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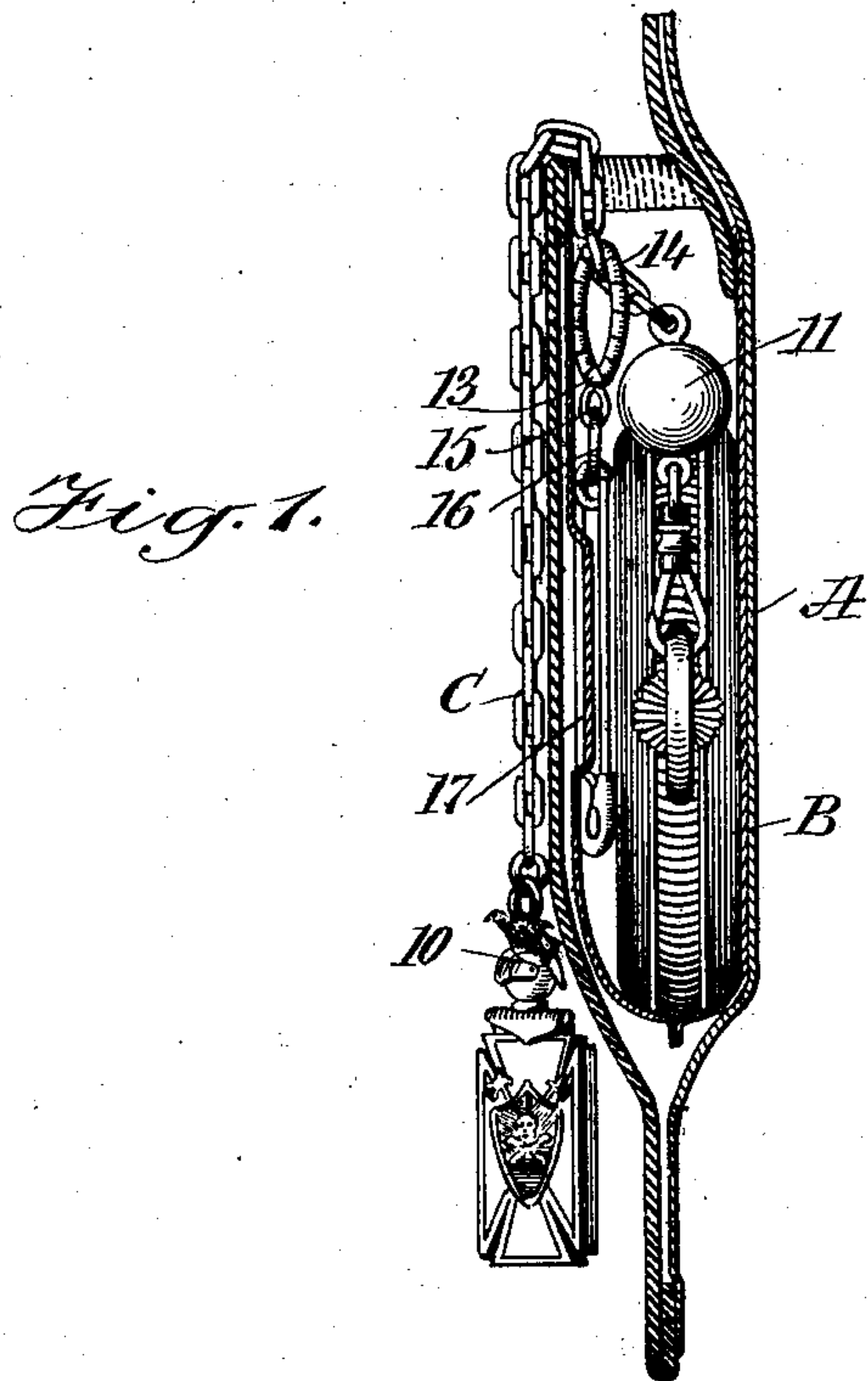


Fig. 2.

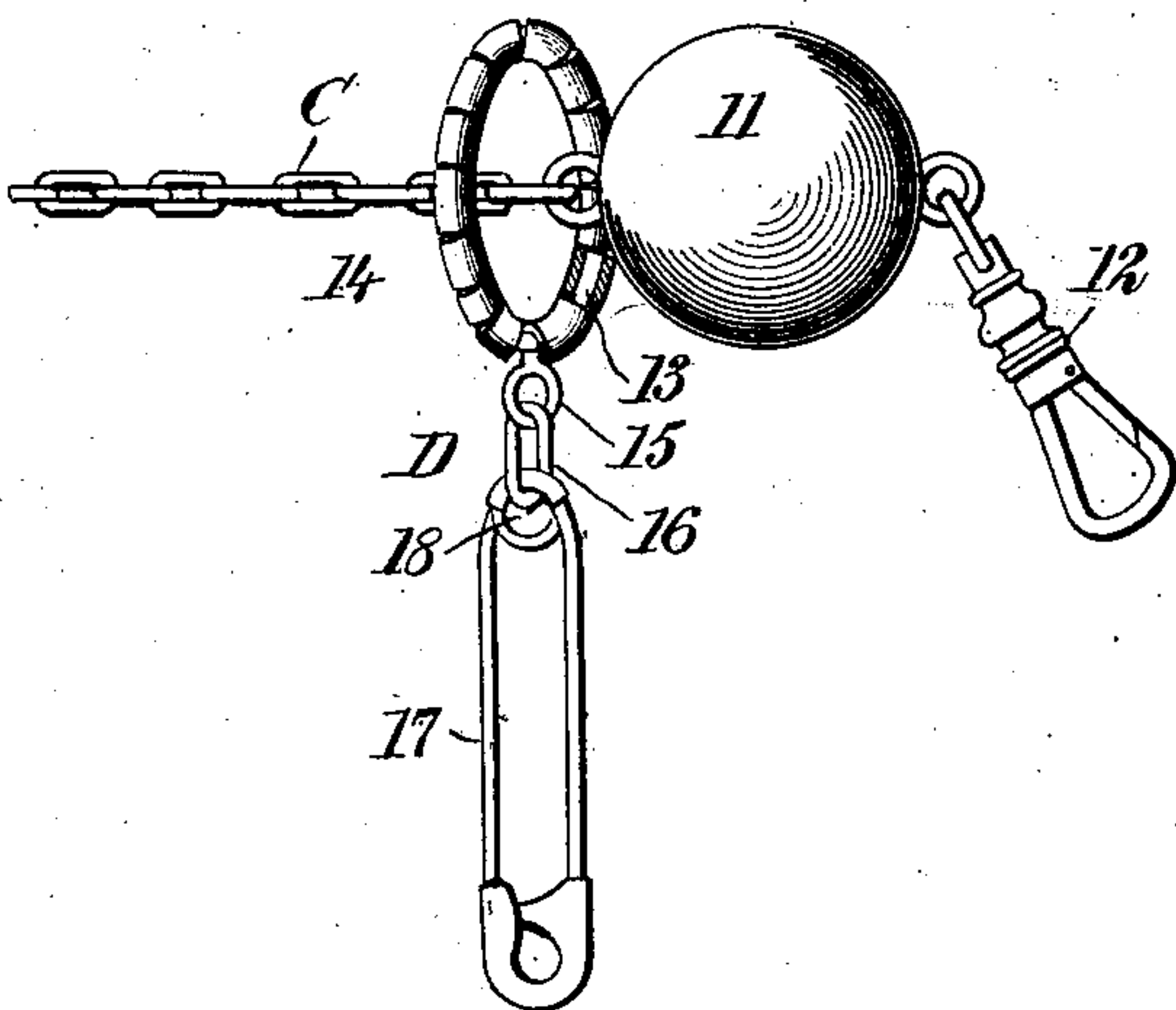
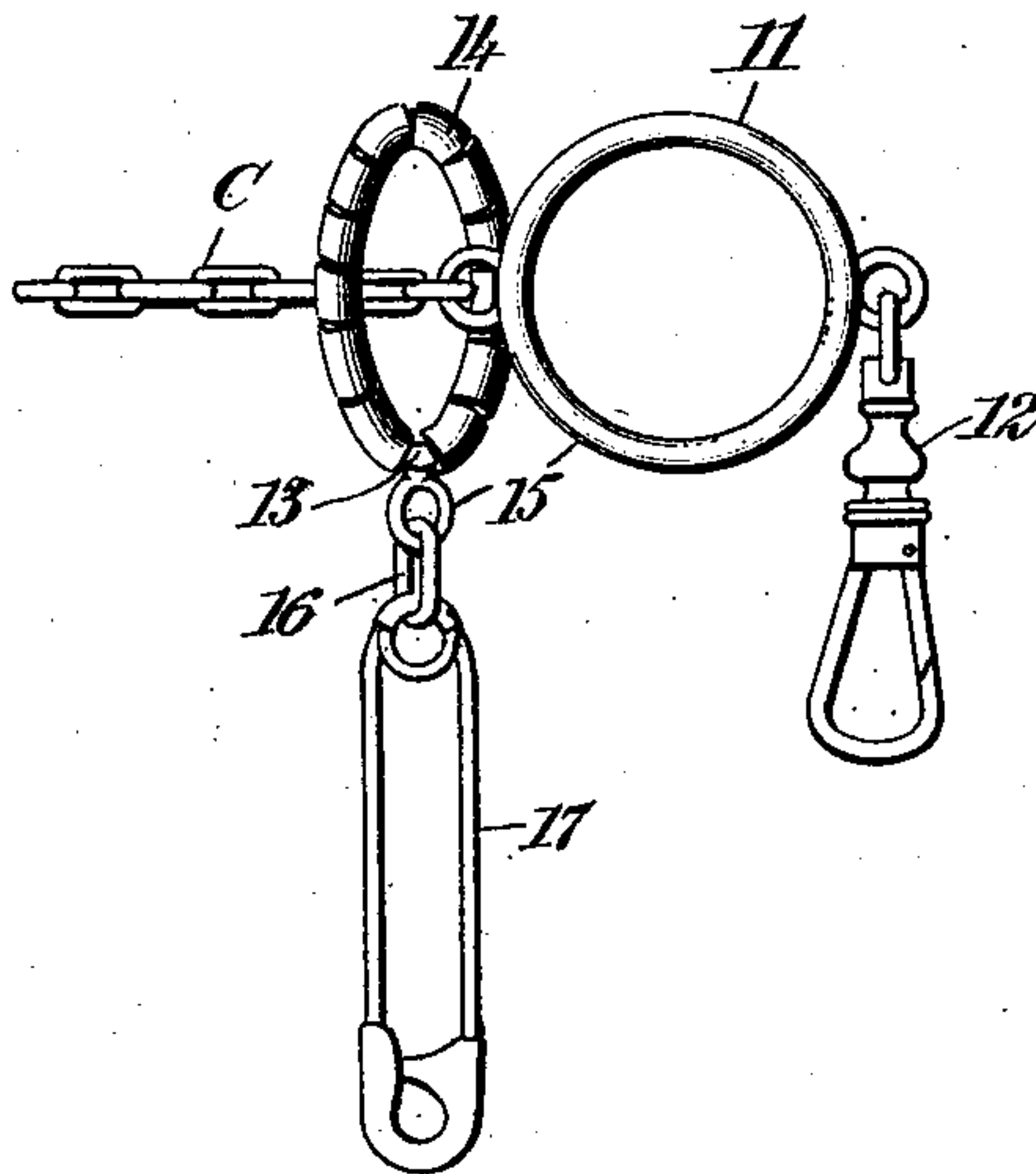


Fig. 3.



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WATCH-PROTECTOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX SONNENFELD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Watch-Protector, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of my invention is to provide a simple, durable, and effective device for securing a watch in a pocket, which device may be expeditiously and conveniently attached to a pocket or detached therefrom without changing the form or construction of the pocket and without mutilating the same.

A further purpose of the invention is to provide a watch-protector which will practically constitute a portion of a watch-chain and which will prevent the watch from being forcibly drawn from the pocket by an unauthorized person, and yet will permit the wearer the unobstructed use of the watch, enabling him to remove the watch sufficiently to conveniently read the time without interfering with the attachment of the device to the pocket.

Another purpose of the invention is to so construct the device that the chain may freely pass to a limited extent through a member of the device without unduly wearing either the chain or the said member and to provide means to prevent the device becoming entangled with the swivel-snap connecting the watch with the chain.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a vertical section through a pocket and adjacent portions of a garment, showing a watch and chain secured to the pocket by the improved device. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device and the swivel end of a chain to which it is applied; and Fig. 3 is a view similar to that shown in Fig.

2, but illustrates a slight departure in the construction of the chain.

A represents a pocket—a vest-pocket, for example. B represent a watch in the pocket, and C a watch-chain, which chain is provided at its outer end with a charm 10 or an enlargement of any description. At the opposite or inner end of the chain an enlargement 11 is provided, which is shown in Figs. 1 and 2 in the form of a ball or sphere and in Fig. 3 in the form of a ring; but the charm 10 may be of any approved character. The enlargement 11 at the inner end of the chain may likewise be of any desired type. The swivel-snap 12, ordinarily employed to attach a watch to a chain, is shown connected with the inner enlargement 11 on the chain; but various links may intervene between the said swivel-snap and the said inner enlargement 11, if so desired. Although a fob-chain has been illustrated, the device is equally applicable to a vest-chain.

The device D, as is best shown in Figs. 2 and 3, consists of a ring 13, through which the chain C freely passes. This ring is of such size that it cannot pass either the charm 10 or the enlargement 11 at the inner end of the chain, and also in order to prevent the ring 13 from wearing on the chain or the chain from wearing unduly on the ring the ring is provided with series of friction-rollers 14. These friction-rollers are very desirable; but they may be omitted without departing from the spirit of the invention. The ring 13 is provided at its lower portion with an eye 15, and one or more links 16, connected with the said eye 15, serve to connect a safety-pin 17 with the ring-section of the device, the safety-pin being provided with an eye or a loop 18 at one end, usually formed by bending the wire body of the pin upon itself, and one of the links is passed through such eye or loop.

In operation the safety-pin is attached to the lining of the pocket in which the watch is to be placed, the check-ring 13 of the device having first been placed in position on the chain C, and when the chain is a fob-chain the end of the chain carrying the charm hangs from

the pocket in the ordinary way. In the event a person should grasp the chain and endeavor to forcibly take the watch from the pocket the enlargement 11 will be drawn into close
 5 contact with the check-ring 13 of the device, thereby preventing the watch from leaving the pocket; but should the wearer desire to observe the time it is simply necessary for him to draw the watch upward from the pocket,
 10 whereupon the chain will pass freely through the check-ring to the extent of the length of the chain, if desired, and when the watch is again restored to the pocket it is safely held therein against foreign interference.

15 The inner enlargement 11 serves a dual purpose. It serves to check the outward movement of the chain, and it likewise serves to prevent the check-ring 13 from becoming entangled with the swivel-snap 12, thereby rendering the watch always in position to be readily withdrawn from the pocket by the wearer.

The device is exceedingly simple. It is durable, economic, and practicable and is readily applied. When applied, it does not tend
 25 to injure the pocket, and it is evident that the device may be readily transferred from the pocket of one garment to the pocket of another.

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

1. In a watch-protector, a chain having an enlargement at each of its ends, a ring smaller than either of said enlargements held within the watch-pocket, the portion of the chain

between said enlargements freely passing 35 through said ring, a safety-pin, and a link connection between the safety-pin and ring.

2. In a watch-protector, a chain having an enlargement spaced from its inner end, a ring 40 smaller than said enlargement, held within the watch-pocket, the chain freely passing through said ring, a safety-pin, and a link connection between the safety-pin and ring.

3. A watch-protector, comprising a ring provided with friction-rollers, the ring being 45 held within the watch-pocket near the mouth thereof, a safety-pin secured within the pocket to the outer side thereof, and a link connecting said ring and safety-pin, the chain of a watch being adapted to pass loosely through 50 said ring.

4. In a watch-protector, a chain having enlargements at its end portions, the chain being provided also with a swivel at the end of one enlargement, a ring loosely mounted on the 55 chain, of less diameter than the diameter of either of the enlargements on the chain, friction-rollers mounted on the said ring, a device for anchoring the ring to a pocket, and a connection between the anchoring device and the 60 ring, as set forth.

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

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