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Fig. 1.

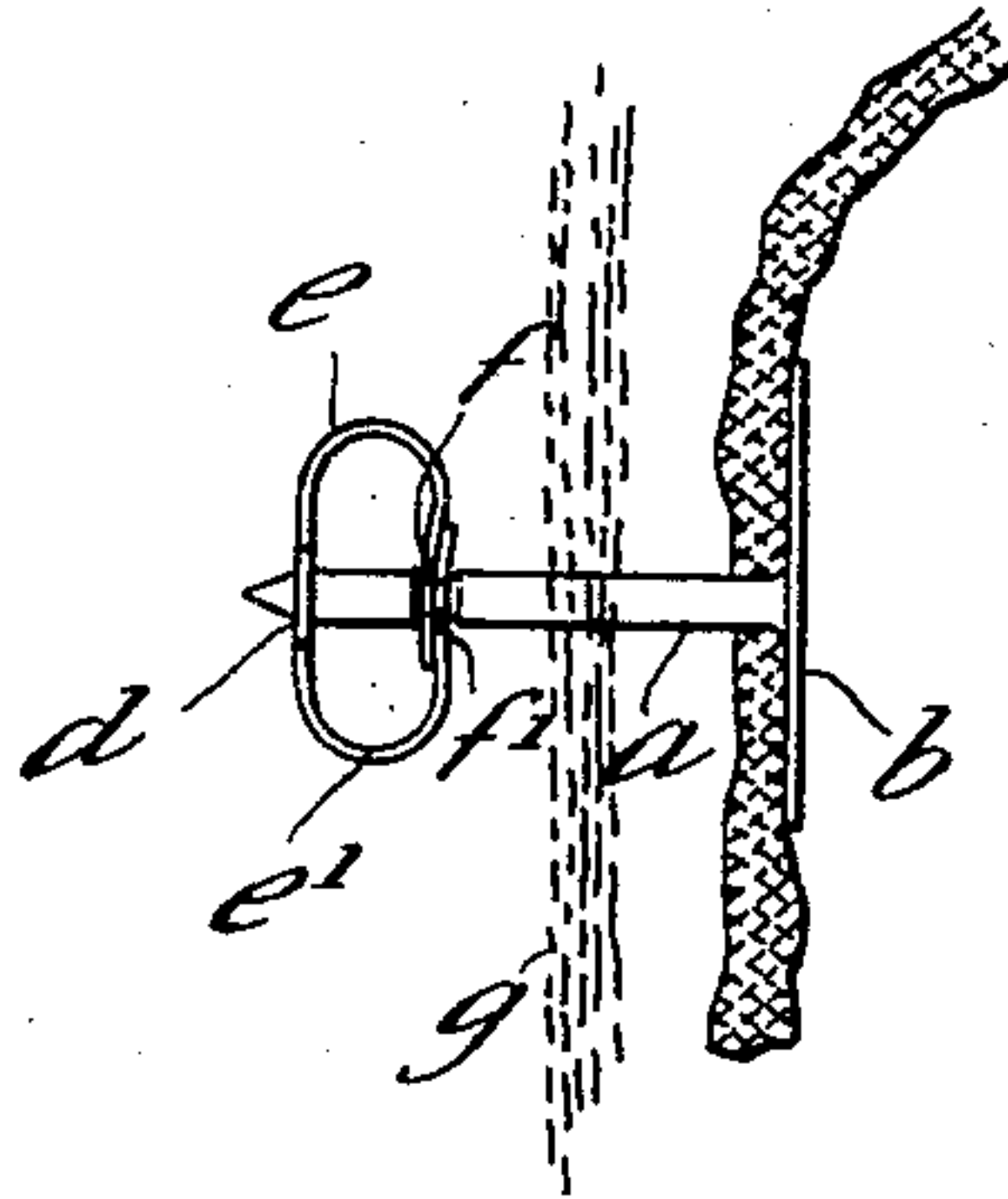


Fig. 2.

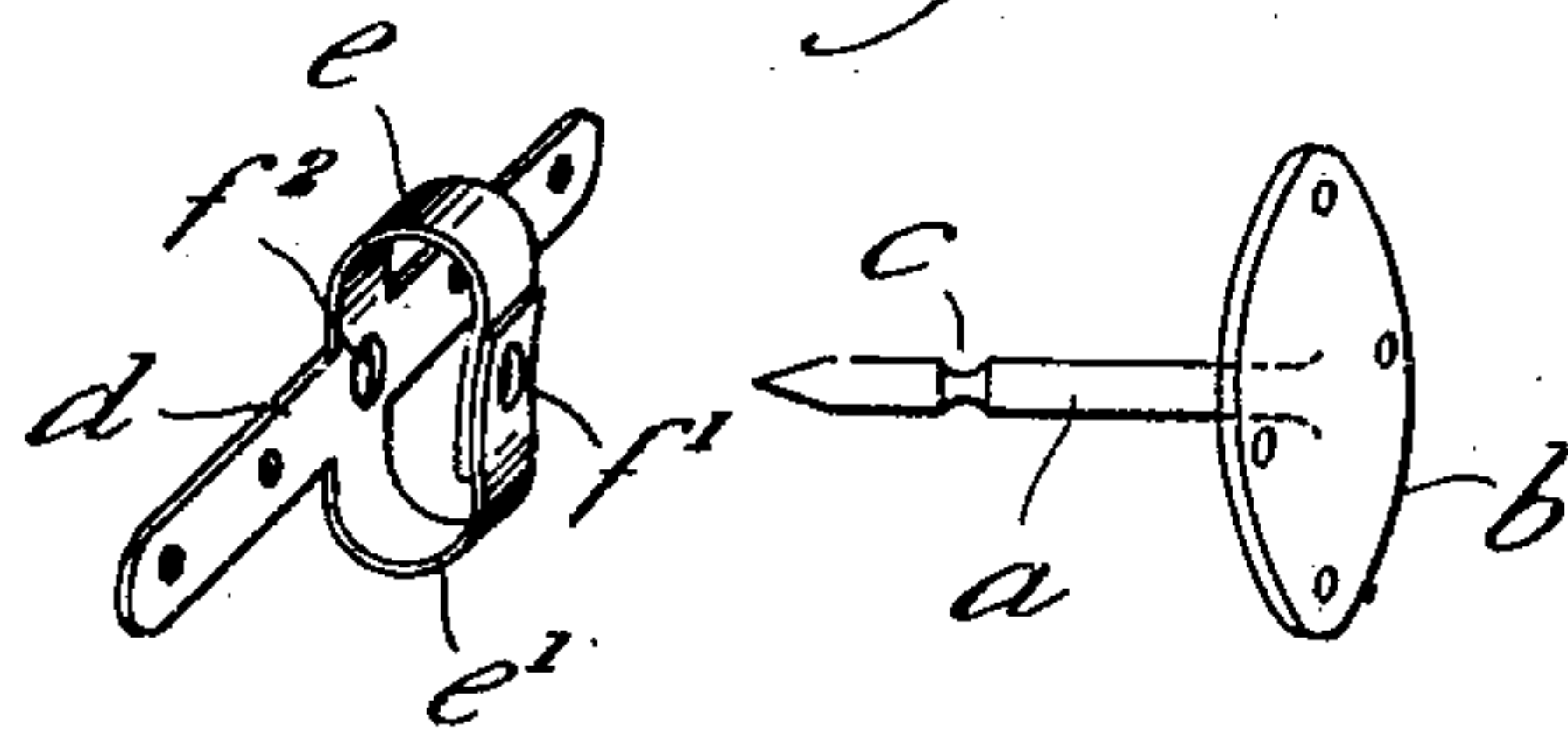
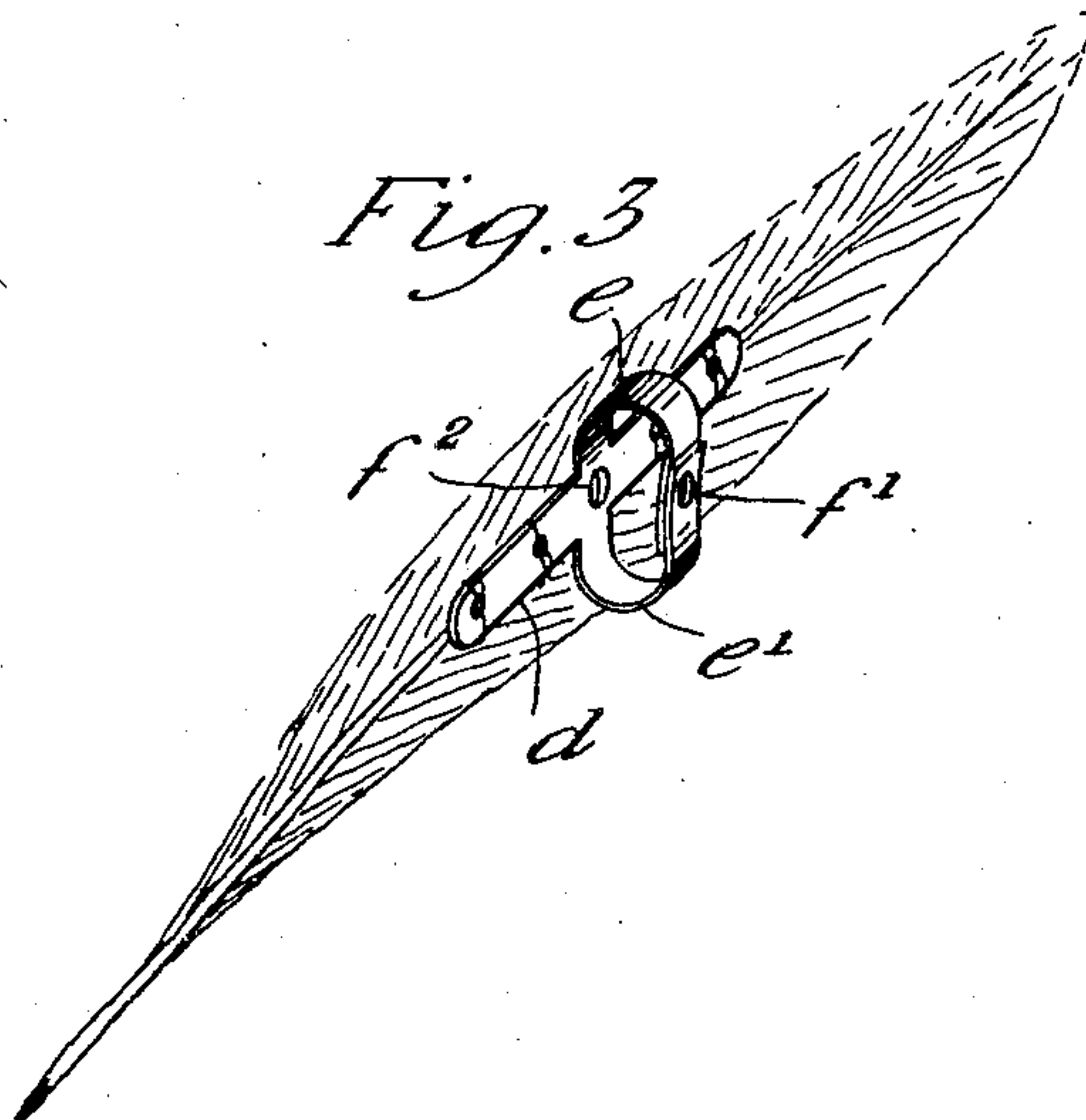


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMY FRANCES APTHORP, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at 72 Park street, Grosvenor Square, London, in the county of Middlesex, England, have invented a certain new and useful Improved Device for Attaching Feathers, Plumes, and Like Ornaments to Hats or Bonnets, of which the following is a specification.

When veils are worn with hats or bonnets, they have generally to be placed over the feathers, plumes, or other ornaments in the hat or bonnet, thus causing injury either to the veils or to the ornaments.

The present invention relates to a device whereby such ornaments can be readily arranged in position.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents part of a hat in section with the device applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the two parts constituting the device separated, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing how a feather or other ornament is attached.

The device consists of two parts, the one part being a pin *a*, having a groove or grooves *c* and having a base-plate *b*, provided with holes by which it can be secured to the hat or bonnet, the pin *a* being pointed to penetrate the hat. The other part consists of a strip or plate *d*, provided with holes by which the ornament can be attached thereto and which has oppositely-projecting pieces *e e'*, constituting spring-arms, which are bent round so as to overlap each other. At the point where the arms *e e'* overlap when pressed together are provided holes *f f'*, and coincident therewith in the back piece *d* is another hole *f²* for steadying the pin *a*, through which holes the pin *a* can pass. On passing the pin *a* through these holes the pieces *e e'* are forced apart, so that on reaching the groove *c* they spring into it, thereby causing the edge of the hole *f* to engage with the groove *c* and hold the parts together.

In operating with this device the first part is secured to the hat, preferably by passing

the pin through it and securing the base-plate by sewing to the inside of the hat, or it may be attached to the outside of the hat. The veil *g* is then arranged in position, and the second part of the device having the ornament is then pushed over the pin until the spring-arms *e e'* engage with the notch *c* of the pin, when the ornament becomes fixed in position. To remove the feather or other ornament, it is only necessary to press the spring-pieces *e e'* together so as to bring their holes coincident with each other, allowing it to be drawn off the pin. Obviously two or more feathers or ornaments may be attached to a single device, or a single feather or ornament can be arranged and attached to a hat or bonnet in any desired position by means of two or more of the devices.

Having thus described the nature of this invention and the best means I know of carrying the same into practical effect, I claim—

1. A device for removably securing feathers and the like to hats, comprising a button adapted to be secured to a hat and having a spike adapted to be pushed through the material of the hat, a spring-clip adapted for the securing thereto of a feather or the like, and means for removably securing the spring-clip to the spike; substantially as described.

2. A device for securing feathers and the like to hats comprising a button adapted to be secured to a hat, a spike projecting from the button and having a neck formed thereon, an attachment adapted for the securing thereto of a feather or the like and having overlapping spring-arms, a hole in the said attachment and in the overlapping spring-arms for the reception respectively of the point of the said spike and of the neck thereof.

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

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