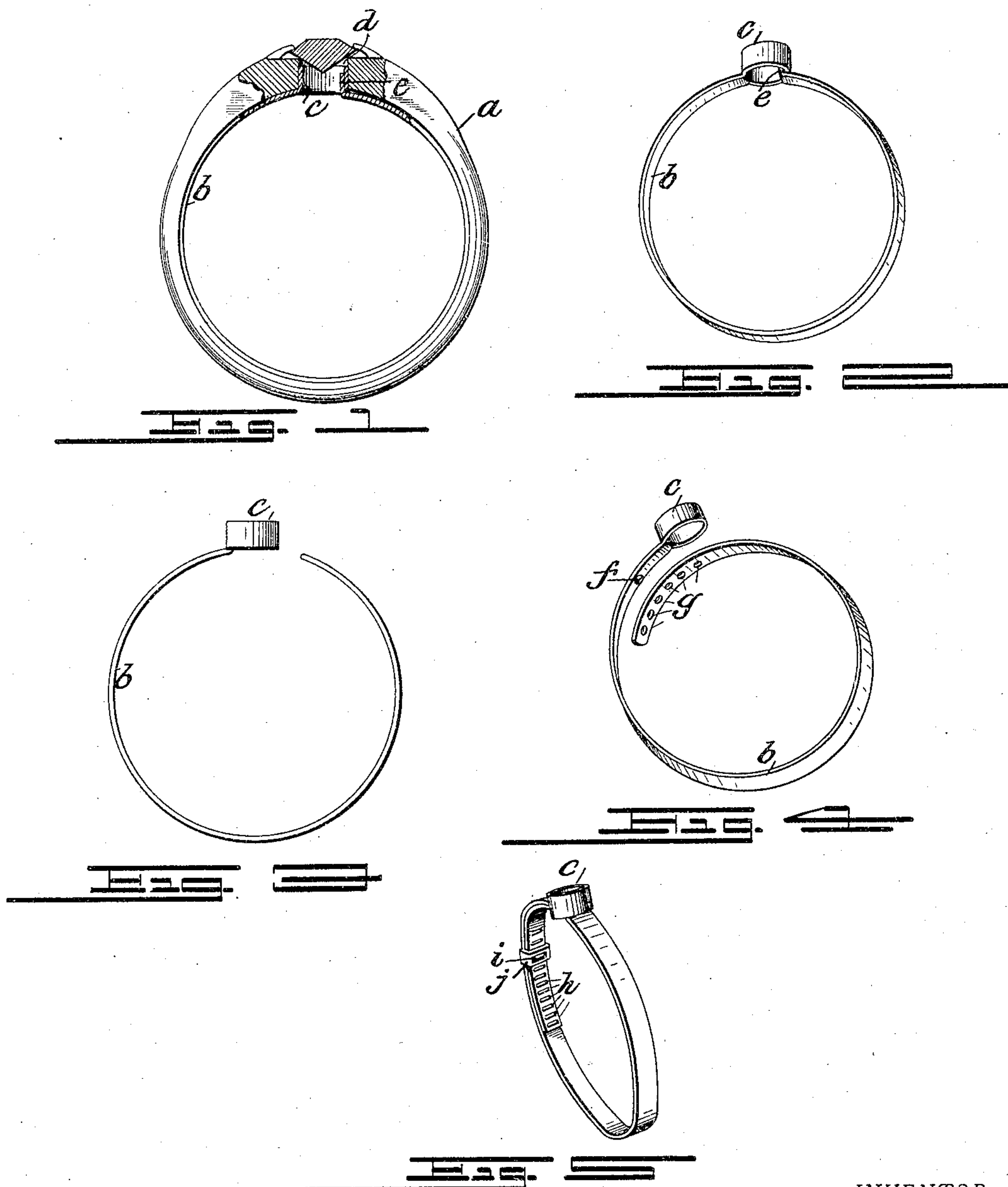


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## FINGER-RING GUARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY VANDERPOOL HAYES, a citizen of the United States, residing in Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Finger-Ring Guards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of the specification.

This invention is designed to render the ring adjustable in size to suit different fingers.

It is often desired to wear an ornamental finger-ring on a smaller finger than the size for which it is made; and it is the object of my device to produce a ring-guard which shall fit such smaller finger and securely support and rigidly hold in position the larger ring that may be worn with it.

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

Figure 1 is a front elevation, partly in section, of a ring embodying my invention. Fig. 2 shows the ring-guard alone, and Figs. 3, 4, and 5 represent side views of modified forms of the ring-guard.

*a* represents an ordinary jeweled ring. *b* represents the ring-guard, preferably made of spring material and provided with a hollow tubular extension *c*, designed to be inserted in the circular space *d* in the jewel-ring *a*, that is usually found under the jewel, and is preferably of size adapted to approximately fit such space, as shown in Fig. 1. The ring-guard is provided with a free end *e*, designed to be sprung into the tubular extension *c*. In practice it has been found that if the free end *e* terminates a short distance from the tubular extension *c*, as shown in Fig. 3, practically the same results will be obtained as in the construction shown in Fig. 2.

In the modified forms shown in Figs. 4 and

5 the free end of the metallic spring-band is carried around a considerable distance and in one instance, as in Fig. 4, is provided with a protuberance *f* near the rigid end of the ring-guard, which is designed to engage with circular openings *g*, arranged in the free end of the band, thereby affording a means for conveniently adjusting the inner ring to fit fingers of various thicknesses.

In the modification shown in Fig. 5 the free end of the metallic band is provided with a series of notches *h*, adapted to receive a projection *i* of corresponding shape and size which is formed on the strap or guide-piece *j*, through which the free end of the band passes. The guide-piece *j* is approximately of the same width as the band and is secured thereto in any well-known manner, and thereby affords means which will prevent any lateral displacement of the free end of the band and yet permit the free circumferential movement of its end.

It will be understood that the construction and arrangement of the parts above shown are given only to illustrate the practical embodiment of my invention, and I wish it to be particularly understood that I do not limit myself to the precise details of construction hereinbefore described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings; but I hold myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new—

1. In combination, a finger-ring provided with a recess in its surface, and a ring-guard therefor, comprising a resilient split band, a projection on said split band designed to engage with the recess in the ring, a protuberance on the band near said projection, and a series of openings in the free end of the band designed to engage with the said protuberance.

2. In combination, a finger-ring provided with a recess in its surface, and a ring-guard therefor, comprising a resilient split band, a projection in said band designed to engage



with the recess in the ring, and means arranged on said band for adjusting the diameter of the said band.

3. A ring-guard comprising a resilient split  
5 band and a hollow tubular projection on said split band, the said projection designed to engage the jeweled recess of a finger-ring.

This specification signed and witnessed this 4th day of May, 1904.

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