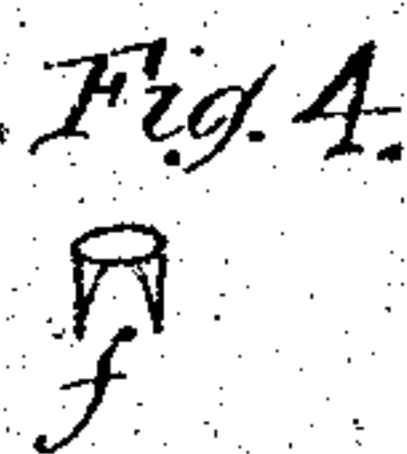
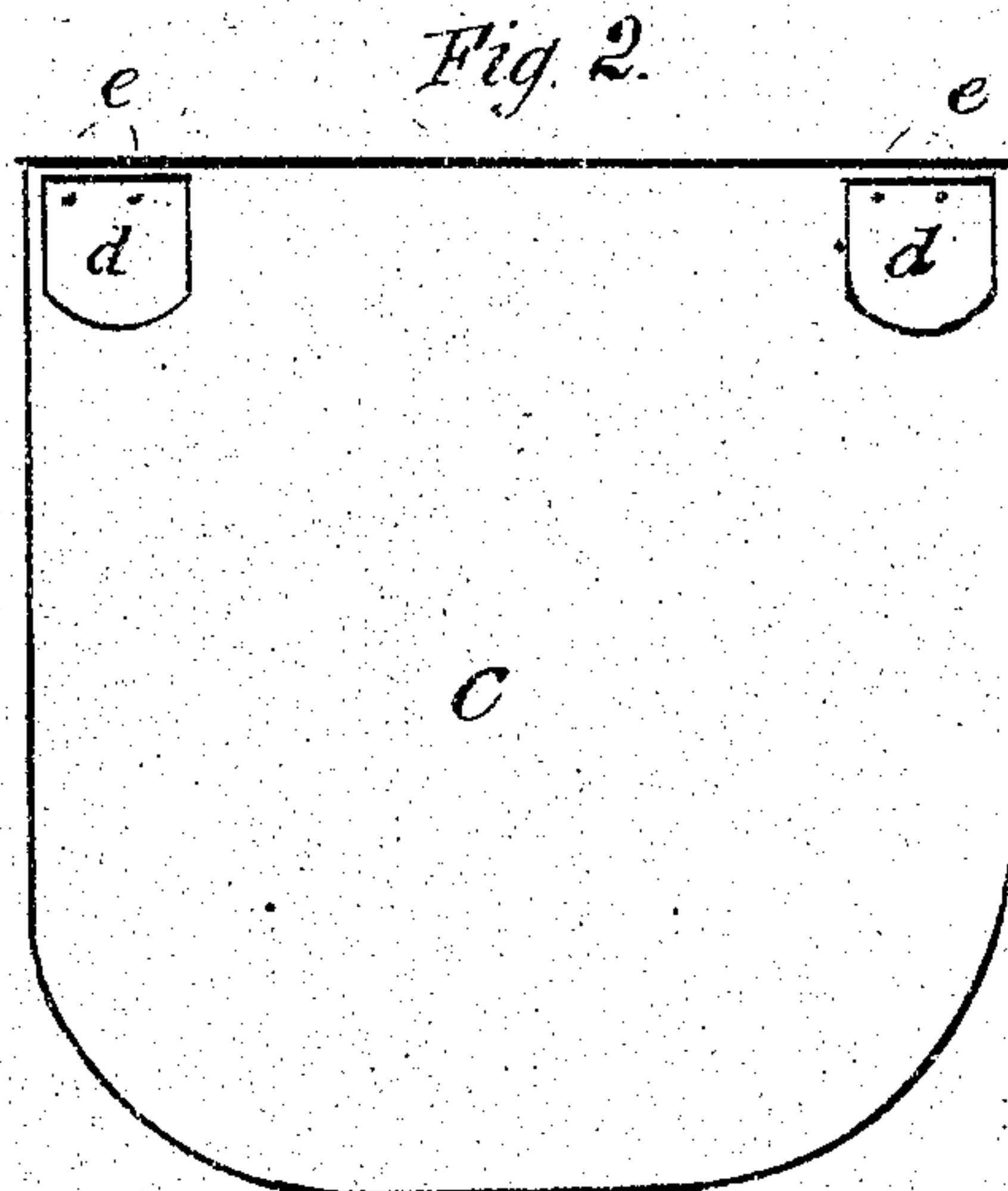
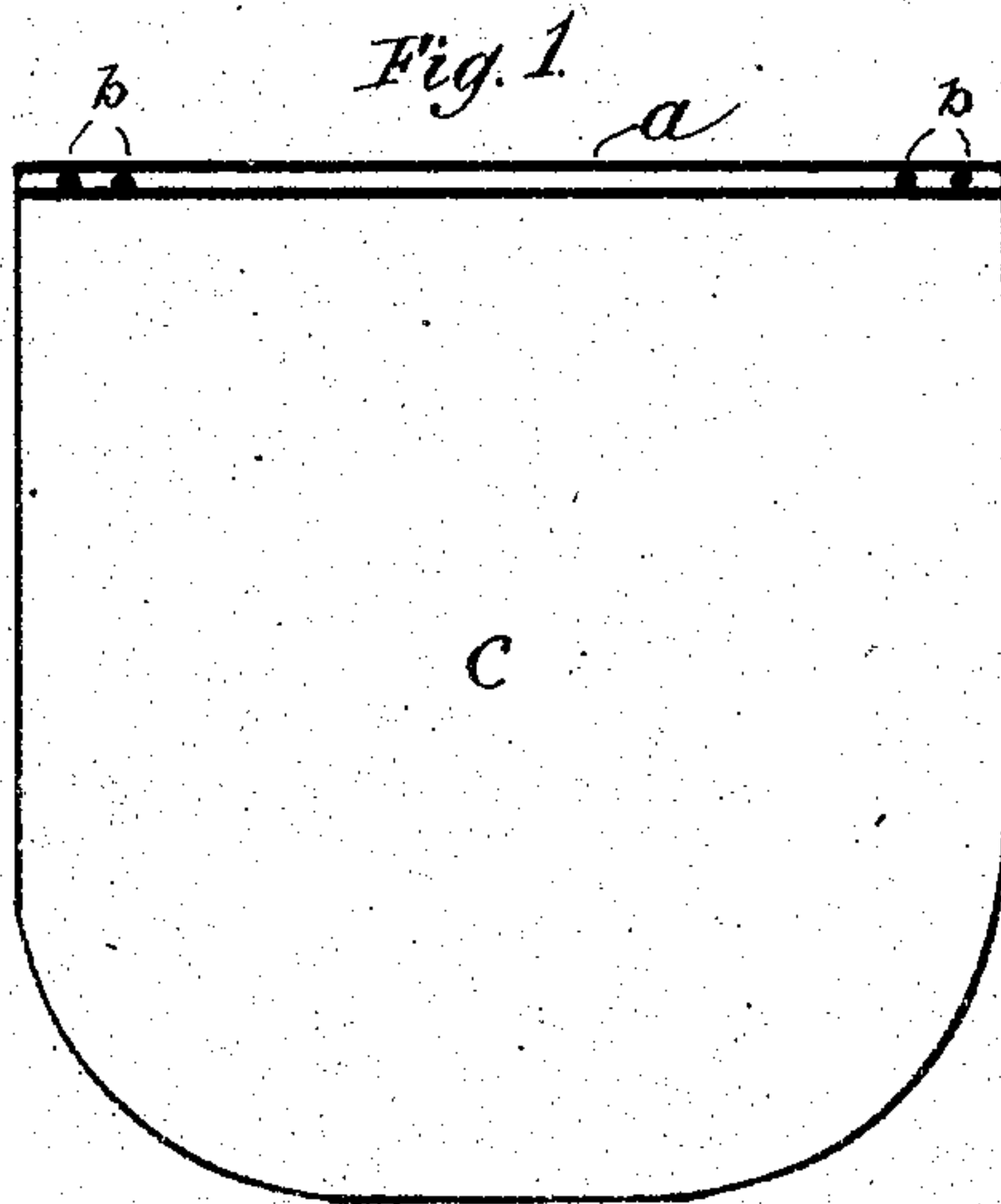


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT SPURGIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Vest-Protector, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new cloth vest-protector having an inseparable binding and invisible permanent holders for attaching it to the pockets of a vest.

In the drawings accompanying, Figure 1 is a vest-protector; *a*, the binding; *b b*, rivets; *c*, cloth. Fig. 2 is the reverse or inner side of the vest-protector; *d d*, holders; *ee*, points of rivets; Fig. 3, a holder unattached; Fig. 4, a rivet; *f*, points.

My invention consists of a cloth vest-protector with an embedded binding along the upper border on the front side and two permanent holders for insertion in opposite vest-pockets of the wearer at the corners of the reverse or inner side.

A more particular description of my improved vest-protector is as follows: A piece of cloth, preferably felt, cut to suitable size, Fig. 1^c, is provided at the upper edge of one side with a binding, preferably of flexible rubber, Fig. 1^a, embedded by pressure, during the process of vulcanization, in the fabric. This binding serves the threefold purpose of protecting the edge of the vest-protector from wear, providing a neat unchanging finish, and affording a firmer substance than the cloth alone to which to secure the holders, Fig. 2^{da}. The two holders, being cut from thin, yet firm leather, preferably, or some other suitable substance, such as stiff pliable felt, are attached one at each corner of the reverse of the vest-protector, Fig. 2^{da}, each being secured by two double-pointed rivets, Fig. 1^{bb} and Figs. 2^e and 4^f. These rivets are struck through both rubber and felt into the holders, the points, Fig. 4^f, being turned inward in the operation in a manner to clench and remain fast in the holders, Fig. 2^{ee}. I

have chosen this method of securing the holders to the vest-protector in preference to stitching, as being equally or more effective, as well as less expensive, although I do not confine myself to the use of the particular kind of rivet described.

The advantages possessed by my improved vest-protector over any others that have come to my notice may be stated as follows: The fact that only the cloth with its finishing and protective binding are in view when the vest-protector is worn, rendering the article much less conspicuous than those which require to be attached to the vest by hooks, rings, or pins, parts of which must always be in view, and the further fact that it avoids the objection to metallic holders or fasteners, which tend to injure the vest at the point of attachment, both commend this vest-protector to the users of such an article. Again, the holders being permanently attached to the cloth cannot be lost or misplaced, as in the case of detachable hooks, pins, or holders of any kind, in such event partly, if not wholly, destroying the practical utility of the article.

The superior merits of an embedded binding consist in the fact that being neither stitched, glued, or otherwise merely attached to the surface of the fabric it is practically inseparable by wear or any ordinary usage.

Having thus described my invention, what I now claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A cloth vest-protector having along its upper border, on its front side, an embedded, flexible binding and provided on its reverse side, at the upper corners, with two permanently-attached holders, substantially as described and shown.

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

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