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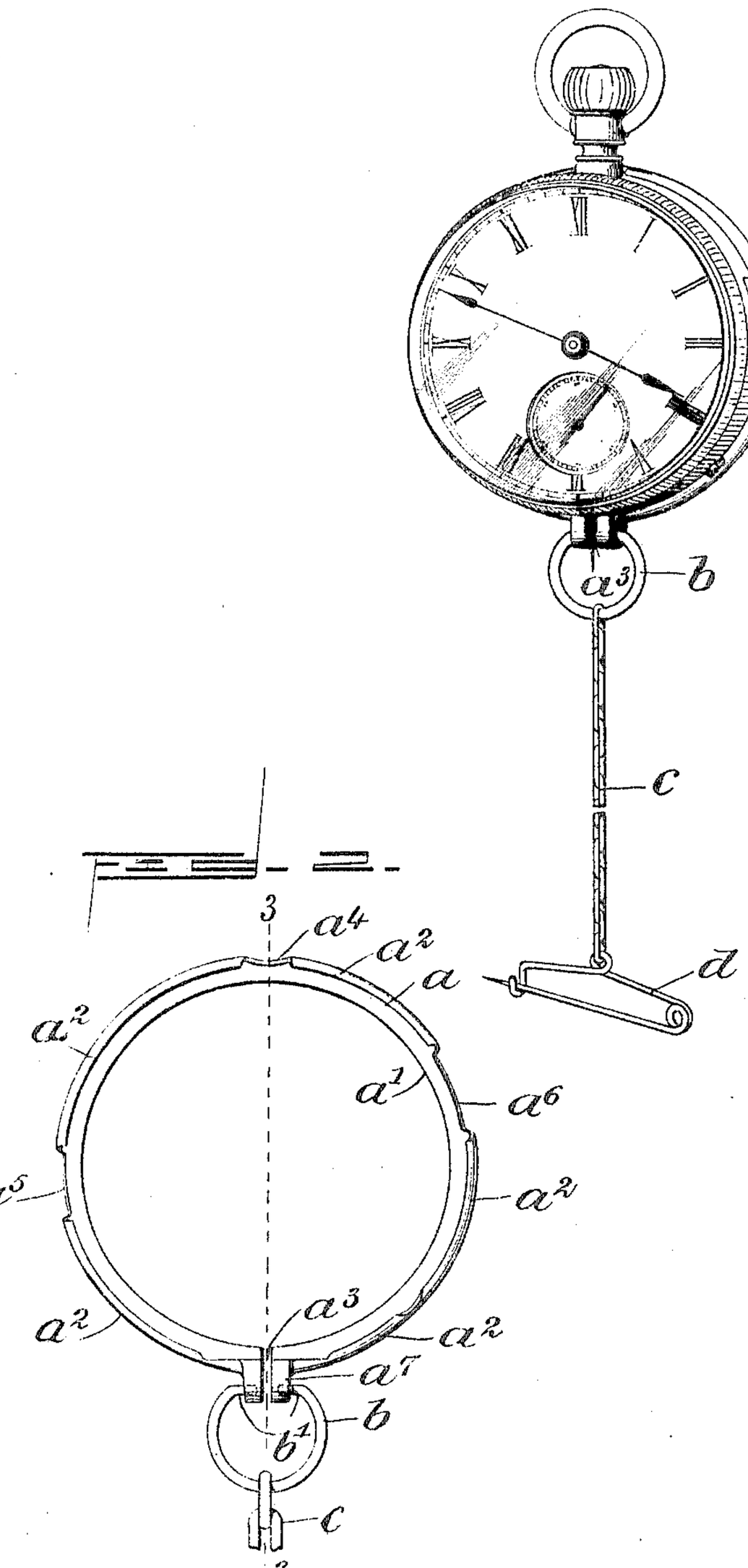

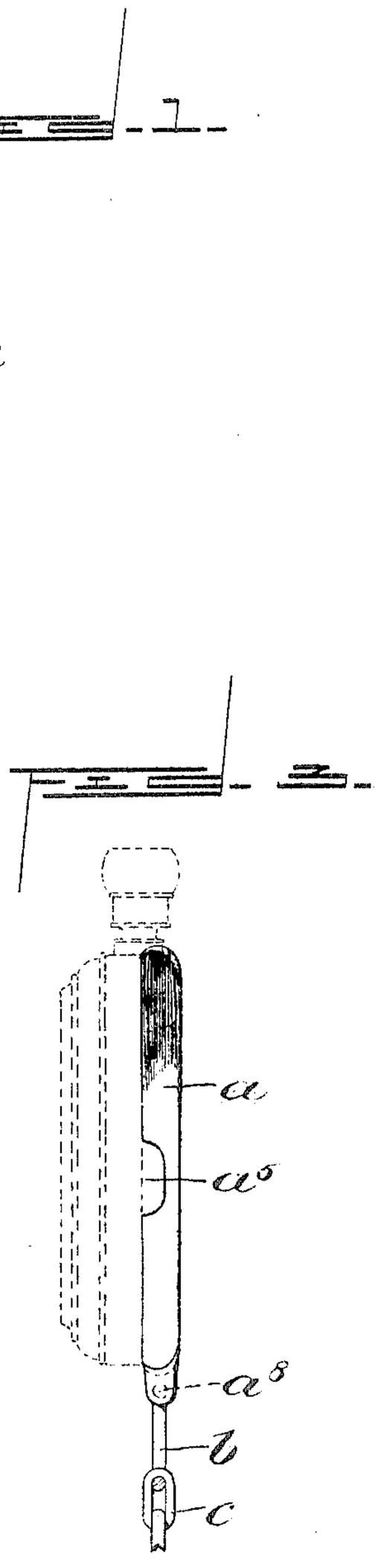

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR FISHMANN, 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-Guard, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a watch-guard; and its objects are to provide means for preventing the removal of a watch or similar object from the wearer's pocket, at the same time permitting the watch to be removed sufficiently for the use of the wearer without the necessity of manipulating any fastening devices or disengaging any hooks or the like.

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 perspective view of a watch with a preferred form of my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the guard, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

The preferred embodiment of my invention, which is illustrated in the drawings, comprises a guard proper to be secured to a watch, means for securing the guard in position, a flexible connection, and a fastening device. These elements are represented, respectively, by the letters a, b, c, and d. The guard proper, a, is shown in the form of a split ring formed of resilient material. This ring is provided with a circular back a' and with projections a^2 upon the front, adapted to engage over the projecting surface of the watch. As the ring is split at a^3, it will be obvious that it can be separated to a certain degree at this point sufficiently to permit it to be snapped over a watch, when the projections a^2 will engage with the desired portion of the watch, so as to hold the ring thereon. The ring is provided with a slot a^4 for the purpose of permitting the stem of the watch to pass through it and may be provided with other slots a^5 and a^6 between the projections a^2 for the purpose of receiving other projections upon the side of the watch. It will be obvious that the ring will be constructed in accordance with the particular design of watch to which it is to be applied and that these slots or depressions may be formed in any desired portion of the ring. The natural resiliency of the material of which the ring is constructed will normally hold the ring in position. For the purpose, however, of providing a more positive means for holding the ring upon a watch I provide a smaller split ring b, also of resilient material and having ends b' projecting toward each other and secured in projections a^7 upon the ends of the large split ring. These projections are provided with depressions a^8 for receiving the ends of the small ring. It will be understood, however, that other means than a split ring may be employed for holding the ends of the split ring a together; but the small split ring is a very convenient device for accomplishing the desired result, and it may have an additional function—that of holding the end of the flexible connection or chain c, as indicated. This chain may be of any desired length and material and is provided at its other end with a fastening device, which may conveniently be in the form of a safety-pin d. This pin d is designed to be secured in the pocket of the wearer, and it will be obvious that the chain may be made of such length as to permit the watch to be removed sufficiently for the purposes of the wearer, but to prevent its being entirely abstracted without creating such a pull upon the pocket where the pin is attached to it as to give notice to the wearer.

It will be observed that the guard proper, consisting of the ring a, is so constructed that it will not injure the watch and that it can be readily applied and removed when desired, but that it will be impossible to remove it while it is in the pocket, and that it will therefore afford a safe and convenient guard for the watch. It will also be understood that the device can be attached to an open-face watch or to a hunting-case, as it is preferably applied to the rear of the case only.

The guard may be made of any desired material—for example, gold or silver—so as to closely resemble the watch itself, or it can be gilded for the same purpose. It will thus be seen that it does not form any unsightly projections upon the watch, and, in fact, may be employed as an additional ornamentation thereof.

It is to be understood that while I have illustrated and described a particular embodiment of my invention the latter is not strictly limited thereto, but that it may be constructed in many forms and that many modifications may be made in the form shown.

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

1. A watch-guard comprising a resilient

split ring adapted to fit a watch and be held thereon by its own resiliency, and a second resilient split ring attached to the free ends of the first-mentioned ring and adapted to hold said ends together.

2. A watch-guard comprising a resilient split ring adapted to fit a watch and be held thereon by its own resiliency, a second resilient split ring attached to the free ends of the first-mentioned ring and adapted to hold said ends together, and means connected to the second ring for securing the device to the pocket of a wearer.

3. In a watch-guard, the combination of a resilient split ring having a concave portion at the rear thereof and an inwardly-extending surface at the front adapted to engage over the rear portion of a watch, and provided with depressions or slots for receiving the stem of the watch and any other projections thereon, the free ends of said ring each being provided with a projection having a depression therein, a smaller split ring formed of resilient material, having its ends inserted in said depressions, a chain attached to said second ring, and a pin secured to the chain.

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

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