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RING PROTECTOR.  
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Fig: 1.

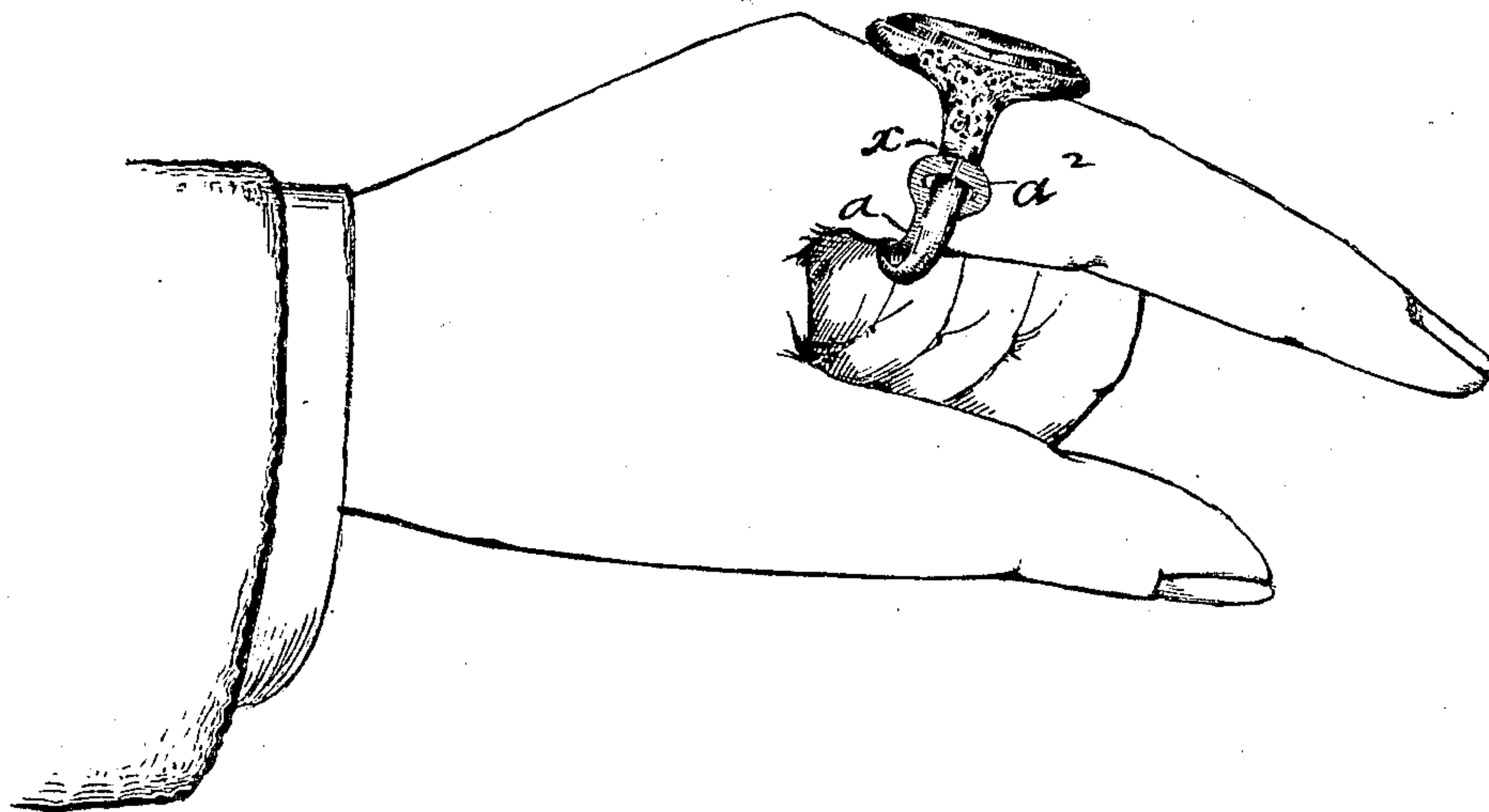


Fig: 2.

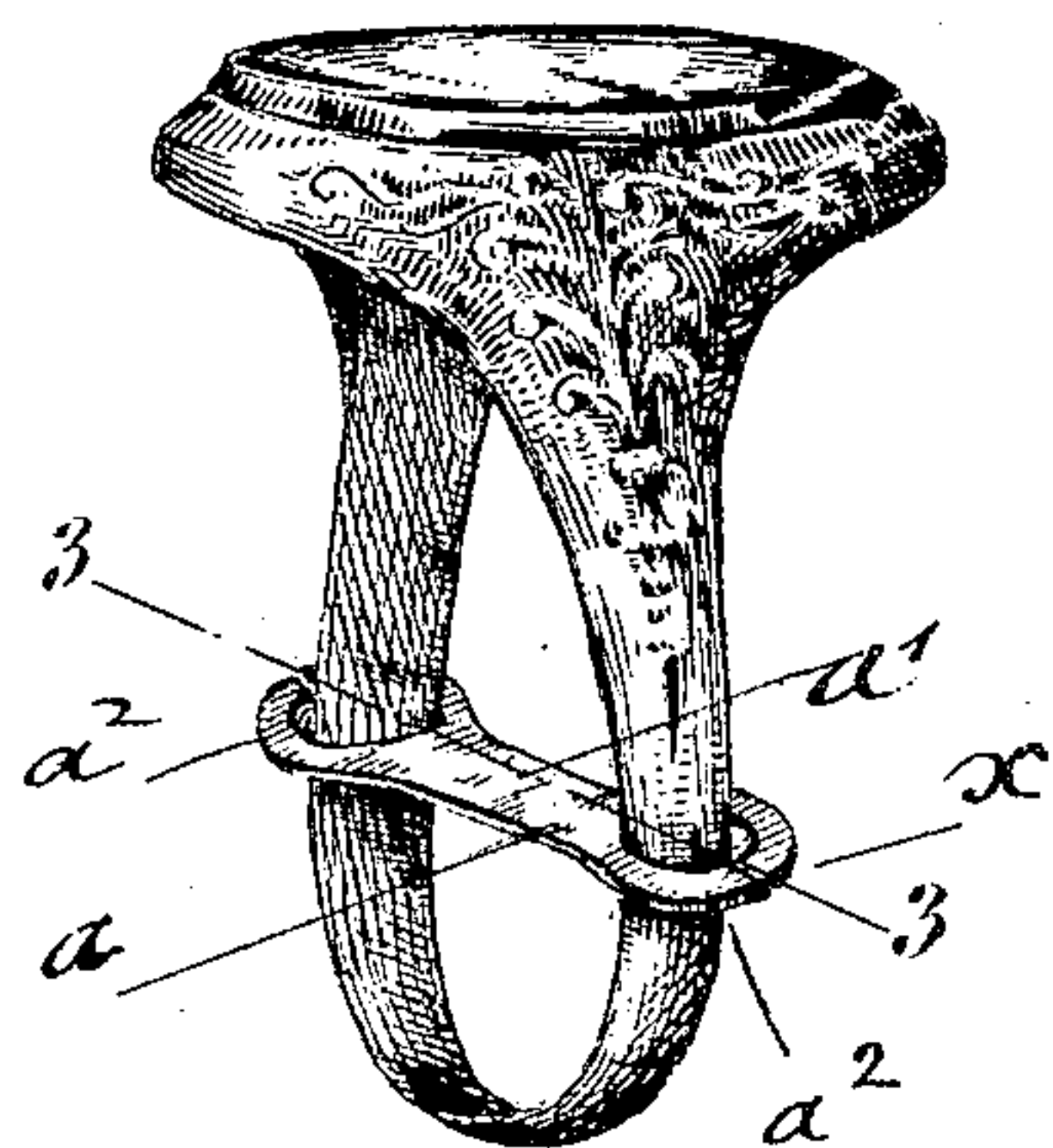


Fig: 3.

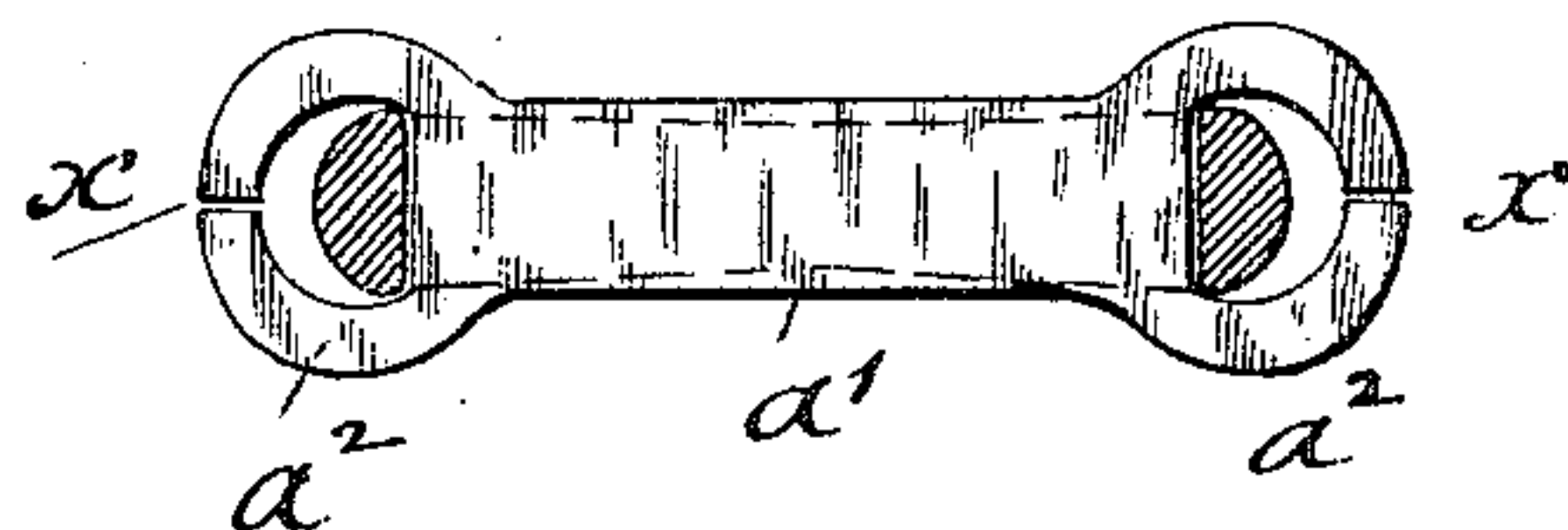
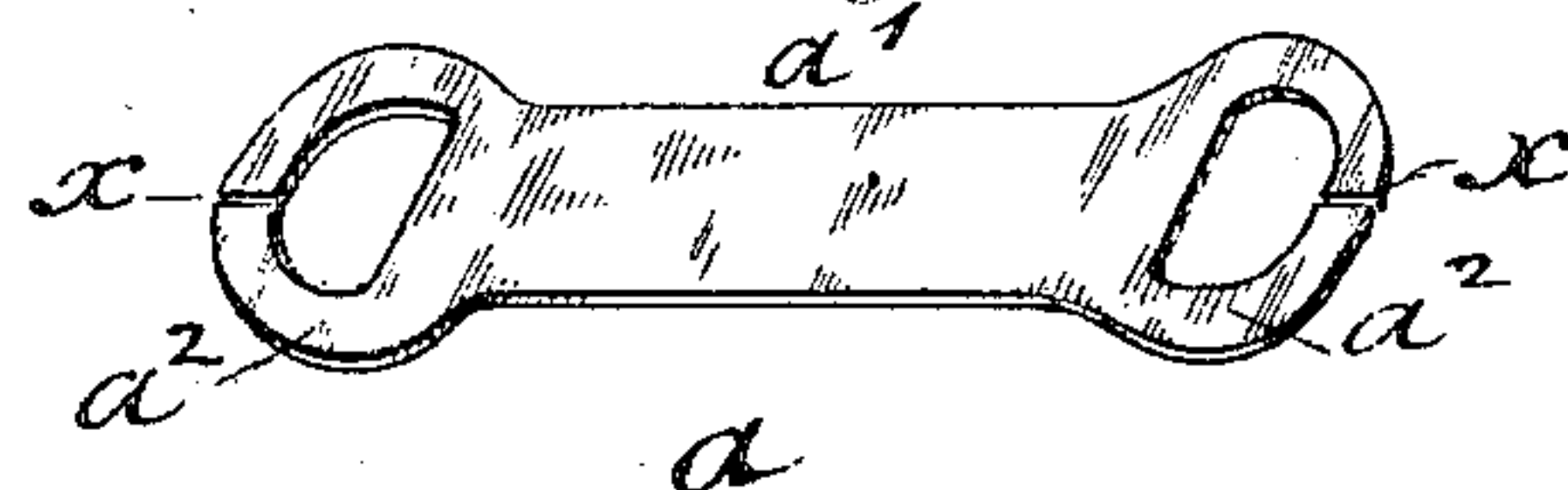


Fig: 4.



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## RING-PROTECTOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER DAVIDOFF, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York, in the borough of Brooklyn and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ring-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ring-protectors, and has among its objects to provide a device for this purpose which effectually prevents the loss of the ring to which it is applied, causing said ring to be firmly seated upon the finger.

A further object of the invention is to furnish a ring-protector which not only prevents the displacement of the ring from the finger, but prevents the turning of the same thereon, which is objectionable in seal and jeweled rings.

The invention also aims to provide a protector or guard which may be used in connection with rings of different sizes within certain limits.

The novel features of the invention will appear hereinafter and finally be recited in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, in which corresponding parts are indicated by like reference characters throughout, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a ring provided with the improved protector shown in position on the finger. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective of the ring removed from the finger. Fig. 3 is a section on line 3-3, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the protector or guard detached from the ring.

Referring to the drawings,  $a$  denotes my improved protector, which is made of flexible spring metal, such as sheet-gold, German silver, or other springy material. Said protector comprises a straight relatively thin but wide link or shank  $a'$ , provided with enlarged terminal heads, the faces of which are pierced to form eyes or apertures  $a^2$ , preferably of semicircular shape in order to conform to the wall of the ring if the same is of the cross-section shown in Fig. 3, said eyes being slightly larger than the walls of the ring, however, so as to afford a certain amount of play. The extreme ends of the protector are slitted, as shown at  $x$ , the slits communicating with the eyes  $a^2$ . By separating the said eyes  $a^2$  at their slitted portions the protector may be

placed on the ring in the manner shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3—that is to say, with its eyes fitting over the wall of the ring at approximately diametrically opposite points and its shank extending approximately diametrically across the finger-opening from the side portions of the ring in case the latter is of the type shown. Of course the protector or guard may be applied to plain band-rings at any point.

When the ring is slipped over the finger, the shank  $a$  of the protector is placed toward the palm of the hand and “gives” to a certain extent toward the inner surface of the ring, as shown in Fig. 1. The spring action of the protector is, however, exerted on the finger and forces the latter into close contact with the wall of the ring at a point opposite said protector, as will be readily understood, and thus prevents the ring from being lost from the finger. The protector is made of such size and possessed of the requisite amount of resiliency to firmly but comfortably retain the ring on the finger and also prevent the turning of the former on the latter. When the ring is removed from the finger, the protector owing to its resiliency springs back to its initial or normal position, as shown in Fig. 2. The protector is readily detachable from the ring and may be applied to rings of different sizes within certain limits.

The improved device not only has the advantage of efficiently performing its function in the manner described, but is of very simple form and can be readily applied to and removed from rings of any type.

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

1. A finger-ring having a normally straight guard-link extending diametrically across the finger-opening thereof and provided with terminal eyes fitting over the same.

2. A finger-ring in combination with a protecting-link provided with terminal eyes fitting over said ring at approximately diametrically opposite points.

3. A finger-ring in combination with a guard-link having terminal eyes fitting over said ring, said link being slitted adjacent said eyes and extending across the finger-opening of said ring.

4. The combination, with a finger-ring, of a shank or link of spring metal enlarged at its



ends and pierced through its face at said ends with eyes fitting over the ring at approximately opposite points, the portions of said link adjacent said eyes being slitted, as described.

5 5. The combination, with a finger-ring, of a guard-link traversing the finger-opening thereof and provided with terminal eyes fitting over said ring, said eyes being of substantially

greater size than the cross-section of the ring 10 at the points which they engage.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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