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Fig. 1.

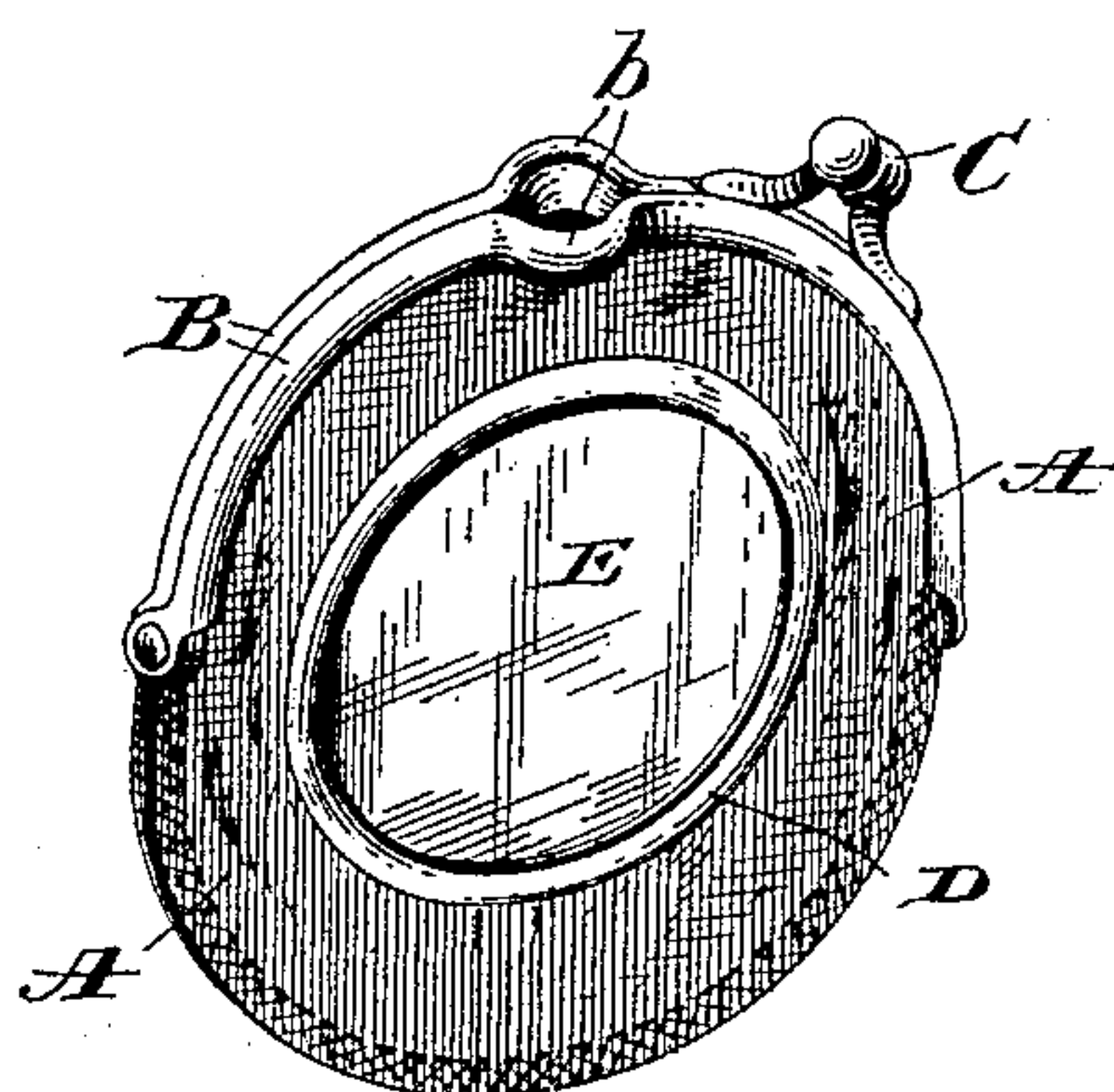


Fig. 2.

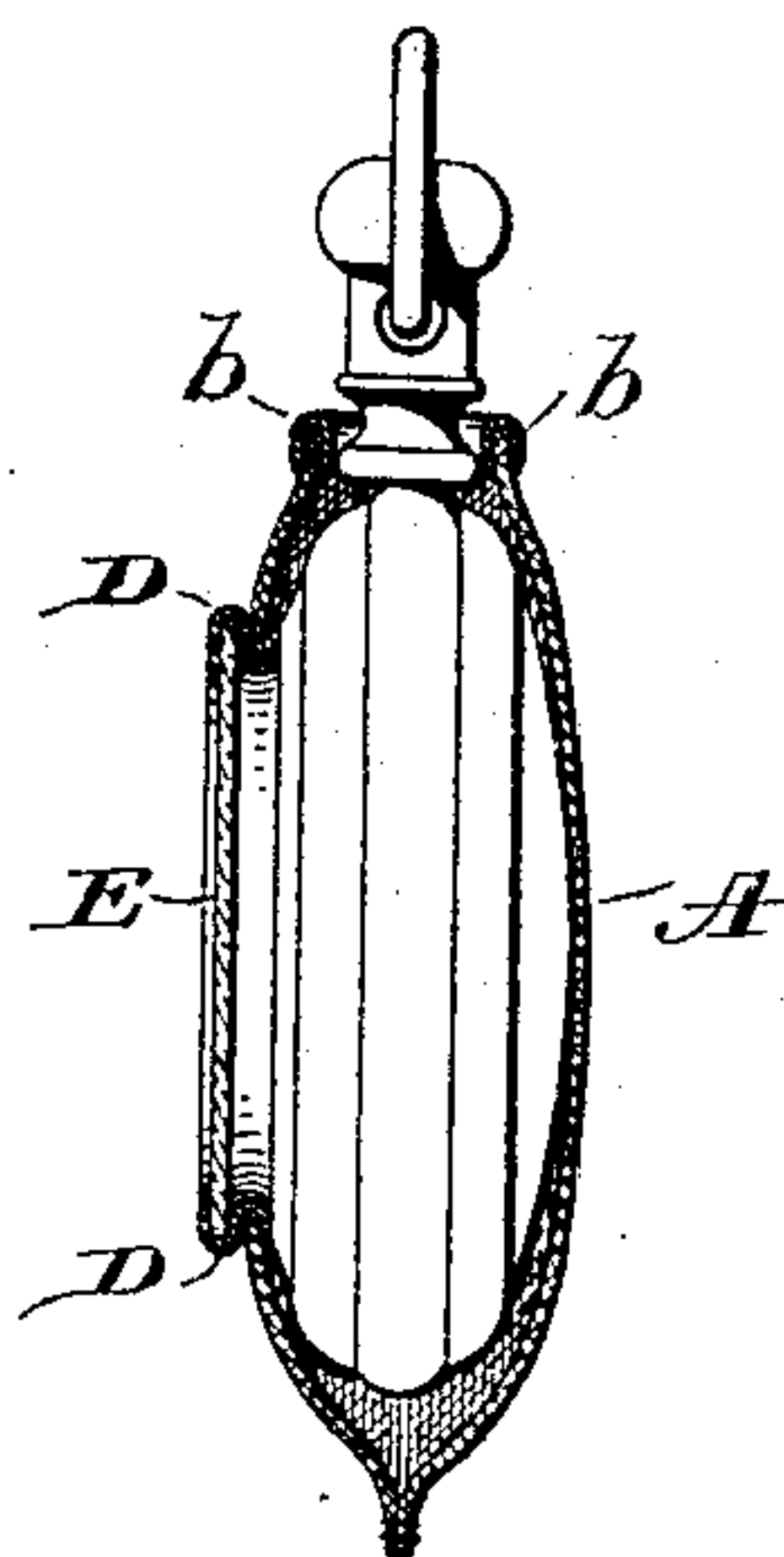
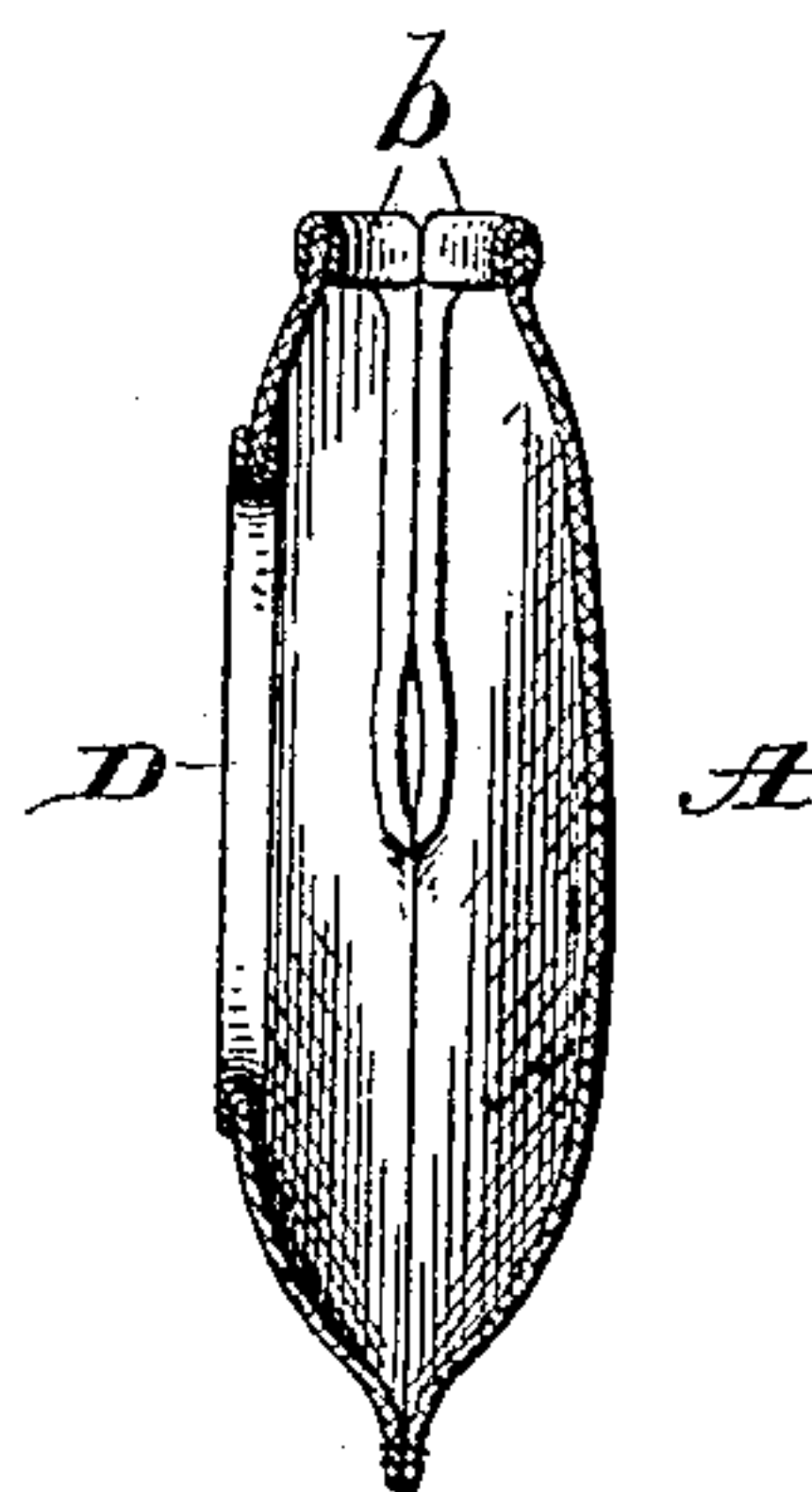


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER L. SHONFIELD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Muncie, in the county of Delaware and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch Covers and Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to an improvement in watch covers and holders, and it is embodied in the construction and arrangement of parts presently to be described, and defined in the claim.

15 The invention relates more particularly to that class of watch protectors or holders designed to be carried in the pocket and which are constructed of soft pliable material, usually leather, having an opening encompassed by a frame, the frame being bent at one point to form an opening for the stem of the watch. In such structures it has heretofore been necessary to open the holder and remove the watch when it was desired to inspect the face thereof. Holders of this type are preferably flexible, and owing to this fact it has been found impracticable to cut away a part thereof to disclose the face of the watch.

My invention is designed for the purpose of forming a flexible watch-holder having a closing frame for the opening and an open side, so that the watch can be inspected without removal, and yet be fully protected from wear.

35 In the accompanying drawings I have shown a preferred embodiment of the invention, but desire it understood that slight changes and modifications can be made without departing from the nature and principle of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a section, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a modified form.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, A designates a small bag or pocket conveniently made of chamois-skin and of a size to receive a watch. This bag or cover is formed with an opening for the reception and removal of the watch, which opening is surrounded by a suitable frame B, consisting of two parts curved to conform substantially to the curvature of the watch and hinged together at their ends. The frame is provided with offsets *b*, forming a throat through which the watch-stem passes. C designates the fasteners of any approved form, located

at one side of the stem-opening. A pocket or protector of this character made of soft leather or other material serves as a guard for the highly-finished parts of the watch; but to disclose the face of the watch a circular opening substantially the size of the watch-face is cut in the side of the bag, and to prevent the leather at the edges of the opening from being distorted or torn I provide a metallic reinforcing-frame D. This frame is conveniently formed of S-shaped material in cross-section, the lowermost portion of which embraces the opposite edges of the opening and is forcibly pressed thereagainst at all points, thus forming an attached rigid frame for the otherwise flexible material surrounding the opening. The frame so constructed is of relatively thin material and serves well the purpose of maintaining a perfect circular opening and prevents the escape of the watch, the opening in the frame being less in diameter than that of the watch. The upper or outer portion of the frame being bent inward is designed to receive a plate of mica or other transparent material, as indicated at E. The edges of the transparent plate are securely clamped by compressing the outer flange of the frame onto the plate. In some instances the transparent plate may be omitted, in which case the frame surrounding the opening could be made without the upper or return-bend portion. Such a modification is shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

It is to be understood that rubber or other flexible material can be employed in lieu of the chamois-skin.

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

A protector for watches comprising a soft highly-flexible bag adapted to readily conform to the shape of a watch therein having an opening at one edge for the introduction of the watch and a sight-opening in one of its sides of less diameter than said other opening through which the face of the watch may be seen, a reinforcing-frame bordering the sight-opening and secured to the interior edge of the flexible material of the bag to prevent distortion thereof and enlargement of the sight-opening, and means for closing and maintaining in closed position the opening at the edge of the bag including a two-part hinged reinforcing-frame having oppositely-disposed outwardly-bent portions to form when the parts are closed together an inclosed opening

for the reception of the watch-stem whereby
the latter may project without the bag and
the watch be held in place independently of
the reinforcing-frame of the sight-opening,
5 and means for locking the parts of said last-
mentioned reinforcing-frame in said closed
position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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