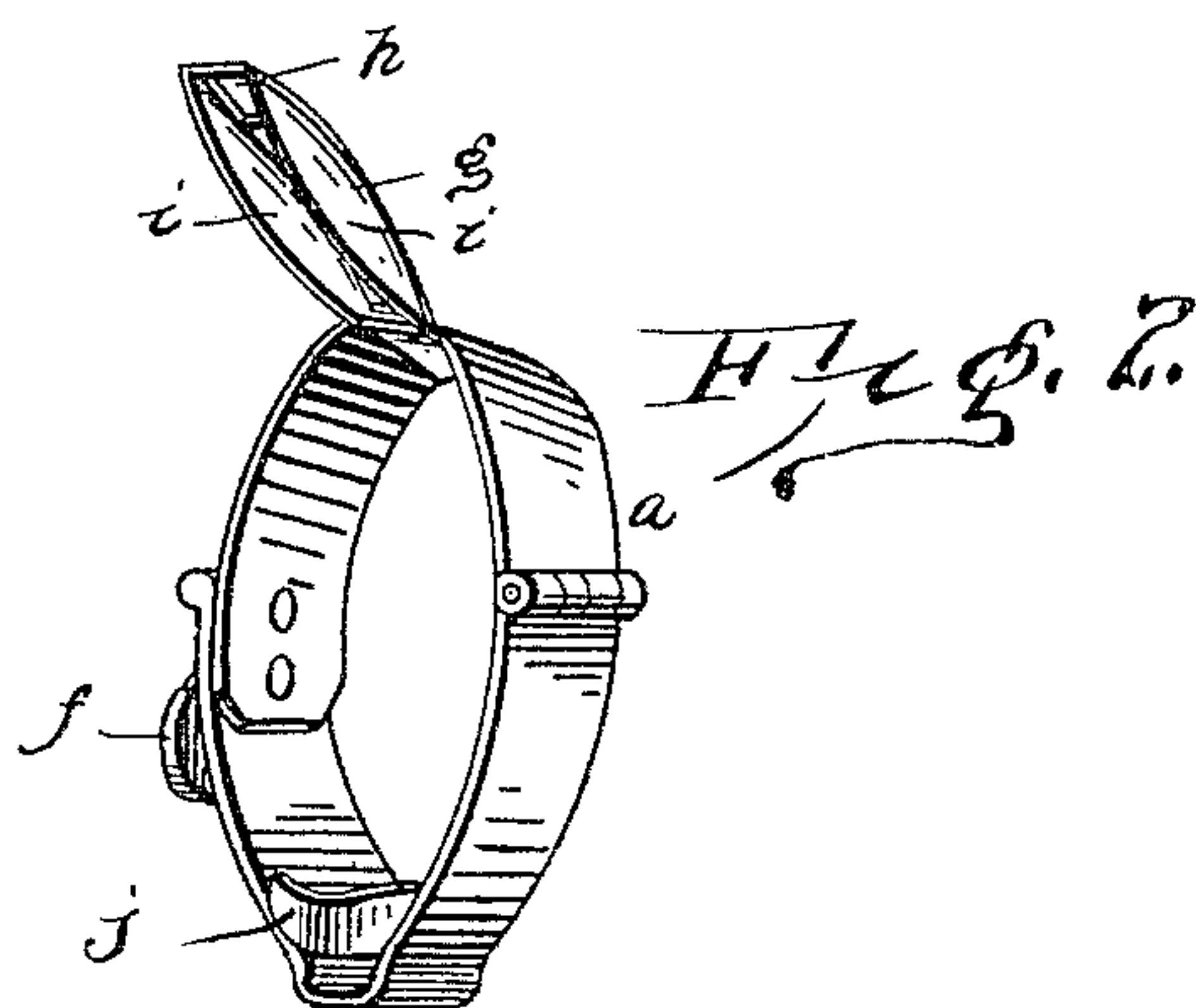
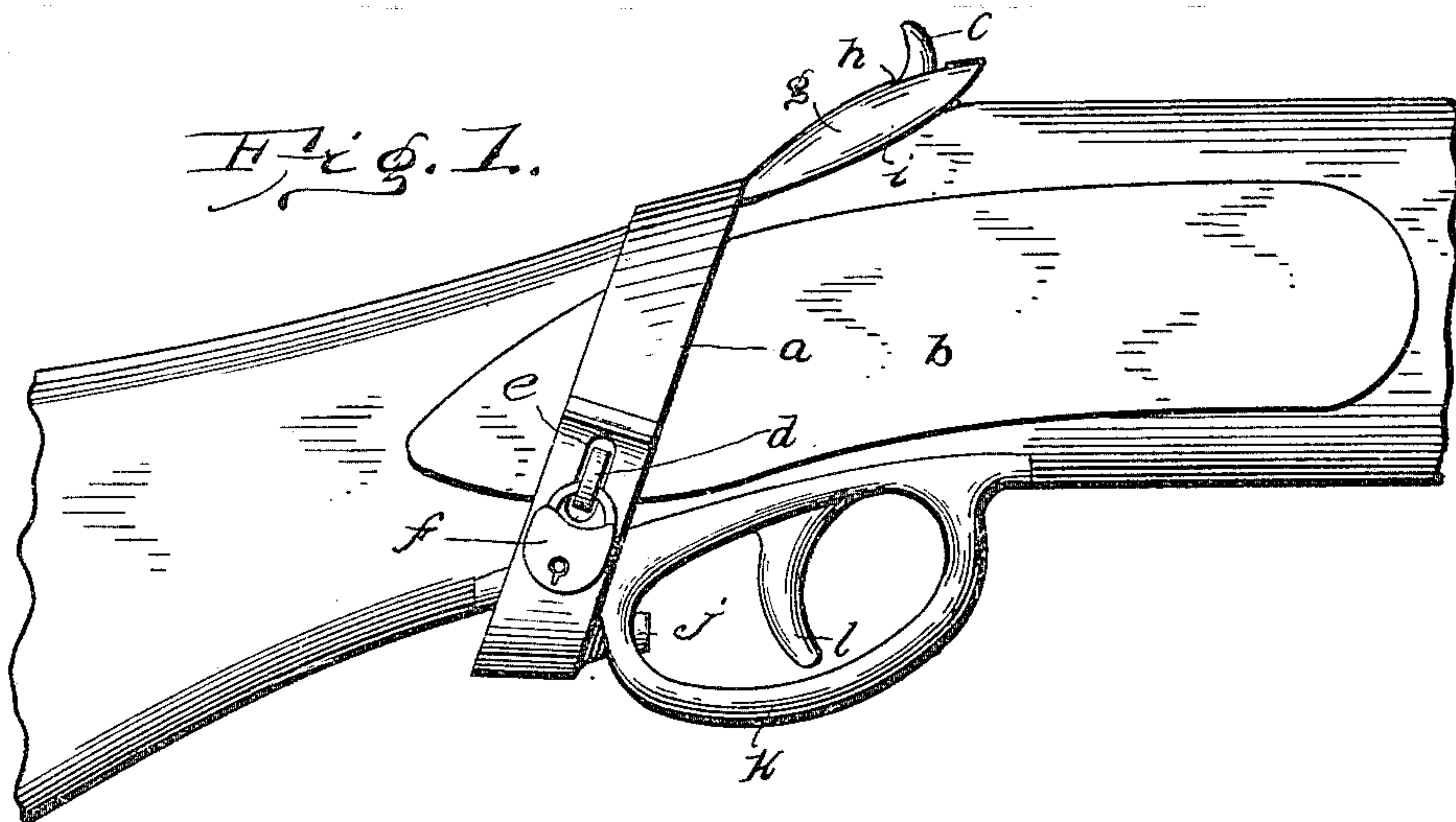


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK M. DEMING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Flagstaff, in the county of Somerset, State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Locks for Firearms; 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.

This invention has relation to a guard that is capable of being clamped upon a gun and locked in position thereon to prevent over-inquisitive persons or others not authorized from handling the gun with liability of doing harm to themselves or others or of injuring the arm or meddling with it to the annoyance of the owner.

This invention consists of a band or clamp made in two parts hinged together at one point and locked at the other, so that it can readily be placed upon a gun and secured in place thereon and as easily removed and when in position it will become effectively held or locked against being unduly meddled or tampered with by would-be mischief-makers and others.

The invention may be given different shapes and positions on the gun, and I myself have contemplated varying its form to suit varying circumstances though without, in fact, varying the invention in the least.

The invention may be embodied in the device shown in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which the same letters of reference designate the same parts or features, as the case may be, wherever they occur.

Of the said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention clamped in place on a gun-stock. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same.

In this case I have preferred to show the parts hinged together at one side and locked at the other. The band or clamp *a* is arranged to go around the gun-stock *b* just behind the hammer *c*. A staple *d* is formed on

one free end of the clamp and passes through a slot *e* in the other free end. Said staple passing through the said slot is secured in place by a padlock *f* passed through it. Other known and suitable means for locking would not affect a change in the invention.

A part *g*, which for the purpose of this specification I call a "stirrup," projects forward from the top of the band and fits over the hammer and holds it so that the gun cannot be cocked. A small square hole *h* in the top of the stirrup provides for holding the gun in safe position at half-cock, and the flanges *i i* that extend down on each side of the hammer hold it against lateral movement.

A spur *j*, extending from the band at its lower side just forward of the finger-guard *k* and back of the trigger *l*, locks the latter in fixed position and keeps the guard from sliding backward.

I propose to line the clamp in some cases with felt, flannel, or the like substance to keep it from scratching the gun. The clamp may be made of light strap-steel or other suitable metal.

Without further description it is thought that the construction and uses of the device will be understood by persons acquainted with the legitimate functions of a gun.

What is claimed is—

A gun-locking device consisting of a clamping-band consisting of an upper and lower member hinged together at one side and having means for locking them together at the other side, a stirrup projecting from the upper member with flanges extending downwardly from each side and a hole in the top, and a spur extending from the lower member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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