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POCKET WATCH HOLDER.
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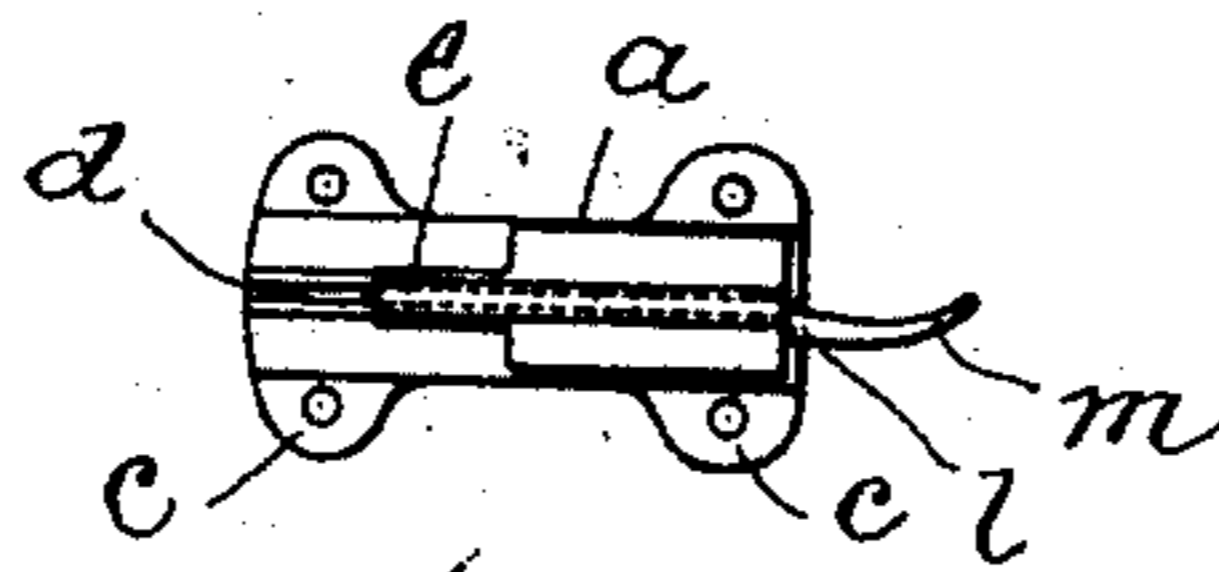


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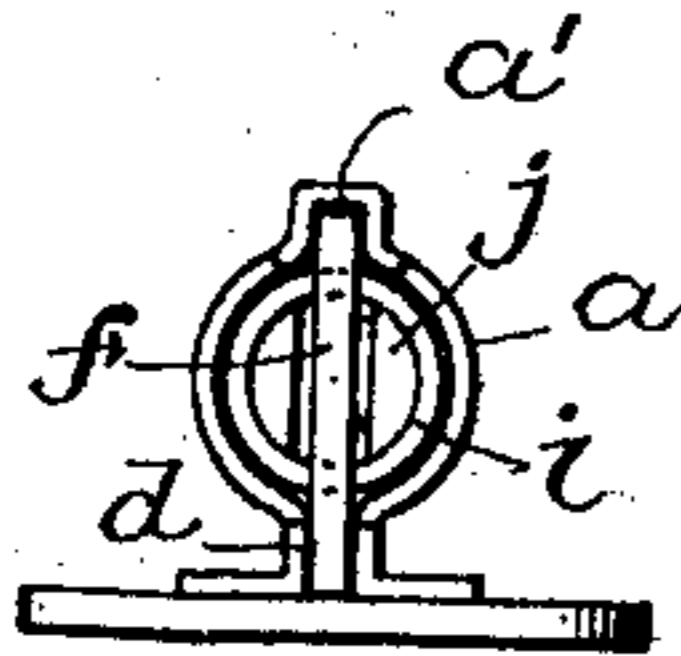


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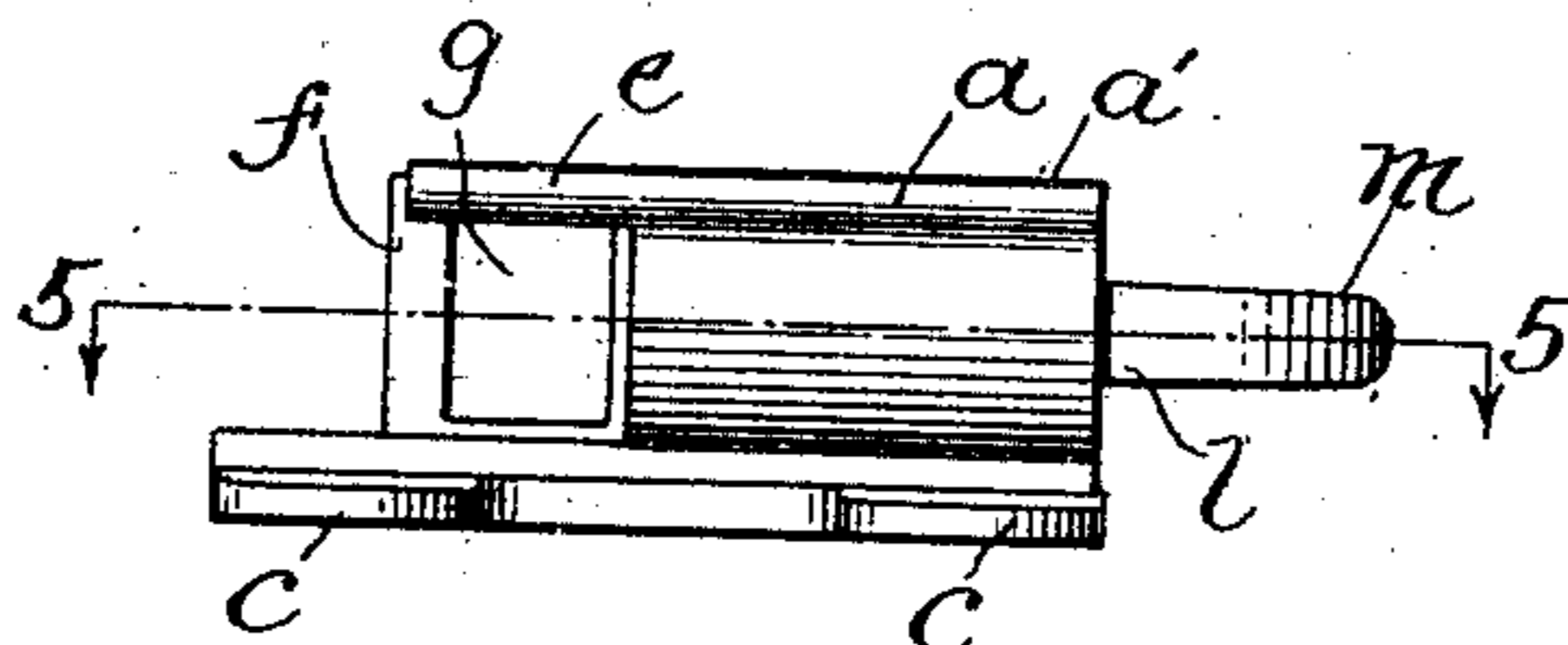


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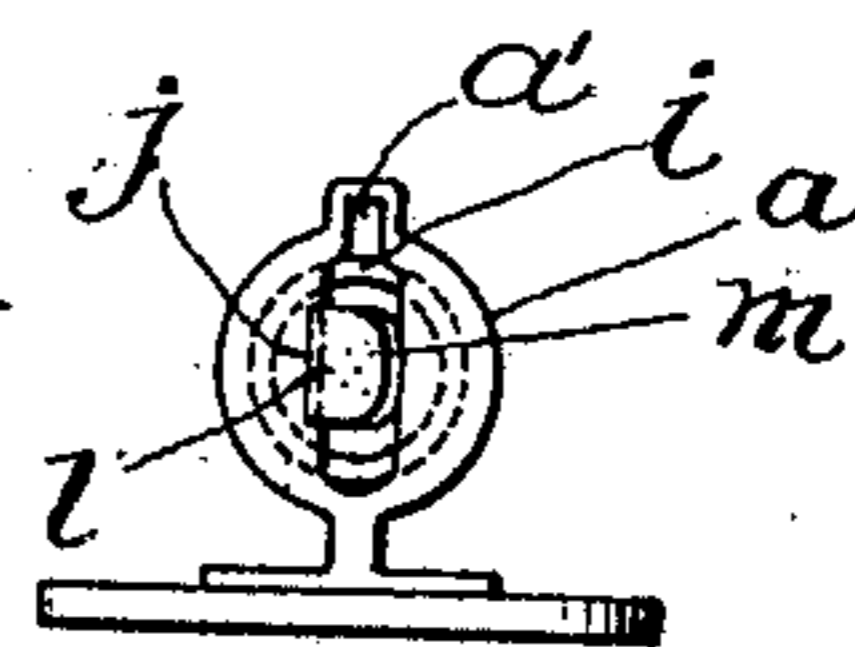


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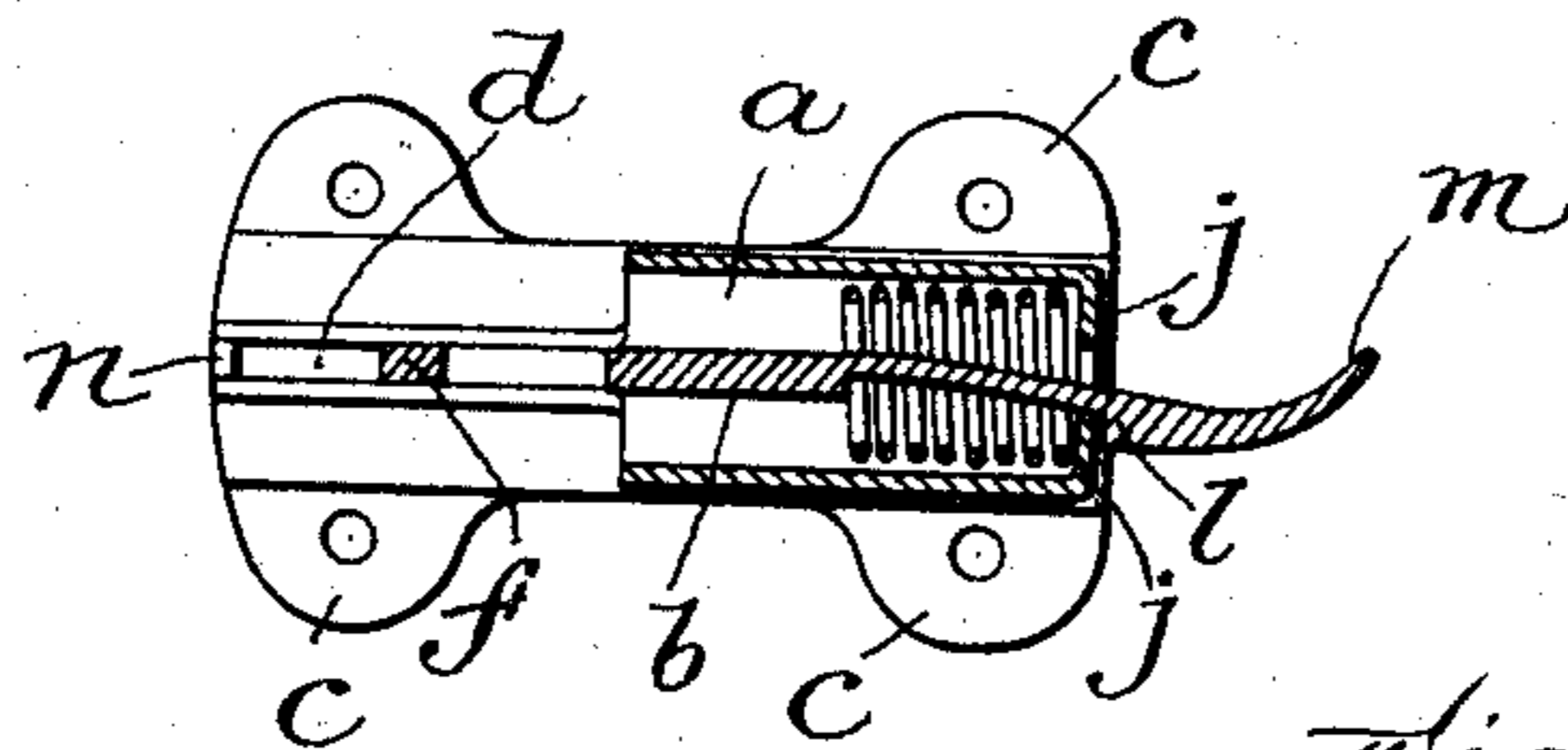


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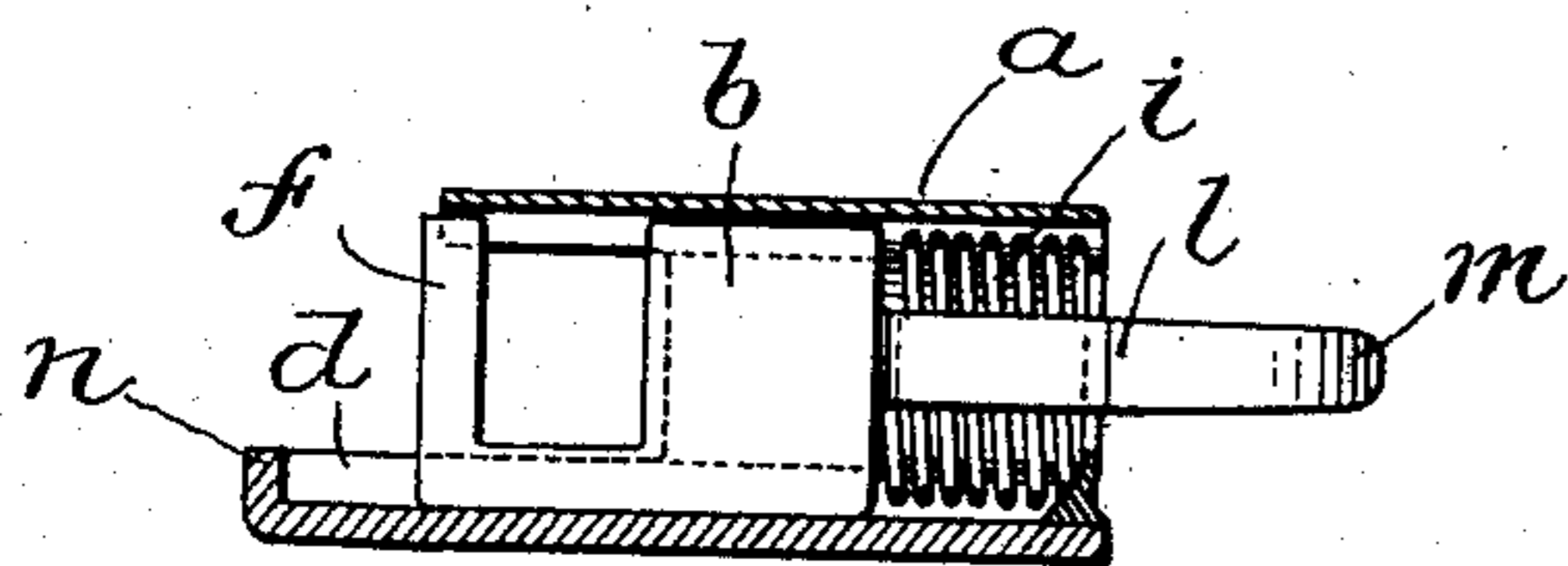


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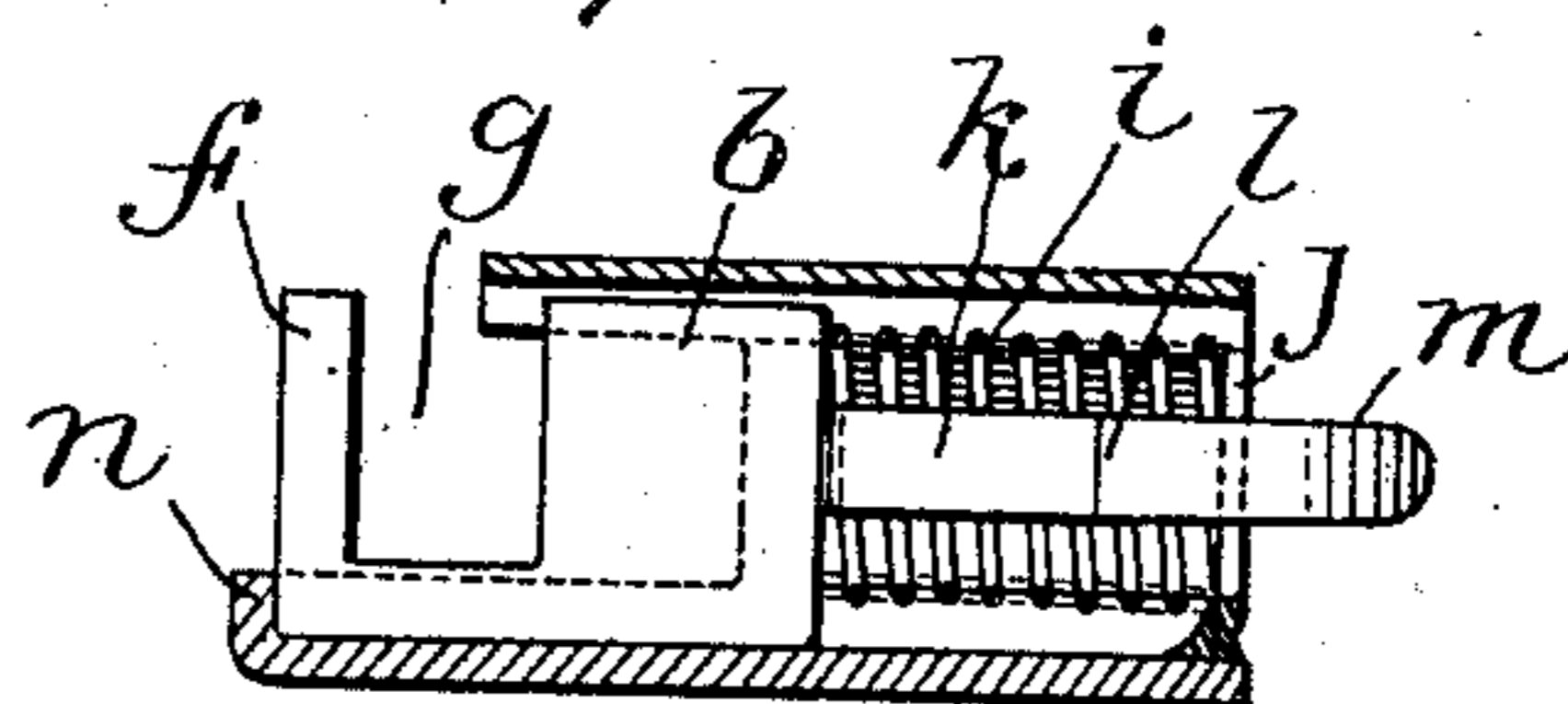
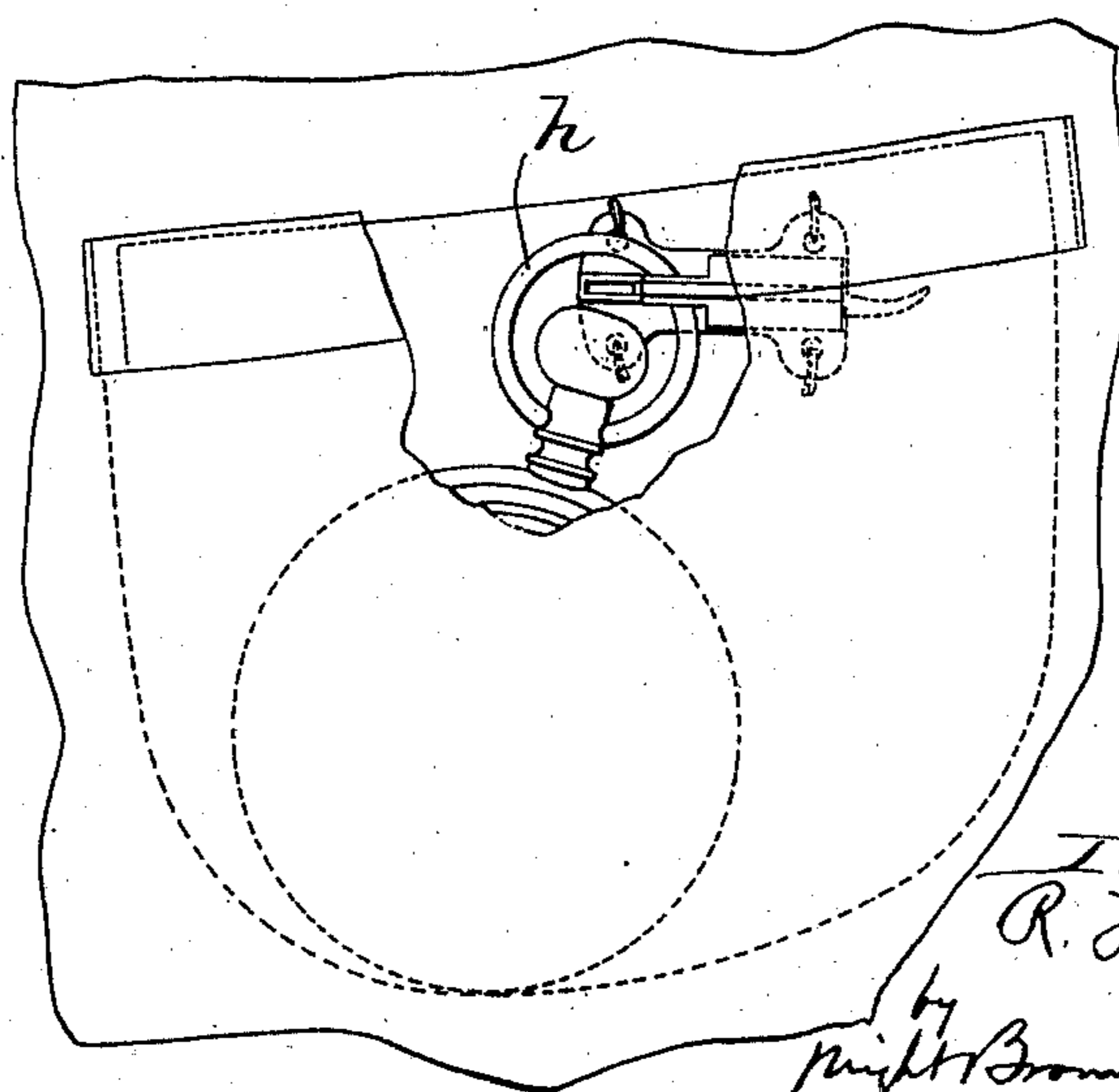


Fig. 8.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT F. PIKE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket Watch-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an appliance for securing a watch in the clothing of the wearer in such a way as to eliminate danger of its loss by accident or theft. It is especially intended to be secured inside the pocket of the user, but it may of course be attached to any other part of a garment which may be unprovided with pockets, to serve the same purpose. In any case the retainer is arranged to engage the guard ring of the watch and to entirely surround a portion of the ring so that it cannot be removed.

The device is so constructed that a single movement in engaging the watch with it will suffice to lock the holding member in that position, wherein it secures the watch, while a single movement of a different character will release the lock from the holding member and allow the latter to be opened through the agency of a spring.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated the convenient, and in some respects the preferred, embodiment of my invention.

Figure 1 represents a plan of this embodiment of the invention, showing the same at substantially its actual size. Figs. 2, 3 and 4 represent elevations of the device on an enlarged scale, as seen from one end, a side, and the opposite end, respectively. Fig. 5 represents a sectional plan view on line 5—5 of Fig. 3. Figs. 6 and 7 represent sectional elevations showing the watch-holding member or hook in the closed or retaining position and the open or releasing position, respectively. Fig. 8 represents an elevation illustrating the manner in which the invention is used.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the figures.

The article in which my invention is embodied consists essentially in a casing or barrel *a* and a slide *b* movable longitudinally in said barrel. The barrel has a base provided with extensions *c* in which are eyes provided to permit the device to be sewed into the inside of a pocket or to any other convenient part of the clothing of the user. Of course any other fastening means than sewing thread may be used if desired for securing the holder

in place without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The slide *b* is preferably made from a flat piece of metal, and one edge is arranged to slide in a track *d* between parallel ribs or flanges which extend from the barrel *a* on the base thereof. There is also a grooved portion *a'* on the opposite side of the barrel which receives the opposite edge of the slide. This portion extends beyond the body of the barrel to form an extension or guard *e*.

The slide *b* is formed with a projection *f* separated from the main body of the slide by a space *g*, so that the projection forms in effect a hook which is adapted to enter the guard ring *h* of a watch, as shown in Fig. 8.

The slide *b* is capable of traveling in the casing from the position shown in Fig. 6 to that of Fig. 7, and when in the latter position, the opening *g* is uncovered to permit entrance thereto of the watch ring *h*. After insertion of the ring into this opening, the slide may be pushed back until the end of the projection *f* passes beneath or within the extension *e*, which then covers the opening *g* and guards the same so as to prevent removal therefrom of the watch ring *h*. This movement of the slide takes place against the resistance of a spring *i* which bears against the rear of the slide *b* and abuts against flanges *j* at the end of the barrel *a*. A part of the slide is reduced in width to form a bar *k* which passes through the rear of the barrel and is formed with a locking shoulder *l* adapted to engage over the edge of one of the flanges *j*. The bar *k* is springy so that it, together with the locking shoulder *l*, constitutes a spring latch which automatically engages the adjacent flange *j* whenever the slide is pushed so far back as to carry the shoulder *e* clear of the flange. The latch when so engaged is shown most clearly in Fig. 5. In this position the opening *g* of the slide is covered and the spring *i* is under tension.

The bar *k* is formed with a trigger extension *m* which may be engaged by the finger to trip the latch. This is done whenever it is desired to release the watch. A slight lateral movement of the trigger disengages the locking shoulder *l* and allows the spring *i* to throw the slide forward until it is arrested by a stop *n* at the end of the track *d*. The opening *g* is then uncovered and the watch may be removed.

While the watch is out from the pocket, the retaining device remains in the position

shown in Fig. 7. The watch may be very quickly and conveniently replaced and locked in the pocket by simply slipping the guard ring *h* into the opening *g*, allowing the projection *f* to enter the interior of the ring, and then by moving the ring sidewise and pressing with it against the body of the slide *b*, the latter may be pushed back until the latch *l* engages the flange *j* and locks the slide in holding position. This can be effected by a single movement of the hand which holds the watch, making it unnecessary to use one hand for bringing the hook into closed position and another hand or another finger for securing it in this position.

I claim:—

1. A holder for retaining a watch in a pocket of the clothing, comprising a hook over which the guard ring of the watch may be passed, a hook guard with relation to which said hook is movable so as to cover the receiving opening of the hook, and a lock automatically operative to secure the hook in closed or covered position, whereby closing and locking of the hook in the guard-ring of a watch by a single movement of the hand is made possible.

2. A holder for retaining a watch in a pocket of the clothing, comprising a hook over which the guard ring of the watch may be passed, a hook guard with relation to which said hook is movable so as to cover the receiving opening of the hook, a lock automatically operative to secure the hook in closed or covered position, and a spring tending to move said hook so as to uncover the opening and permit removal of the watch, said spring being automatically operative to release the watch upon tripping of said lock.

3. A holder for retaining a watch in a pocket of the clothing, comprising a hook over which the guard ring of the watch may be passed, a hook guard with relation to which said hook is movable so as to cover

the receiving opening of the hook, a spring lock automatically operative to secure the hook in closed or covered position, and a spring tending to move said hook so as to uncover the opening and permit removal of the watch, said lock having a trigger extension whereby it may be released to permit automatic release of the watch by action of said spring.

4. A holder for retaining a watch in a pocket, comprising a casing or barrel having provisions whereby it may be sewed, or otherwise suitably secured, in the pocket, a slide arranged to travel longitudinally in said casing and having a hook-like projection adapted to enter the guard ring of a watch, an extension from the barrel arranged to cover the space beside the said projection when the slide is carried sufficiently far into the barrel, an automatic catch adapted to lock the slide in such position, and a spring for projecting the slide to clear the projection of the covering extension upon tripping of the catch.

5. A holder for preventing accidental or mischievous removal of a watch from the clothing of the wearer, consisting of a hook member adapted to enter the guard ring of the watch, a guard member for said hook member, with reference to which the latter is movable so that said guard member may cover the receiving space beside said hook and prevent removal therefrom, and a catch automatically operative for retaining said hook when brought into such position, whereby it is rendered possible to engage a watch with said hook member and lock it in place with one hand and by a single movement.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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