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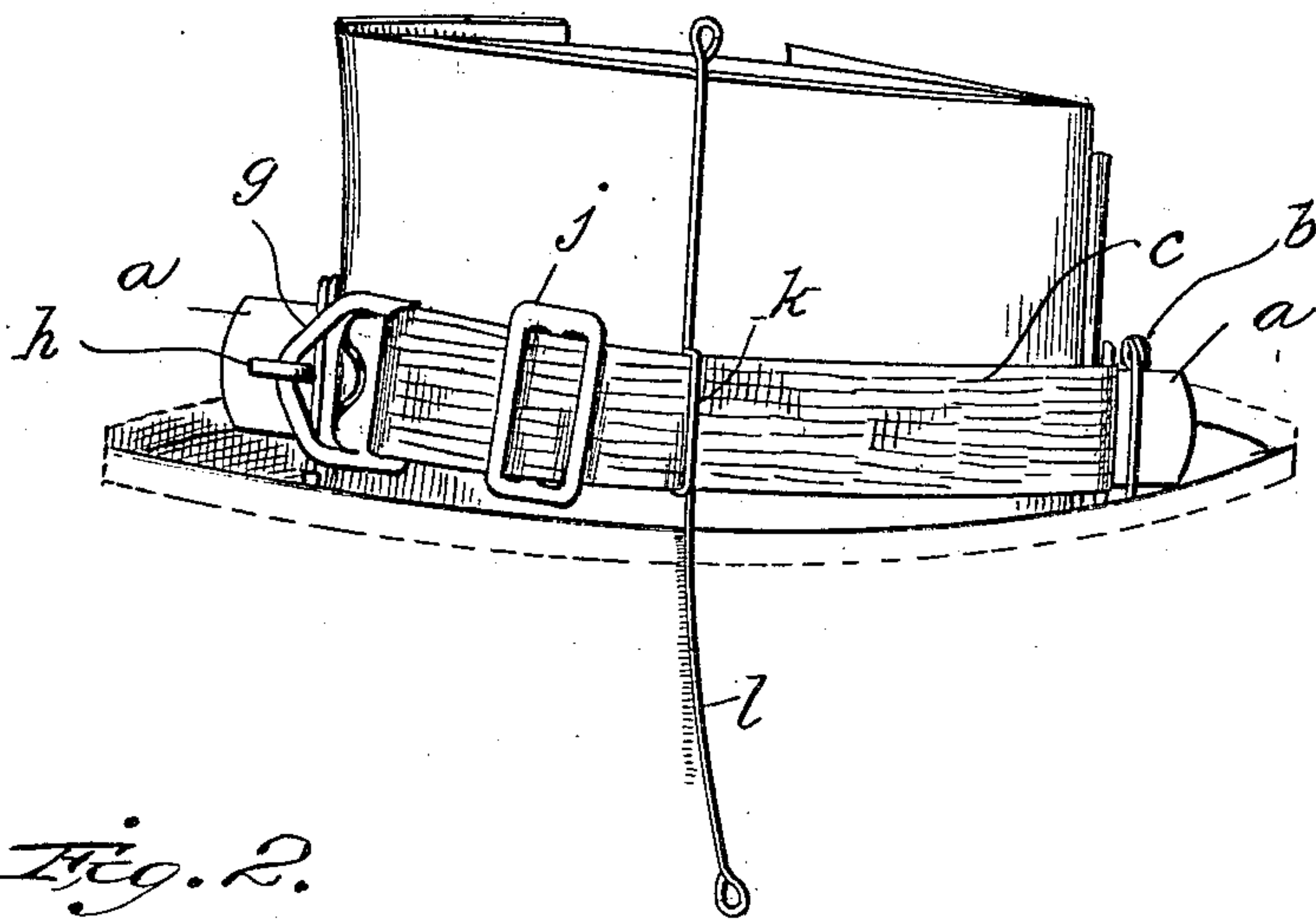


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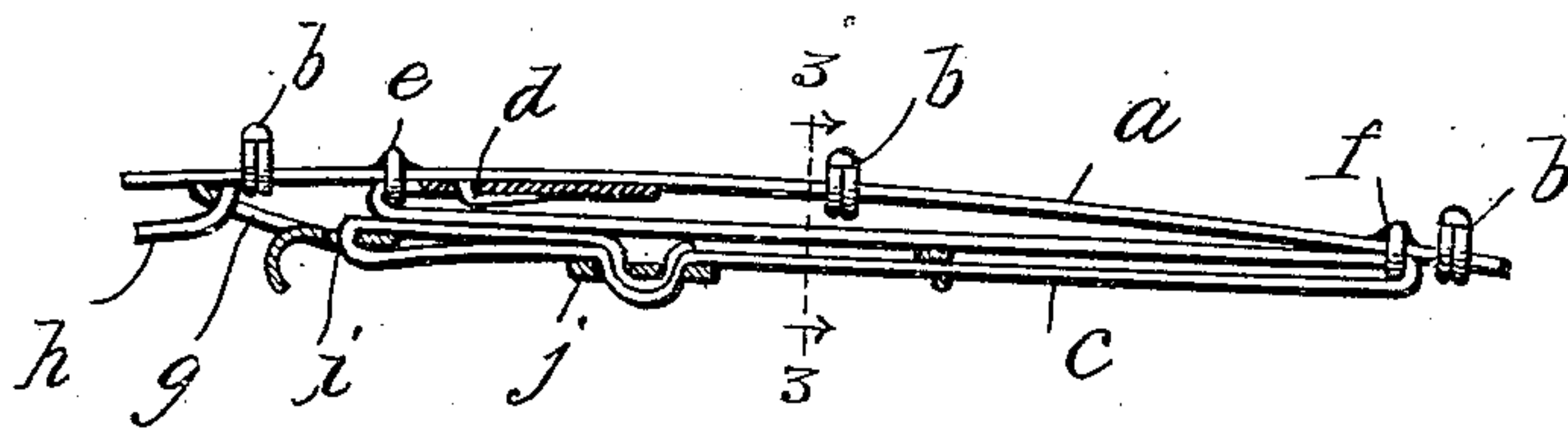
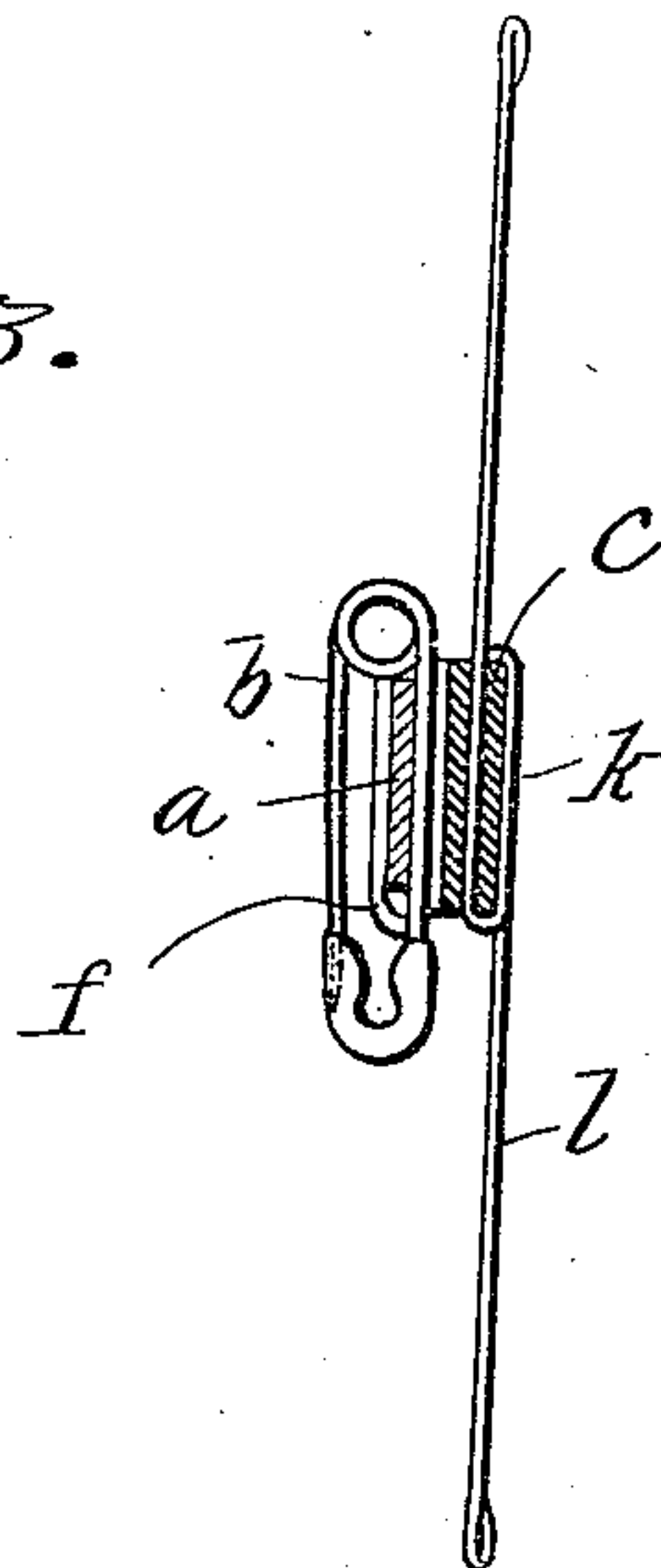


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ST. GEORGE CRAIG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Clarksville, in the county of Montgomery and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Clasps for Papers, of which the following is a full and clear specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my device applied to an inside-pocket of a coat; Fig. 2 a top view of the device detached, partly in section; and Fig. 3 a vertical sectional view on the line 3 of Fig. 2.

The object of this device is to provide a simple clasp or clamp for preventing packets of papers from accidentally slipping out of the coat pocket, especially when the coat is removed and laid down or hung over a chair, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

The device in its preferred form consists of a flat bar *a* long enough to extend approximately the length of the mouth of the coat pocket and provided on its rear side with means, such as safety pins *b*, for pinning or otherwise fastening the bar to the lining of the coat about on a level with the upper edge of the outer flap of the pocket, as shown in Fig. 1. These safety pins are fastened rigidly to the bar, are three in number spaced apart equal distances, and are arranged vertically. Attached to the face of this bar is an adjustable means for clamping the packet of papers. I prefer employing an elastic strap *c*, one of whose ends is detachably attached to the face of the bar at one end thereof by a hook *d*. The strap extends from the hook *d* toward the adjacent end of the bar, through a stationary vertical loop *e* rigidly attached to the bar, thence across to the opposite end of the bar where it is passed through a similar loop or eye *f*, and its free end is provided with an eye *g* which is adapted to be detachably engaged over a hook *h* projecting from the face of the bar at the other end thereof. This eye *g* is attached to the free end of the elastic band by having the band inserted through the slot *i* in the inner edge of the plate which forms the eye, said end portion of the band being adjustably clamped to the main portion thereof by a slide buckle or loop *j* of well known construction.

The length of the elastic band and the adjustment thereof are such that when the eye *g* is engaged with the hook *h* the band is under such tension that a paper or papers inserted between the two portions of the band will be lightly clamped in place in the pocket. It is obvious by detaching the eye *g* from its hook the papers will be quickly released. Slidably mounted on the front portion of the band is a loop or eye *k* and carried by this loop is a vertical elastic rod or finger *l* which projects above and below the band. The object of this finger is to keep the outer flap of the pocket closed, thus preventing any paper or other article that might slip down into the pocket out of the clasp from accidentally falling out of the pocket; this vertical finger or bar also tends to keep the papers from being folded over and torn. It is adjustable on the band in order that it may be set at a point approximately mid-way the ends of the band after the band is adjusted to the desired tension.

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

1. In a device for the class set forth a bar and means carried thereby for attaching it to the coat lining, an elastic band having one end attached to the front face of the bar at one end of the bar and thence extended to the opposite end of the bar, a loop or eye at this latter end of the bar and through which the band slides for confining the band to the bar, an eye adjustably attached to the free end of the band, and a hook on the bar at the end opposite the end carrying said loop for engagement with this eye.

2. A device of the class set forth consisting of a bar and means for detachably attaching it to a coat lining, an elastic clamping band carried by said bar, and a vertical clamping rod or finger carried by said band, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses this 13th day of Sept. 1909.

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