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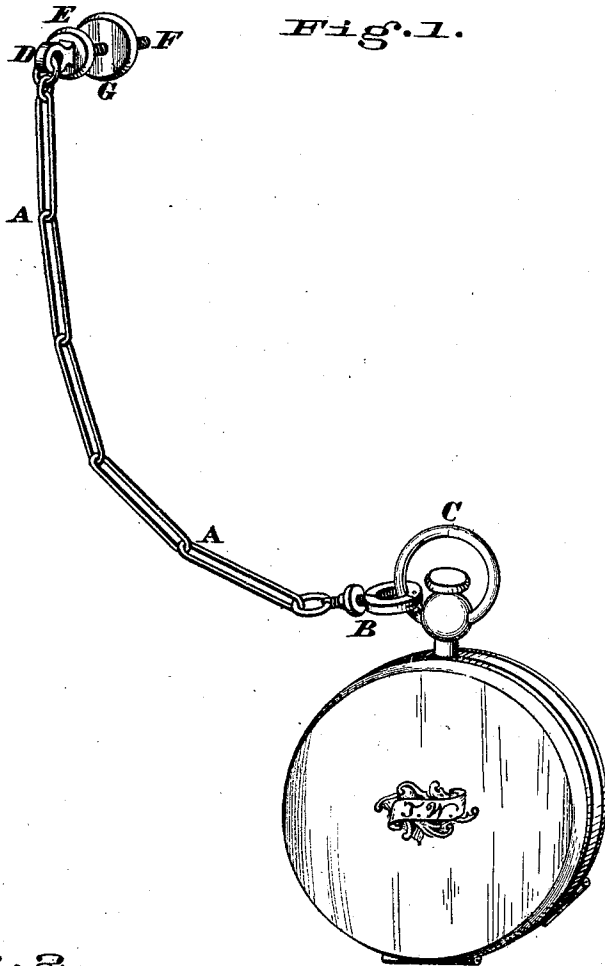


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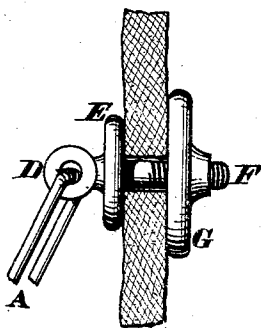
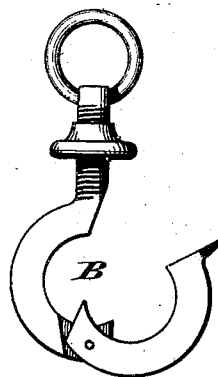


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SAFETY WATCH-GUARDS.

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Specification of a certain Safety-Guard for Watches, invented by THOMAS WHITE, of La Fayette, Tippecanoe county, Indiana.

This invention relates to a safety-guard which has been designed for the purpose of securing a watch to the vest or other garment of the wearer in such a manner as to prevent it being lost or stolen; and the device consists essentially of a suitable chain or other guard having at one end a swivel-coupling for attachment to the watch, and at the other end a staple or ring-eye, whose screw-threaded stem is capable of being passed through a small hole in the garment and retained therein by a detachable nut applied on the inner side of the garment, as hereinafter more fully described.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my safety-guard attached to a watch. Fig. 2 is a sectional view, showing the manner of securing the guard to the wearer's garment; and Fig. 3 is an elevation of the swivel-coupling in its opened condition.

Of the above views Figs. 2 and 3 are drawn on a somewhat enlarged scale.

A represents the guard proper, which, in its preferred form, consists of a chain of any suitable metal, although said guard may be composed of hair, leather, or whatever material of sufficient strength and flexibility the taste of the purchaser may suggest. This guard has attached to one of its ends a swivel-coupling, B, that serves to unite said guard with the customary ring C of the watch. The other end of this guard is secured to and depends from a staple or ring-eye, D, having a button or foil E, which bears against the exposed surface of the vest or other garment of the wearer. Projecting rearwardly from the button E

is a screw-threaded stem or shank, F, with which is engaged a suitable detachable nut or other retaining device, G. After the coupling B has been attached to either the bow C or the stem of the watch the nut G is disengaged from the shank F and the latter passed through a suitable hole in the garment until the foil E bears against the exposed surface of the same, after which said nut is applied, as shown in Fig. 2.

The hole in the garment for the reception of shank F may be made expressly for that purpose, or said shank may pass through an ordinary button-hole, provided the latter is not so large as to allow the said nut G to be drawn through it. When thus applied my safety-guard will effectually prevent the watch being lost or stolen. The stem, with its nut, is concealed behind the garment, and only the ornamental parts of the guard exposed.

I am aware that buttons have heretofore been made with screw-threaded sockets in their shanks for the reception of headed screw-bolts which pass through the garment on the side opposite the button, and thence into said sockets; and I therefore lay no claim to such device; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An improved safety-guard, consisting of the button E, having an eye-bolt, D F, for attaching a chain and nut, G, all arranged, constructed, and operated as set forth.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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