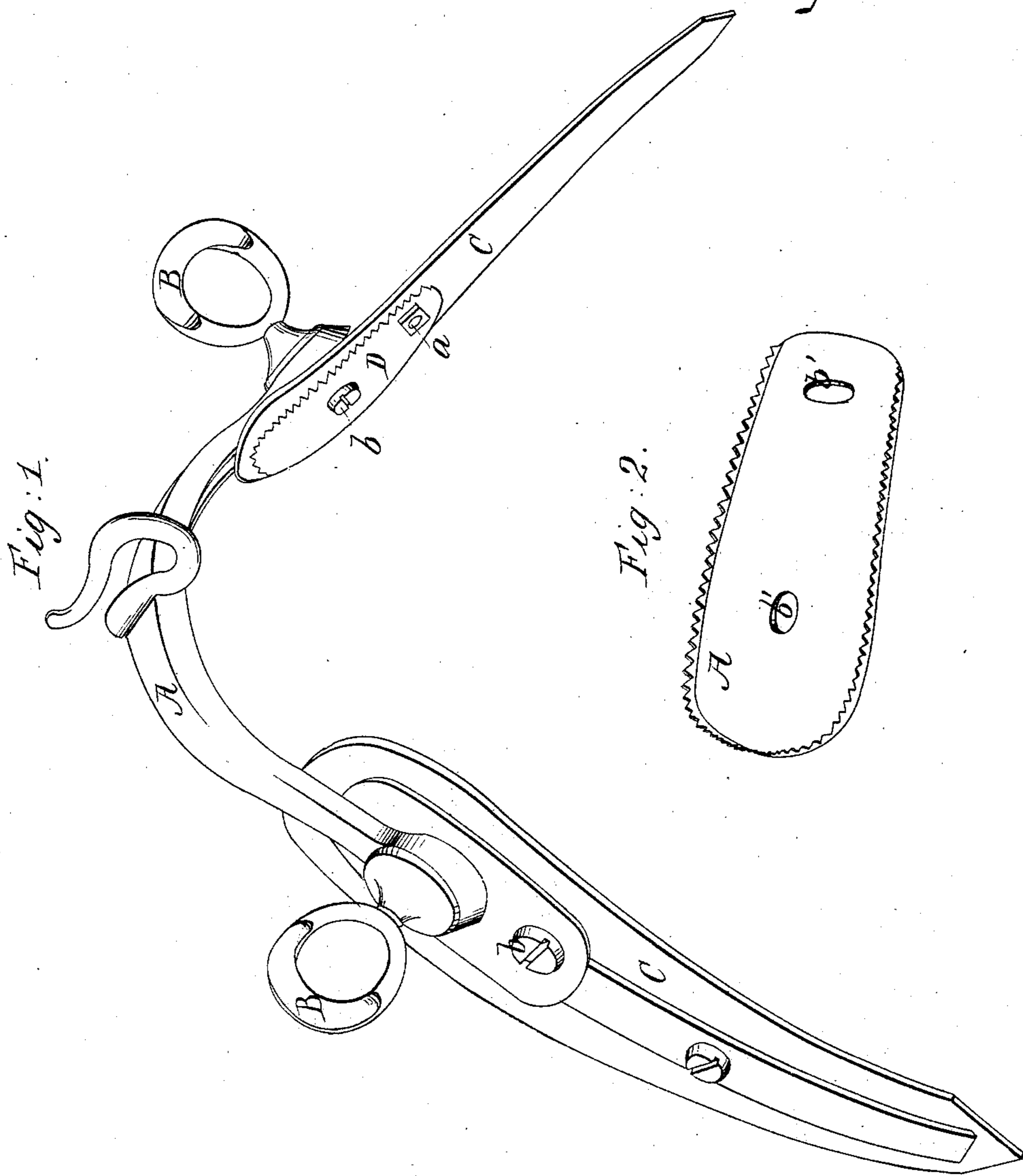


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FASTENING SKIRTS TO SADDLETREES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS C. DICKEY, of Sandy Hill, Washington county, and State of New York, have made certain new and useful Improvements in the Manner of Fastening the Skirt of the Saddle to the Tree; and I hereby declare that the following is a clear and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the tree with the skirts attached by means of my improvement. Fig. 2 is a section of the same in which is represented the spring plate.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I construct my improved elastic clamp plate out of steel or any known substance used for such purposes.

In Fig. 1 letter A is the tree; B, the terret; C, the skirts; D, the elastic clamp plate with edges turned up and formed into teeth for the purpose of catching into the skirt and holding it fast in its position instead of stitching it fast, as hitherto done. Letters *a—b* are screws passing through plate D from the upper side of the jockey plate into a nut for the purpose of fastening and compressing the elastic clamp plate D to the skirt C.

In Fig. 2 A shows the elastic clamp plate with its edges or teeth turned up and extending entirely round it excepting at the lower end. *b' b'* are holes for the screws *a*

and *b* to pass through for fastening, and compressing the elastic clamp plate to the skirt, and thereby securing the same to the jockey plate of the self adjusting saddle tree.

The screw *b* in Fig. 1 passes through the clamp plate from the inner or under side and screws into the plate which secures the nut in the tree for the terret to screw into or otherwise. Thus by turning the screws *a* and *b* the requisite compression is obtained for securing permanently the skirt to the tree.

Having thus fully described my invention and its mode of operation I do not claim the combination of an elastic clamp plate with projections on the under side of a saddle tree for the purpose of fastening the skirt to the tree, and giving the saddle an adjustable bearing upon a horse, as in the case of Robert Spencer patented August 6th 1850. But

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

The combination of the teeth upon the elastic clamp plate by which means it is held immovable in its position upon the leather, with one or more screw, or screws, or their equivalent, to draw the spring clamp plate and jockey plate together for fastening the skirt to the saddle-tree whether the jockey plate be adjustable or otherwise.

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