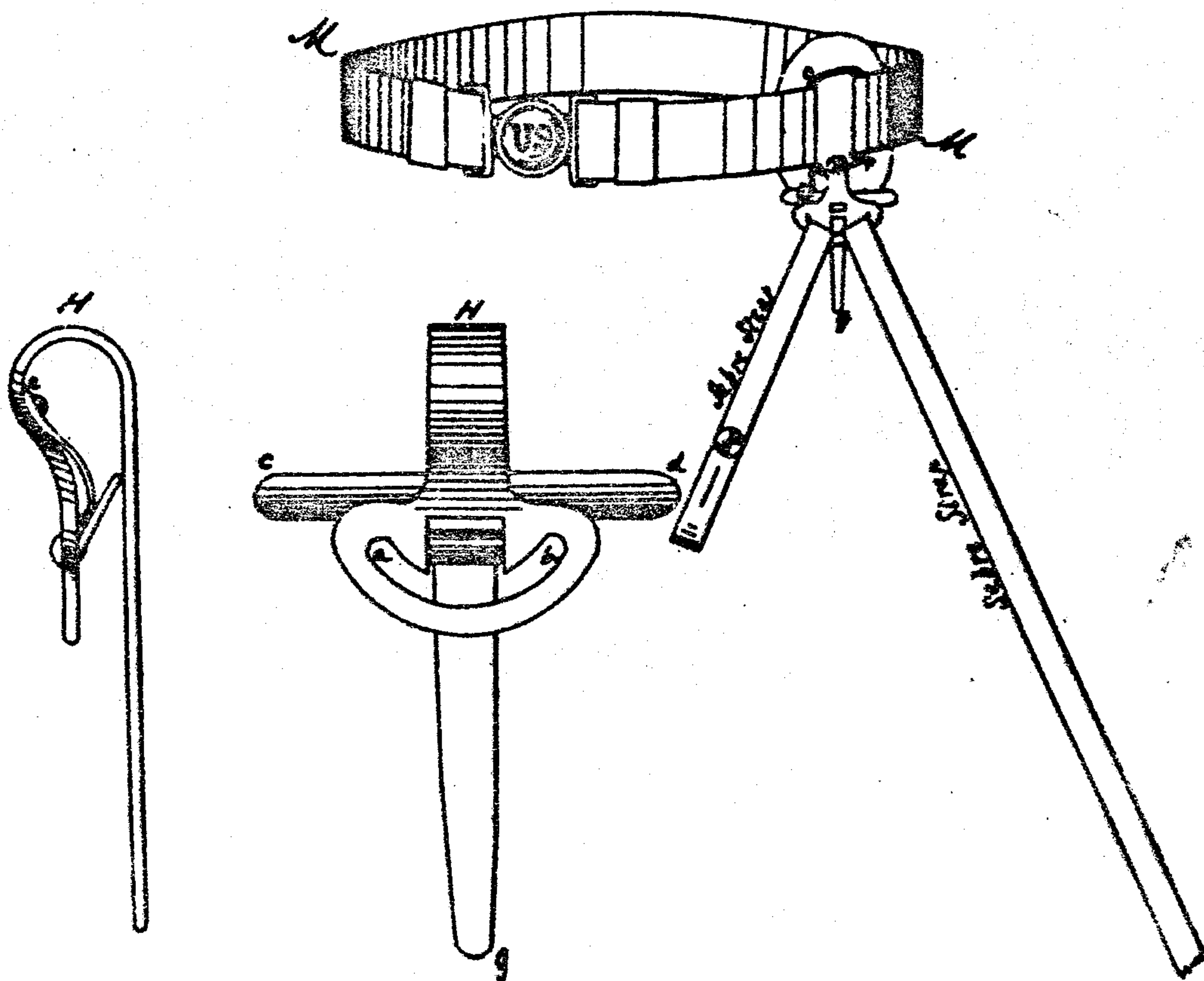


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METHOD OF ATTACHING SABERS TO BELTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES E. B. STUART, of Wytheville, in Wythe county and State of Virginia, (stationed for the time being at Fort Riley, Kansas Territory,) have invented a new and Improved Method of Attaching Sabers to Belts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in having the saber so attached to the belt as to enable the wearer to detach it at pleasure in an instant, so that when mounted troops are called upon to dismount and fight for the time being as infantry they can by this method leave the saber hanging to the pommel of the saddle, and when they remount by the same easy method they can attach the saber again to the belt. This is effected by having a brass ring O, P, as seen in the annexed drawings inserted in the waist or saber belt near the left hip. The two straps connecting the saber with the belt are then united at their upper extremities into the loop *a b* of the annexed drawing. The hook

represented therein is the means of attachment. The attachment hook is inserted in the ring of the waist or saber belt at the hip and slipped down home to H. *c d* is a catch which is held in its present position by the spring *e f*, which is sufficiently pliable to allow first two fingers by a slight pressure upon *c d* to remove the catch so that the hook is readily slipped out of the ring O, P, and the saber is detached entirely from the belt. By the mode now in use the saber is attached by the straps to two points on the belt, and the means of attaching or detaching it are so difficult as to render it practically impracticable.

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

The attachment-hook H in combination with the ring O P, or its equivalent attached to the waist belt as indicated in the drawing M—the whole being constructed and operated substantially in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

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