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Buckle.

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Fig. 1

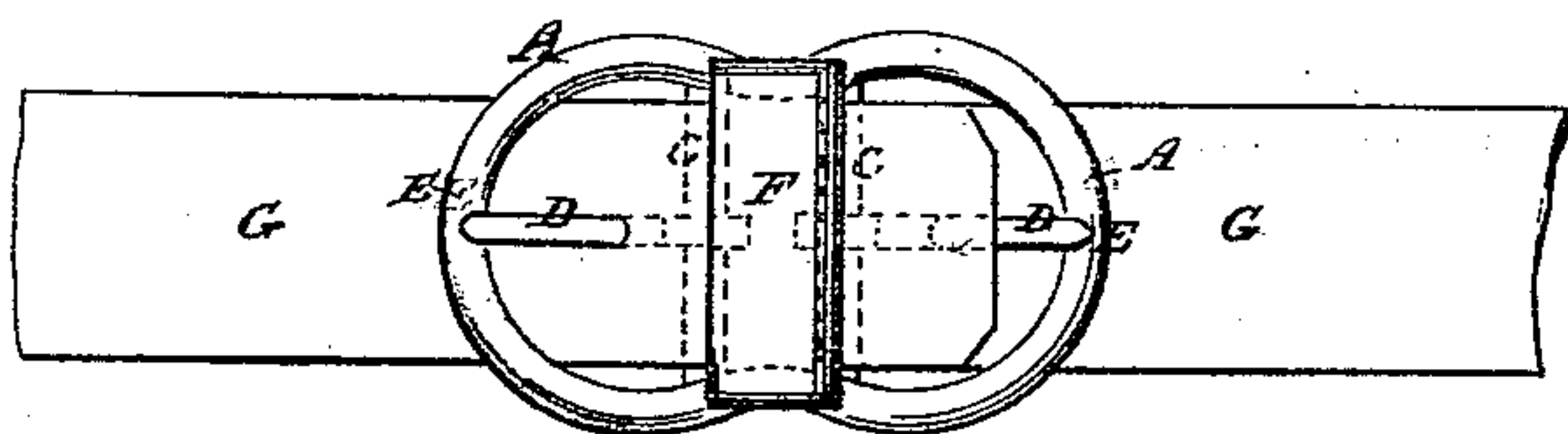
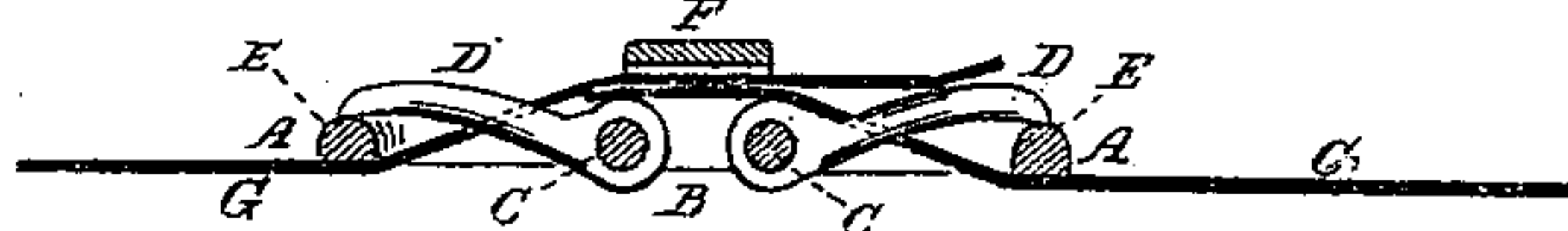


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED BUCKLE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH BARROW, of Mobile, in the county of Mobile, and State of Alabama, have invented a new and useful improvement in "Buckles;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

The present invention relates to a buckle to be used for harnesses, clothing, or any other purpose for which buckles are ordinarily employed, or to which the present form of buckle may be applicable or adaptable; and it consists in a novel construction of the same, whereby it can be readily fastened to or unfastened from the article upon which it is to be used, and many other important advantages secured, as will be obvious from the following detail description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying plate of drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the buckle, showing a strap fastened and buckled to it; and

Figure 2, a section taken in the plane of the line *x x*, fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A, in the drawings, represents the frame of the buckle, having near its central portion, B, two parallel cross-bars, C C, on each of which is hung a tongue, D, extending in opposite directions, and resting by their outer ends upon the opposite ends, E, of the buckle-frame, F, a cross-clasp or band fixed to the front side of the buckle-frame, and at or near its centre, under which clasps the ends of the strap G are passed, as plainly shown in the drawings. By means of the two tongues D, which, as is obvious, are independent of each other, the buckle can be first secured or buckled to one end of a strap, for instance, to which it is to be applied, and then passing the other end of such strap under the other end of the buckle-frame and inserting the tongue of that end in the proper aperture of the strap, its two ends are thus brought and secured together; the fastening of the buckle to the strap by simply buckling it, as explained, enabling it to be readily detached therefrom when so desired, the advantages and importance of which are obvious. In lieu of the two cross-bars C, only one may be used, the two tongues being hung to it, but in such a manner as to swing independently of each other.

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

The buckle, constructed of a continuous rigid frame A, with bars C, on which are hung the tongues D, having independent motions, and the clasp F, for holding the ends of the strap, as herein represented and described.

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