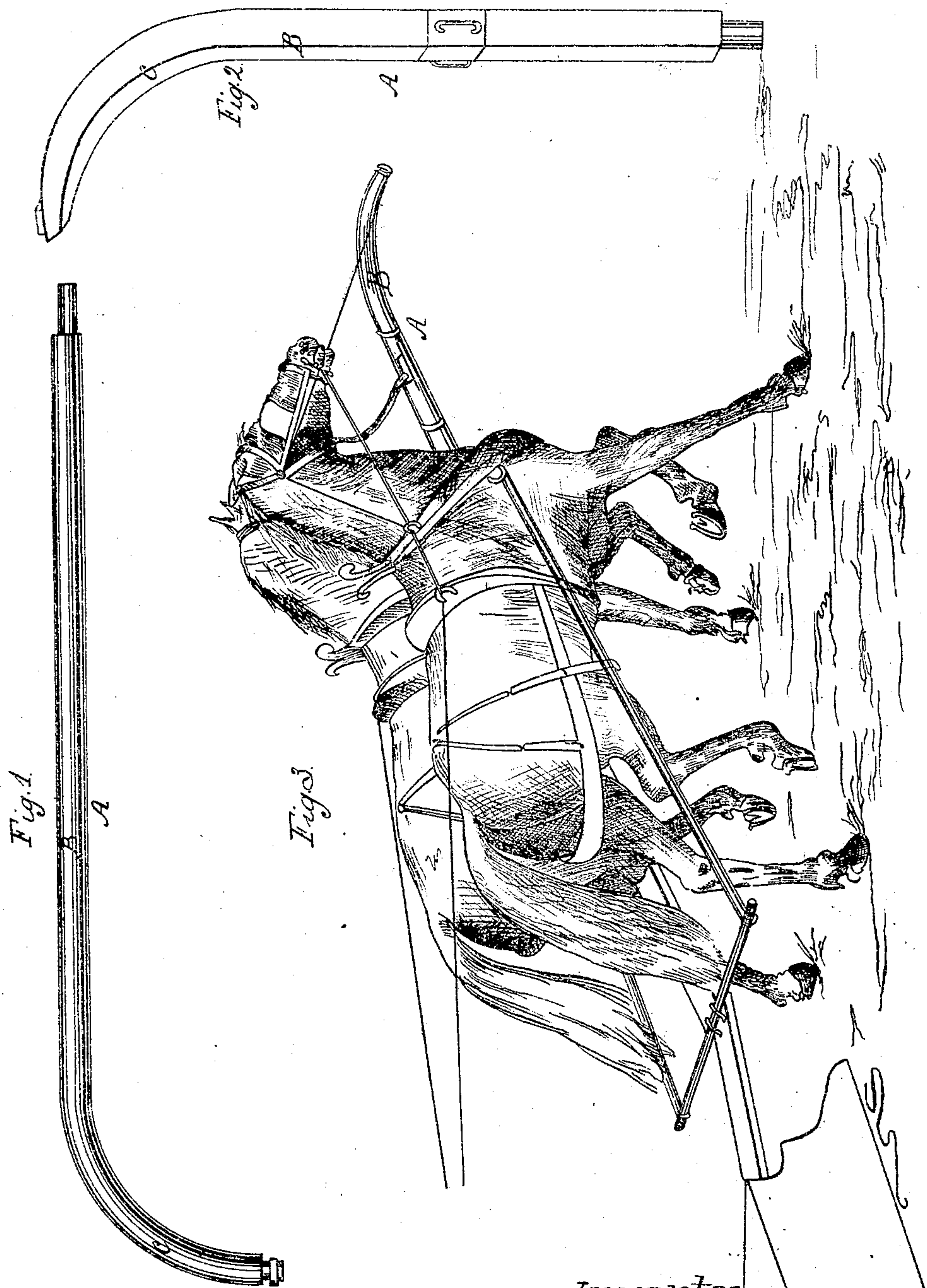


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IMPROVED HARNESS-ATTACHMENT.

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, W. W. BEEBEE, of Dubuque, in the county of Dubuque, and State of Iowa, have invented a new and improved Attachment for Harnesses; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention relates to an attachment for either single or double harnesses, the object of which is to overcome and cure all inclination in a horse to be baulky when driven, whether such horse is in single or double harness. In the accompanying plate of drawings my improved attachment for harnesses is illustrated—

Figures 1 and 2 being views of the same detached, and

Figure 3 a view showing it as applied to a double harness.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A, in the drawings, represents my improved attachment, which consists of a stick or rod of wood, or other stiff material, B, that, for a portion of its length, and at one end, C, is curved in the direction of its length, and, at the extreme point or outer end of such curved portion, grooved or otherwise prepared for receiving a strap, rope, or other line.

In the use of my improved attachment, it is to be fastened to the true or faithful horse, as for convenience I will designate the one, by inserting the rod or stick B from the front into a common thill-strap, closely fitting, and being so or otherwise attached to the side buckle of the harness, at the usual place for such straps, when, with another thill or other straps, firmly fasten the forward-projecting part to the hames or collar, and near or just below its neck-yoke strap-ring, with the bowing end of stick, about a foot or more in front of "Baulky." Now take a stout but pliable strap or rope, with snap-hook or other fixture on its end; pass the end with hook, &c., through the first bit-ring of "Baulky's" common-joint bridle-bit, then through the other bit-ring, then back and hook it into first bit-ring, thus or otherwise fastening securely to "Baulky's" under jaw. Now fasten the other end of the same strap or rope safely near to the tip end of the stick, leaving it with a length of fifteen inches, more or less, from the bit to the end of stick. A common hitching-line is now tied to the baulky horse, by the bit, and to the side buckle of the true horse, leaving about one foot or more play to the baulky horse, to prevent his plunging too far forward when the attachment is ready, and, by the action of the "fast-and-loose" bit and strap or rope upon the under jaw of the baulky horse, it soon reduces him to the condition desired and necessary for driving him.

When my attachment is to be used for a single horse, it is made longer and lighter than for two horses, and is flattened to fit snugly upon upper side of right shaft of buggy, with two staples so attached to the instrument that one shall be near the back end, and one just forward of the usual hold-back iron, on the under side of the shaft. Corresponding staples are put upon the under side of the shaft, and the straps are put around at each place, and are tightly drawn and buckled. This places the point of the attachment about one foot before the horse's head. A little pulley is set in or near the end, and a line from the horse's bridle, attached as in the two-horse plan, passes through the instrument and around the pulley, and back through the rings or terrets, and back to the buggy; and there it is so attached to the dash, or forward piece below the dash, that, with a little lever with a pulley in it, one-third distance from the bottom end of lever, it shall shorten the rein double the distance that the lever is drawn at that point, the lever to be easily reached, and drawn back like one on a mowing-machine.

This is only designed for horses easily managed, and for those already trained by a few good lessons beside a true horse. In the latter case, this fixture will be a complete and sufficient reminder. But, for a headstrong, baulky horse, at the outset, one will need the aid of a good and true horse to keep him controlled, and from dangerous plungings and side-turnings.

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

An attachment for harnesses, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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