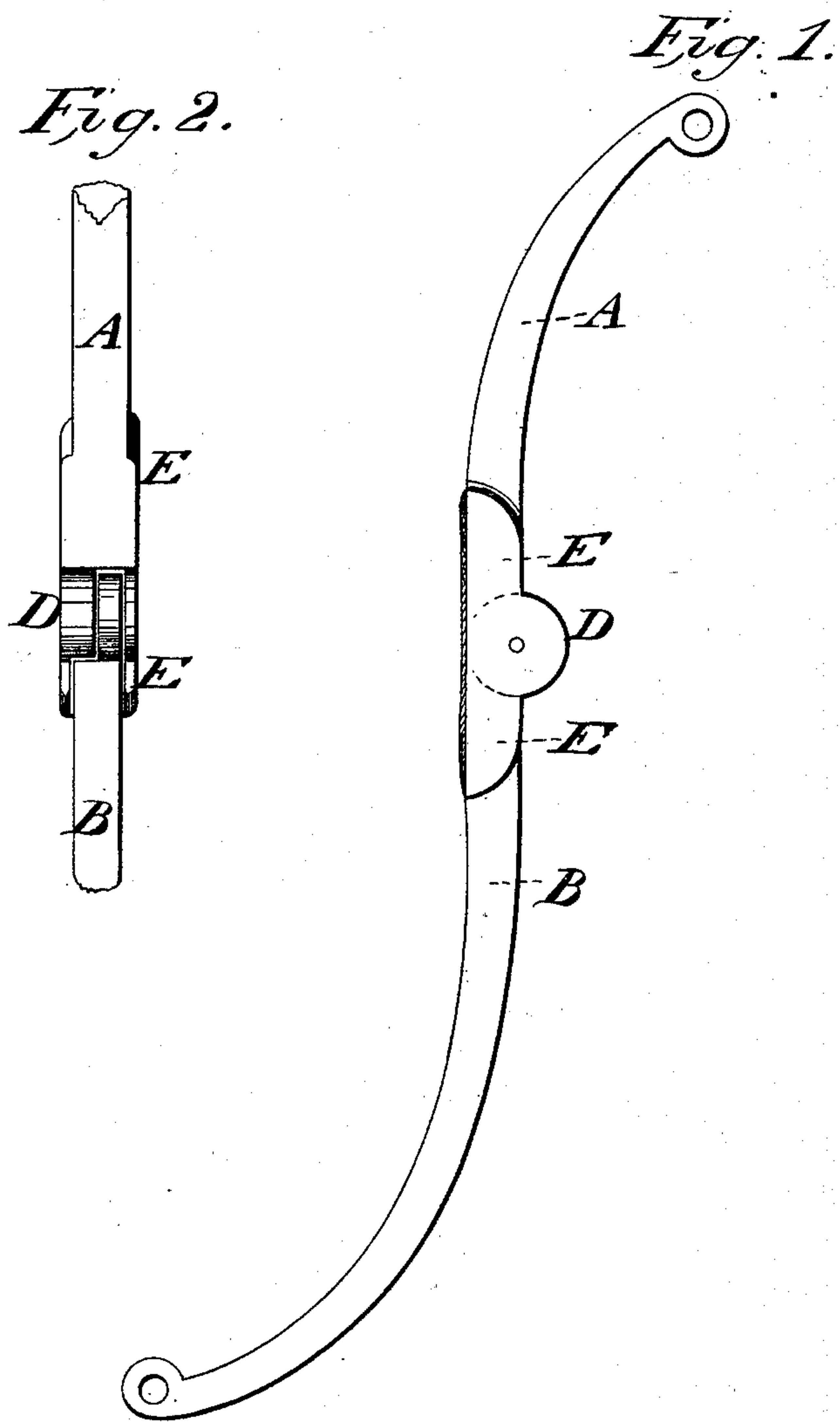


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Carriage Brace.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CARRIAGE-BRACE.

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, MOSES POWE, of Belvidere, in the county of Warren, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and improved Brace for Carriage-Hoods; 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 part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved brace.

Figure 2 is a detail front view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to the joint of the brace of carriage-tops or hoods, and consists of a rigid metallic sheath, lapping on three sides of the joint when the hood is raised, the said sheath serving to protect the joint from dust or moisture, and at the same time providing a better means of holding the brace in the rigid manner requisite.

In the drawings, A and B are the two parts of the brace, jointed at D, in the usual manner. Attached to or formed on the upper part, A, is the sheath E, the upper part of which is a fixed attachment thereto. The lower part of the sheath fits, with smooth contact of its three sides, against the corresponding sides of the part B, as shown, whereby it serves to protect the joint, as before stated, and also to provide a firm and exceedingly durable joint, that will not wear loose, as do the joints as heretofore made.

I am aware that a stop for a partially similar purpose has been patented by Pardon Boyden, (No. 23,347,) but such stop affords no protection to the joint, nor does it confer any lateral stiffness to the same, as does my improvement, as above set forth. The invention cited is, moreover, as liable to wear and become loose as the common unaided joints. My improvement is at once simple, cheap, and durable, and presents an attractive and ornamental appearance.

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

The sheath E, covering three sides of the joint of a brace for vehicle-hoods or tops, and attached to one of the braces, all substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes specified.

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