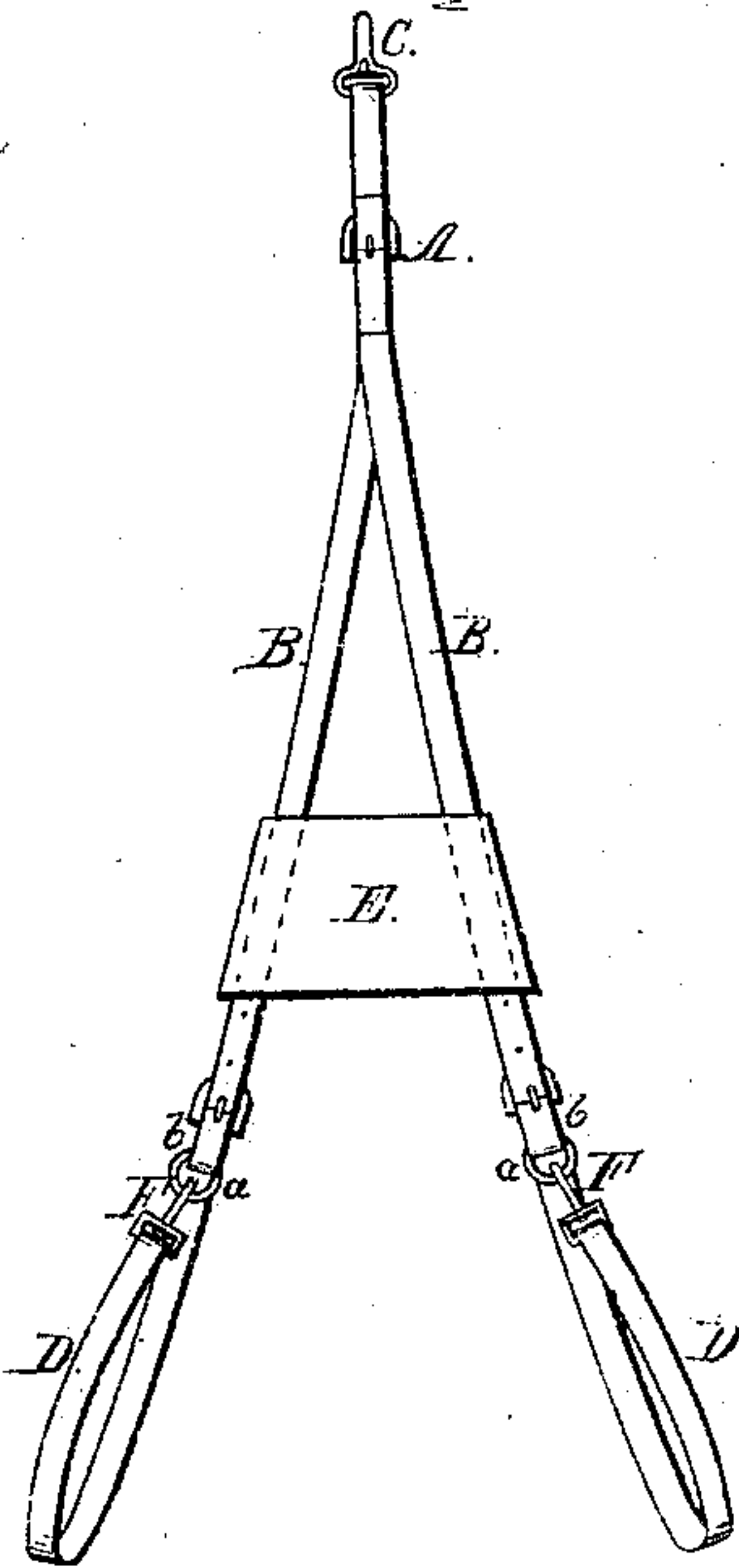
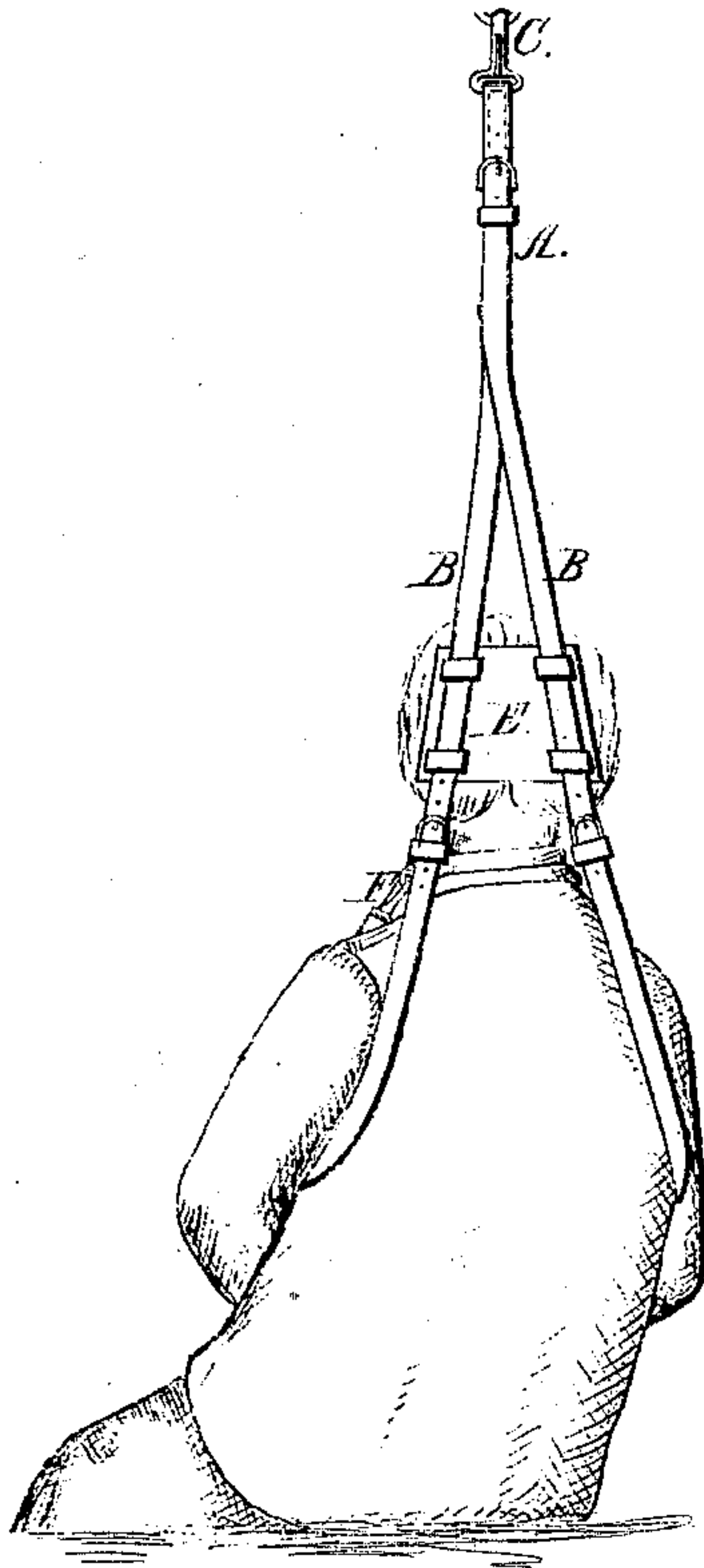


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IMPROVED HEAD AND SHOULDER-REST.

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, ABRAHAM V. W. VAN VECHTEN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Head and Shoulder-Rest; and I do hereby declare the following to be 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 drawing, forming part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 represents my invention as it appears when applied in use.

Figure 2 is an elevation which shows the front side thereof.

This invention consists in a combined head and shoulder-rest, which is composed of a main supporting-strap, which branches off in two adjustable suspenders, to which is attached an adjustable head-rest, in such a manner that by suspending the main strap from the ceiling or side of a room, over a bed or chair, or from the roof or side of a railroad-car, over a car-seat, the occupant of said bed, chair, or seat is enabled to support his or her body and his or her head in a convenient position, and to change position at will.

A represents the main strap, the length of which is adjustable by a buckle, or other suitable means, and which is connected to a hook or looped cord, C, of any suitable construction; by preference a snap-hook, which can be conveniently introduced and fastened to an eye-bolt or staple in the ceiling or side of a room, or in the roof or side of a car, or to the top of a high-backed chair, or frame, or bed. The main strap A branches off in two suspending-straps, B B, the lower ends of which are provided with snap-hooks, F, which can be made to catch into rings *a*, secured to short branch-straps *b*, which connect to the straps B B, by buckles or other suitable means, as clearly shown in fig. 2 of the drawing. By securing the hooks F in the rings *a*, loops D are formed, and by adjusting the straps *b*, up or down, these loops can be adjusted higher or lower, to suit circumstances, and the size of persons.

E is the head-rest, which is adjustable up and down, on the branch-straps B, by loops or other suitable means, as shown in fig. 1 of the drawing. This head and shoulder-rest may be made simply of a piece of leather, of convenient size, or it may be of any other suitable material, and cushioned if desired.

The operation is as follows: After the strap A has been suspended from the ceiling or side of a room, over a bed or chair, or from the roof or side of a railroad-car, or other vehicle, over a seat, the loops D and the head-rest E are adjusted to suit the stature of the occupant of said bed, chair, or seat, and a convenient rest is obtained for the shoulders and for the head, in a sitting or partly reclining position, as shown in fig. 1 of the drawing. This device is applicable for sick-rooms or hospitals, and particularly for railroad-cars and other vehicles, and when it is not to be used it can be stowed away in a small compass, so that every traveller can carry the same without trouble. For the loops D D may be substituted hooks of wood, metal, or other suitable hard substance, hooked in rings *a a*, and the suspending-straps B B may then be terminated a few inches below the buckles or the short branch-straps *b b*.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A head and shoulder-rest, composed of the main strap A, branches B, loops D, and head-rest E, all as shown and described.

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