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Fig. 3.

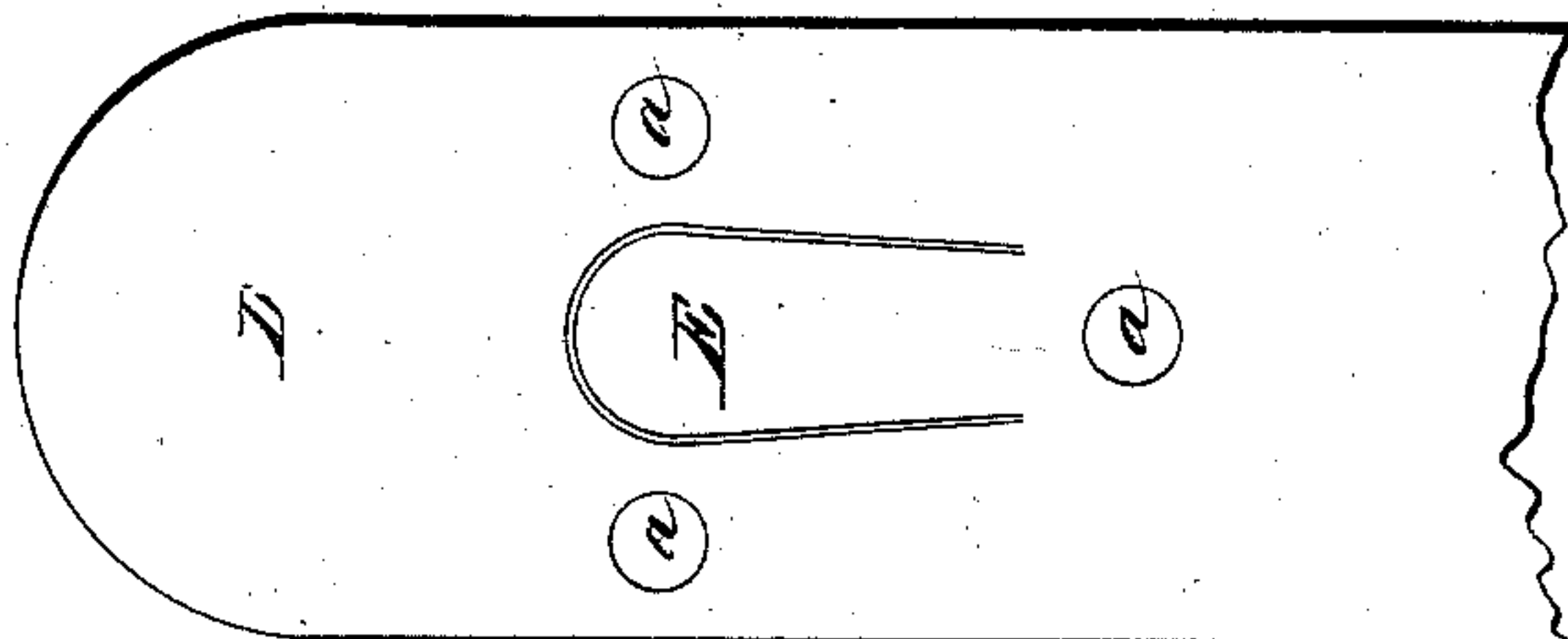


Fig. 2.

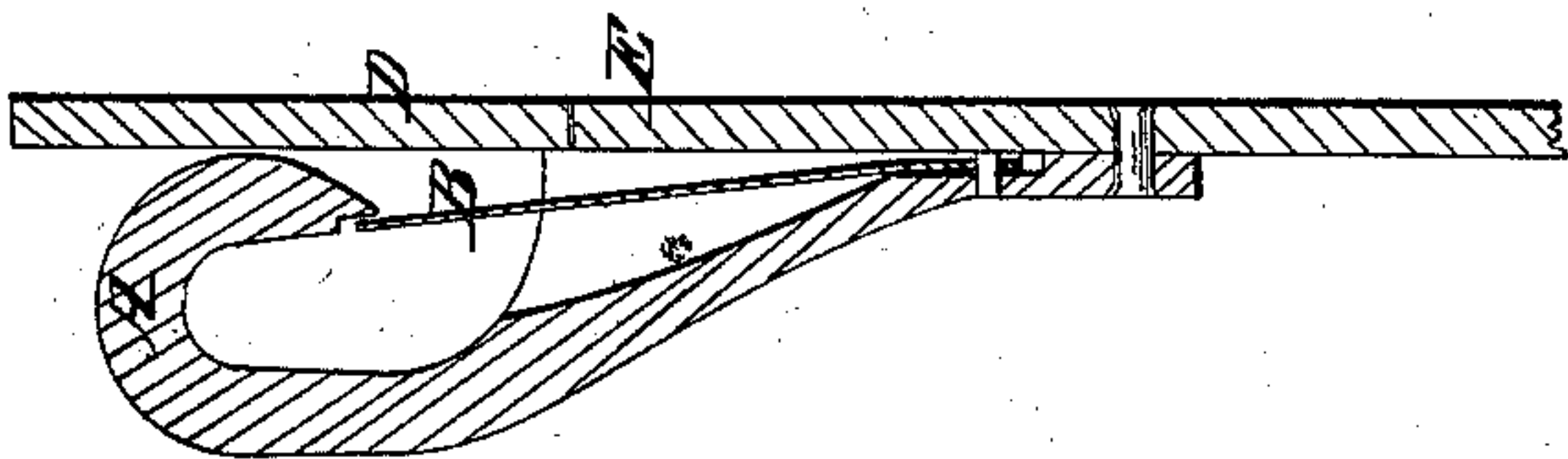
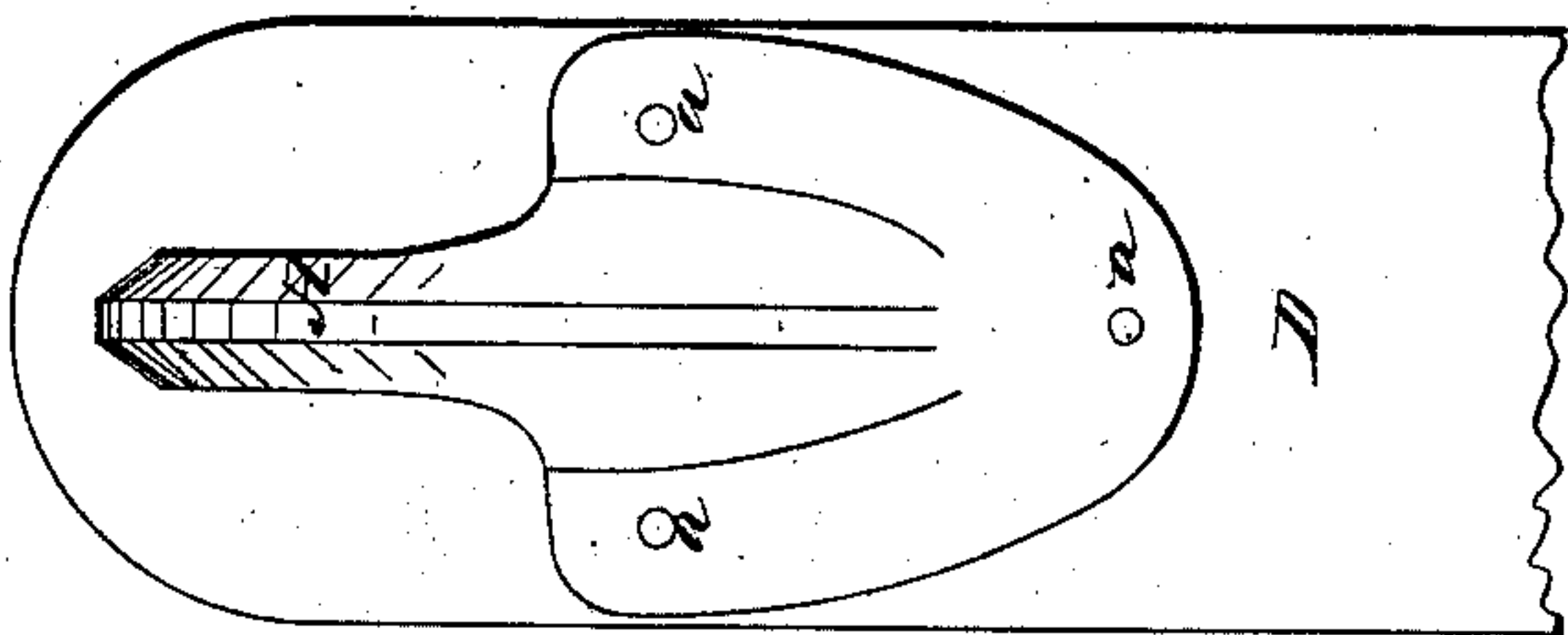


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SNAP-HOOKS.

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, WILLIAM H. BOUSER, of Paris, in the county of Edgar, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Snap-Hooks for harness; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing a snap-hook, with a leather shield to protect the spring, and also making a thumb-piece in said shield, to allow and provide ready means for bending the spring upwards when it is desirable so to do.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a plan view of my snap-hook,

Figure 3 is an inverted plan view, and

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section thereof.

The letter A is the hook proper, letter B is the spring, letter D is the leather shield, and letter E is the thumb-piece.

The shield D is constructed in the form shown, and is attached to the flanches of the hook proper by rivets or screws *a a a*.

The thumb-piece E is cut in the shield D in the manner shown in fig. 3. Its office is to aid in protecting the spring B, and at the same time to afford ready means of bending said spring backward.

My device is valuable, in that it serves as a protection to the spring of a snap-hook, and prevents a great part of that bending and breakage so common to such devices. It also possesses the merit of neatness and beauty of outline.

It may be used on the saddle, back-band, martingale-straps, tugs, and other parts of a harness, and when artistically constructed will prove both useful and ornamental.

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

A snap-hook for harness, having hook A, spring B, shield D, and thumb-piece E, constructed, combined, arranged, and operating substantially as specified.

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