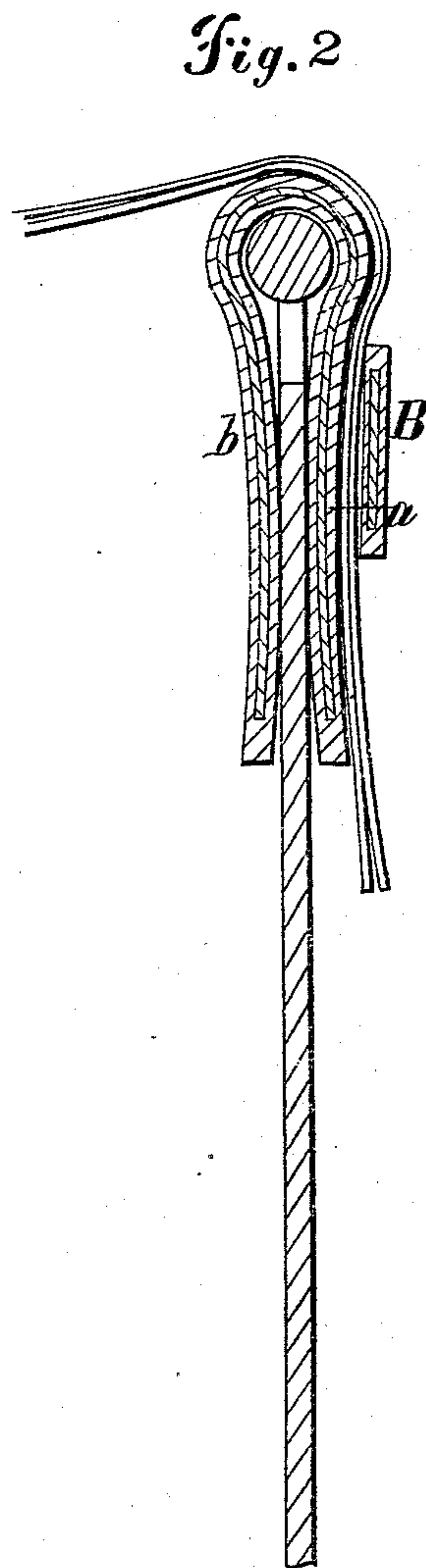
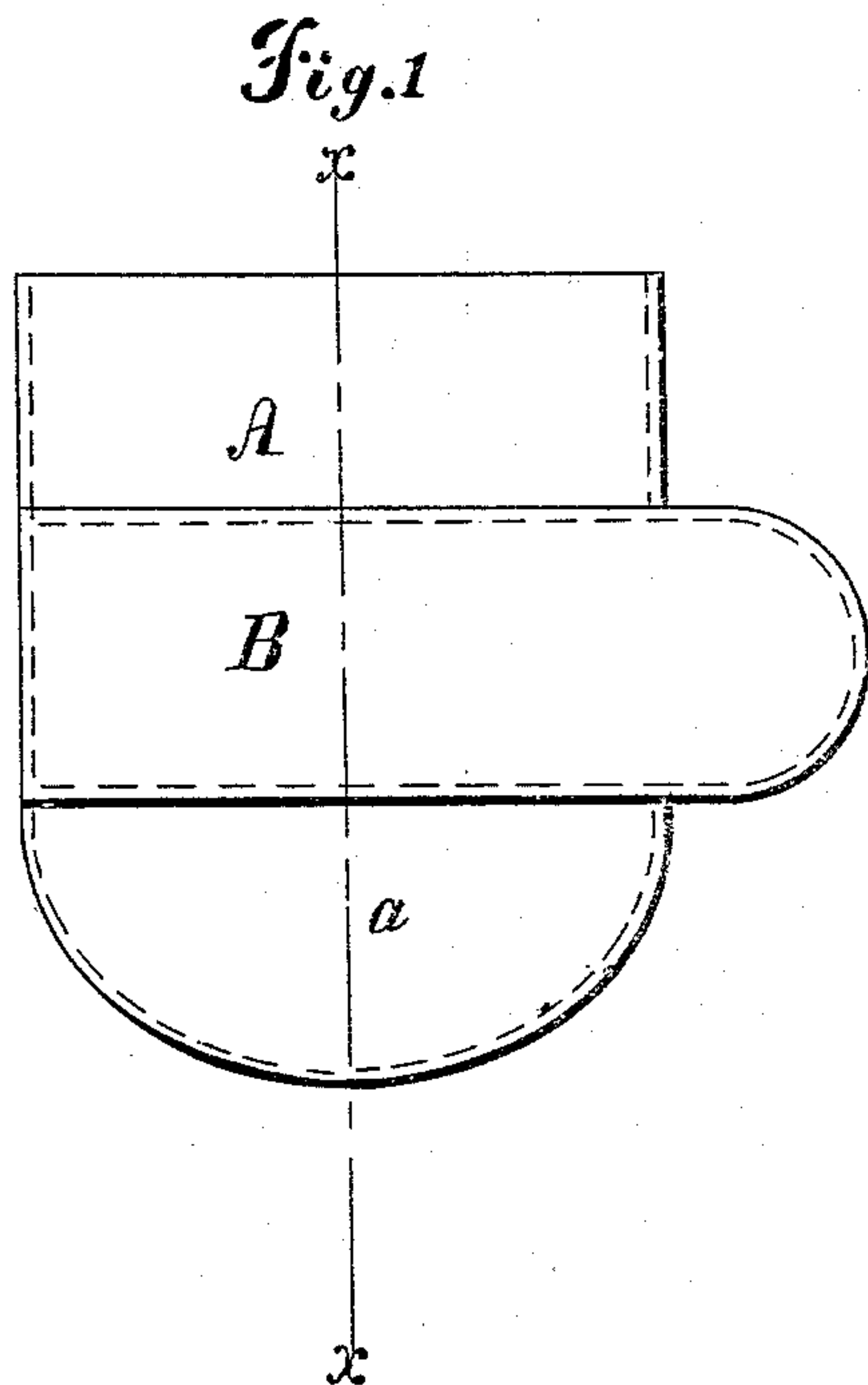


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IMPROVED REIN-HOLDER.

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, ISAAC HULL, of Stamford, in the county of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and improved Rein-Holder; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved rein-holder.

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse section taken on the plane of the line *x x*, fig. 1.

My invention consists in an improved device for holding driving-reins, composed of a clamp and spring combined together, the one for clasp the dash-board of the vehicle, and the other for clamping the reins placed between it and one jaw of the clamp, whereby I produce an exceedingly simple and efficient device for holding carriage-reins during a temporary absence from one's carriage.

A designates a clamp, which, preferably, I make of steel, said clamp having two jaws, *a b*, (see fig. 2,) which clasp the dash-board of the carriage on opposite sides. This clamp may be covered with leather, or be japanned, or otherwise protected from rust, or rendered ornamental. I have shown it as covered with leather, which is secured by stitching around its edges.

B designates a spring, which, preferably, I construct of steel, and which may be covered with leather, or be japanned, or otherwise protected from rust. I have shown it as covered with leather, which is secured to

it by stitching around its edges. The said spring is secured to that side of the clamp A which faces the inside of the carriage, and it may be so secured in any suitable way. I have shown the covering of the spring securely stitched to the covering of the clamp at a point beyond the metal, as being a simple and efficient manner of securing the two parts together.

In using the device, the reins are to be taken in the hand and pressed between the spring B and the clamp A; and this can be easily done by pressing slightly outward the said spring B, as is obvious. The spring B holds the reins securely, and there is no liability of their getting under the horse's feet, and they are always in a position to be quickly seized on entering a carriage. The device is simple, and can be very cheaply constructed.

I am aware that springs have been employed for holding driving-reins, applied to the dash-board of a carriage in various ways, but I am not aware of any device of the same or substantially the same construction as that herein shown and described.

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

A device for holding driving-reins, composed of the clamp A and spring B, constructed and operating substantially as herein specified.

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