

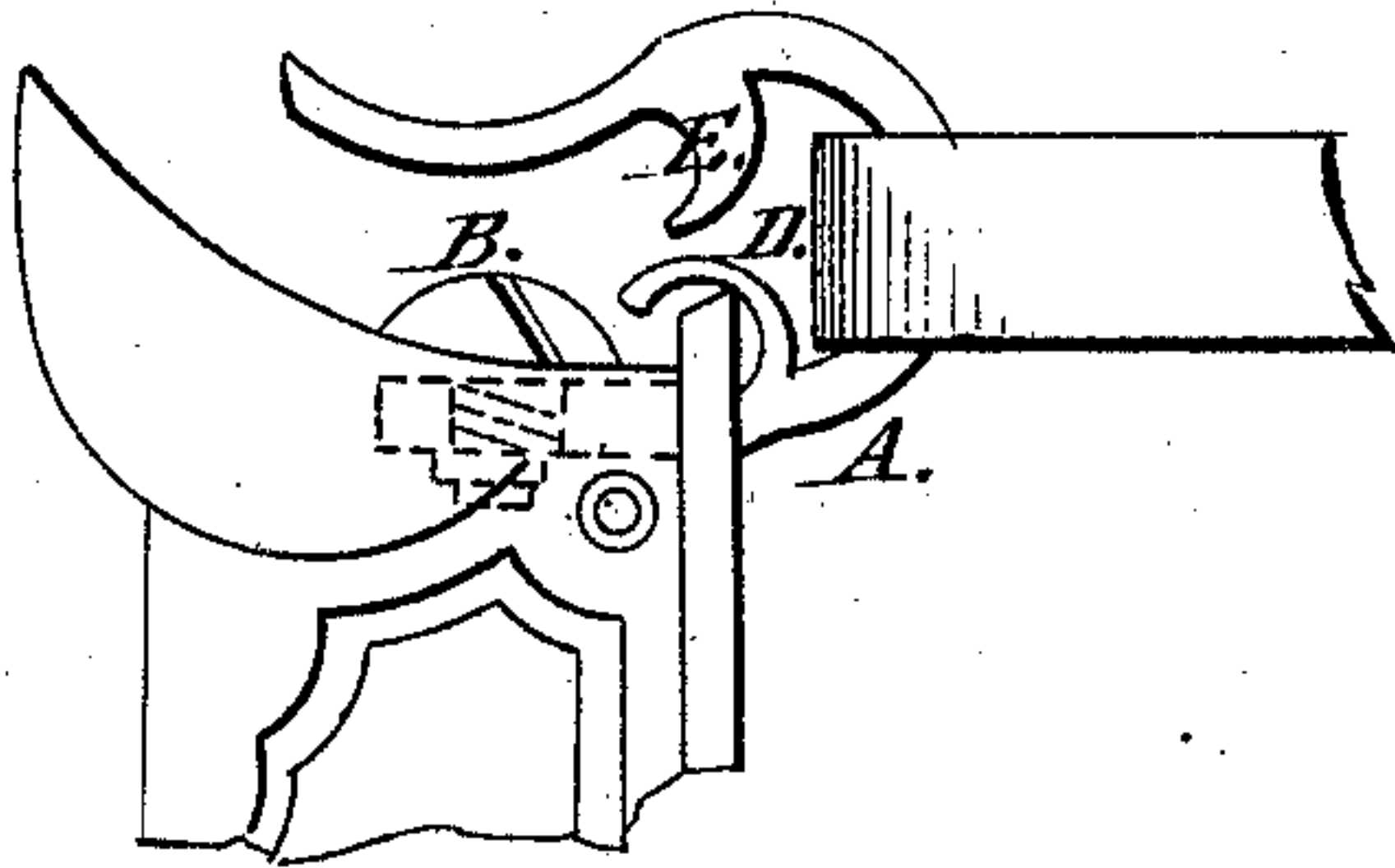
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*Check Hook.*

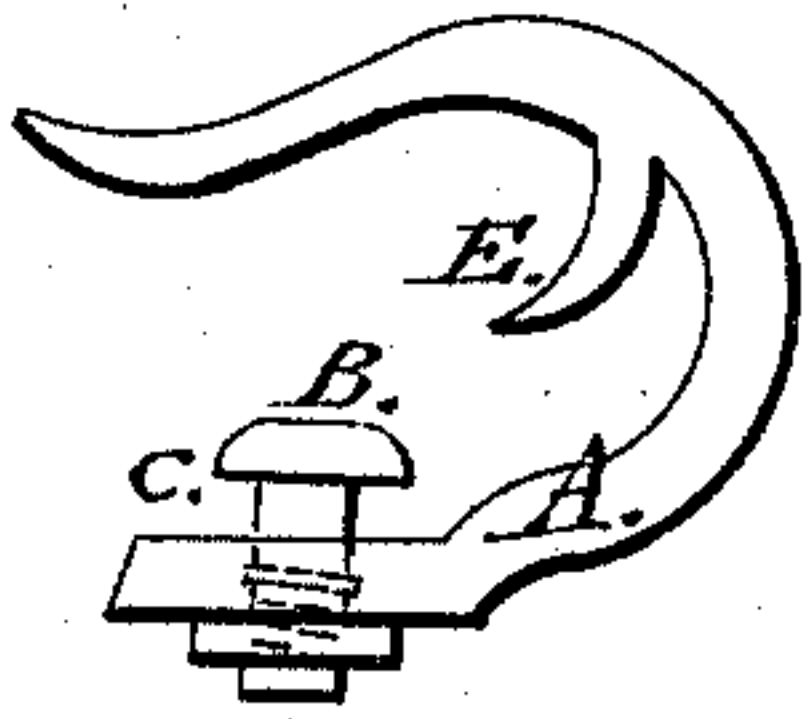
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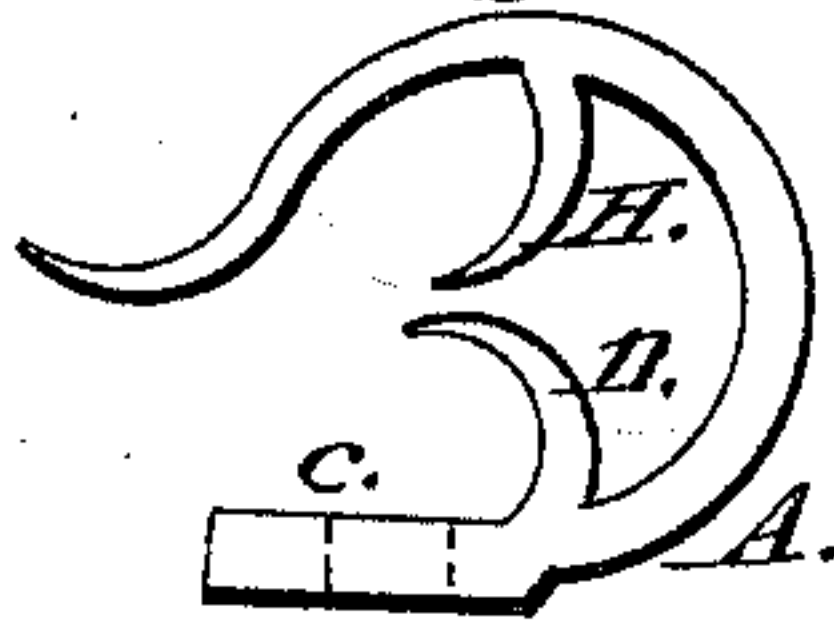
*Fig. 1.*



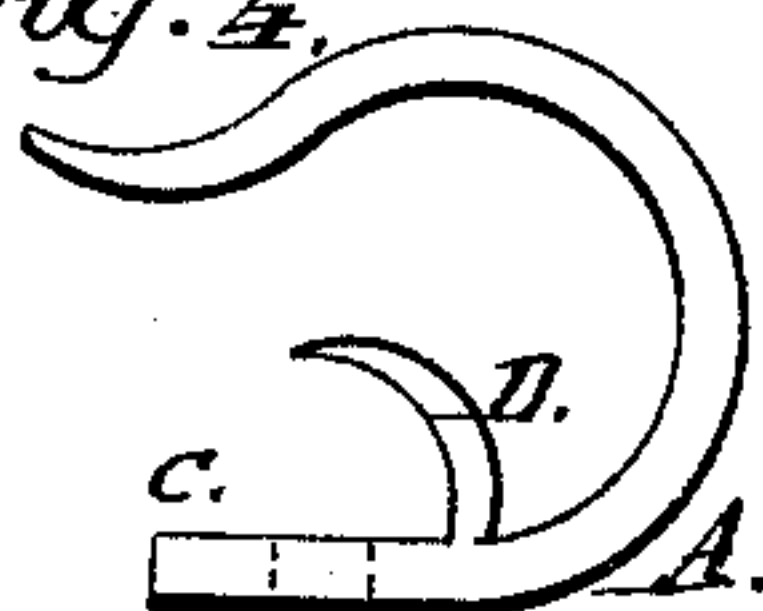
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## IMPROVED CHECK-HOOK.

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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE THEOBALT, of Springfield, Hampden county, State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Harness; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and clear description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the drawings—

Figure I is a side view, and

Figures II, III, and IV, detail views of the same.

This invention consists in a peculiar construction of the check-hook, whereby it is more steadily attached to the saddle, and prevents the check-rein from getting out of place by jolting or slipping off the hook.

In the drawing, Fig. I shows the hook A attached to the saddle by means of the screw-bolt B, which passes through the saddle and enters the hook at C.

A horn-shaped projection, D, curves over the front of the saddle, and serves to keep it firmly attached in conjunction with the screw-bolt.

Besides this projection D, is a similar one, E, projecting downward from the hook.

In putting in the check-rein, it is slipped edgewise through the narrow space between the two projections D and E, and then fitting broadly against the front of the hook, it is impossible for it to jolt or slip out when slacked.

This hook may be constructed as shown in Figs. H. and IV respectively, without the hook D or E, one of them in each case being retained.

The advantages of this hook are, that it is firmly attached to the saddle at little expense, and prevents the check-rein from slipping out of place.

Now, having described my invention,

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

The construction of the hook A, with projections D and E, and with screw-hole C, whereby it is attached to the saddle by means of the screw-bolt B.

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