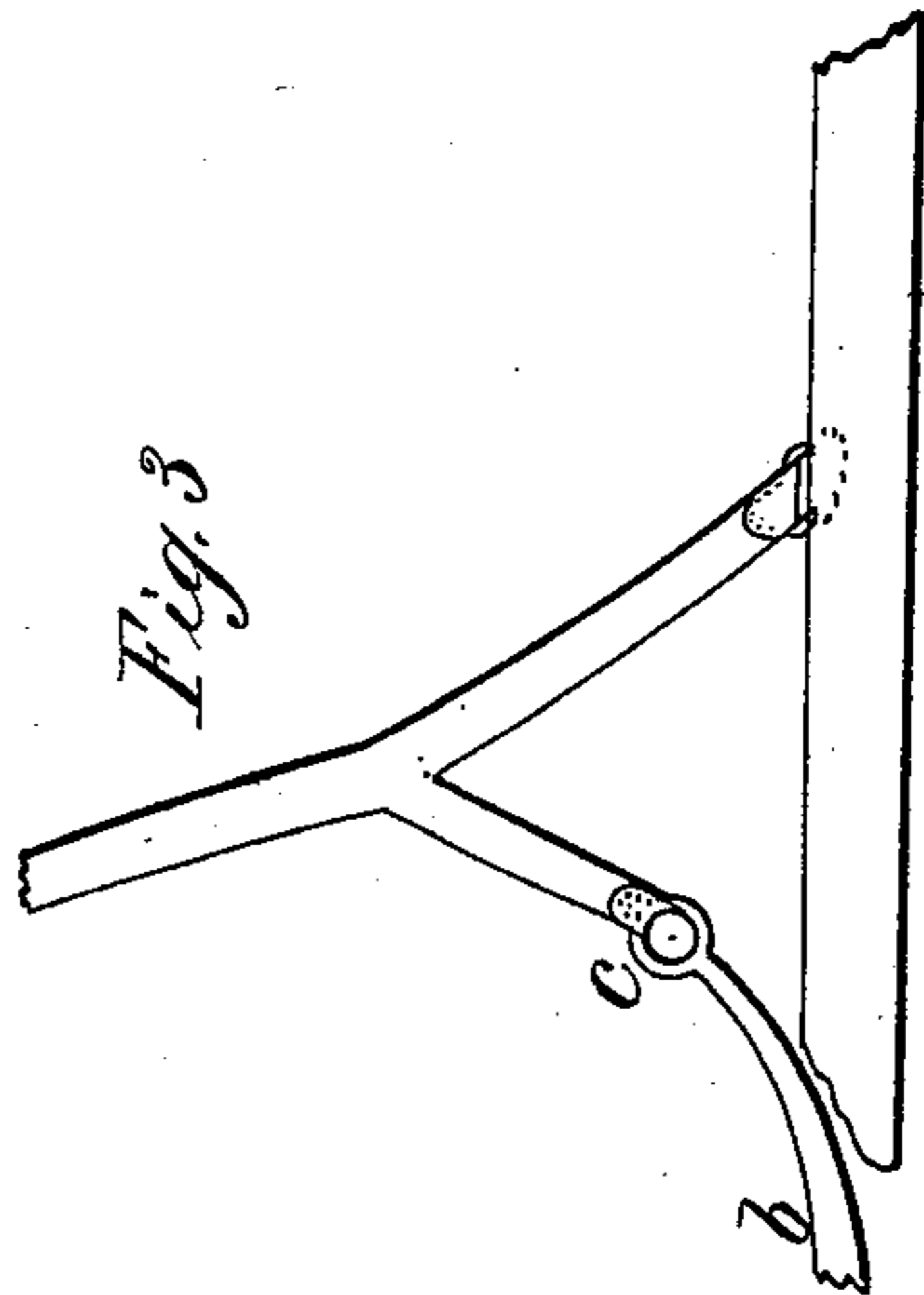
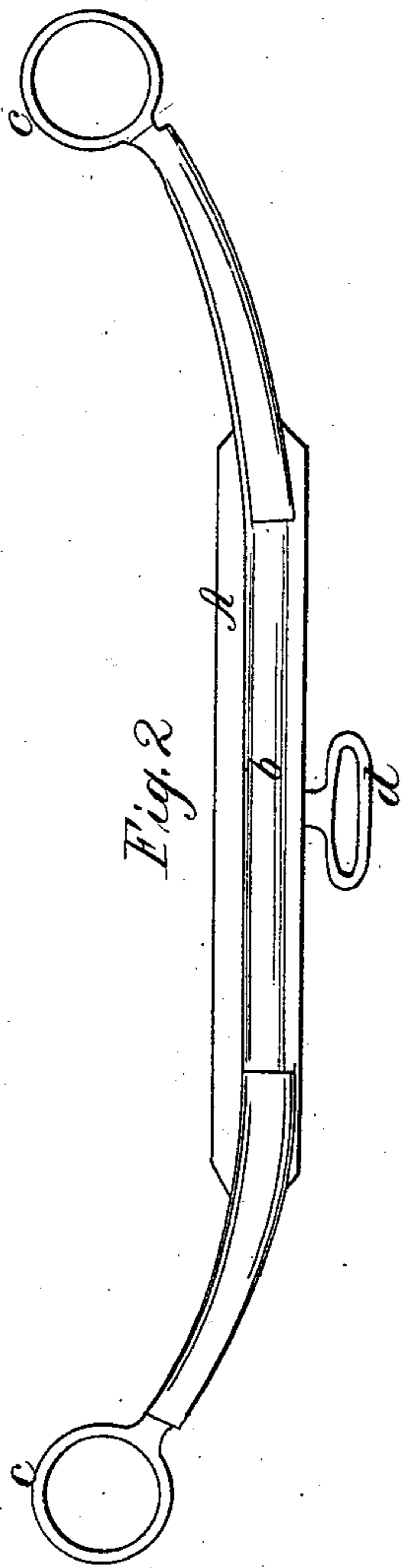
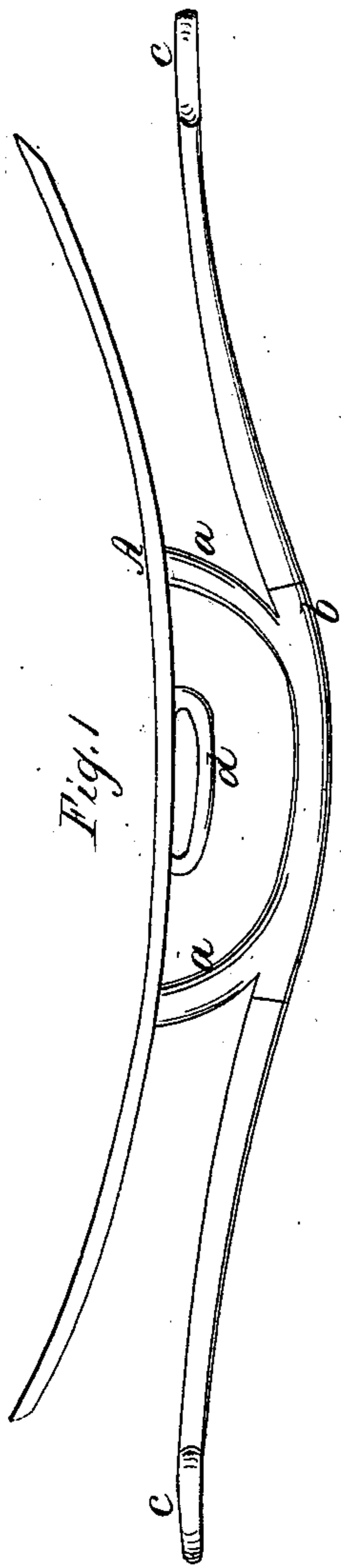


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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Breastplate for the Breast-Collars of Double Harness; and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvement, by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

This invention relates to a new and improved breastplate for the breast-collars of double harnesses, whereby the collars are retained in proper shape or form, rendered more durable than usual, and have a much better appearance than the ordinary breast-collars.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a detached plan or top view of my invention.

Figure 2, a front view of the same.

Figure 3, a diagram, showing the application of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several drawings.

A represents a curved plate, of such form or shape that it will conform to the curvature of the front or breast-strap of the collar.

This plate A is covered by a strip of leather, or is inclosed between the layers of the leather of the front or breast-strap.

This plate A is connected by two curved arms *a a*, with a bar *b*, which constitutes the main portion of the device, and owing to the arms *a a*, projects out a short distance in front of the breast-strap, the arms *a* and the bar *b* forming a loop, in which the pole-strap is secured.

The bar *b* is somewhat longer than the plate A, and has its ends curved upward with an eye, *c*, at each end, to receive one branch of the supporting-strap, the other branch being attached or connected by a buckle, with a tug or small strap secured to the breast-strap, as shown in red, fig. 3.

To the lower edge of the plate A, there is connected a metal loop, *d*, to which the martingale-strap is secured.

The several parts A *a a b d* may all be cast in one piece, or connected permanently together by forging. The device gives strength and durability to the breast-collar, ordinarily so called, and besides this adds much to the appearance of the same.

In descending eminences, for instance, the front or breast-straps are drawn forward in a greater or lesser degree, owing to the forward movement of the vehicles, the pole-straps, of course, serving as the hold-backs.

In my improvement, the plate A serves as a stay and support to the breast-straps, preserving their shape, and preventing undue strain or injury to said straps.

Having thus described my invention,

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

A breastplate for the breast-collars of double harnesses, composed of the plate A, curved arms *a a*, and the curved bar *b*, provided with a loop or eye, *c*, at each end, and the martingale-loop, *d*, at the lower edge of the plate A, all being combined and constructed and applied, substantially in the manner as herein shown and described.

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