

B. HUNTER.  
Hitching-Straps.

No. 126,145.

Patented April 30, 1872.

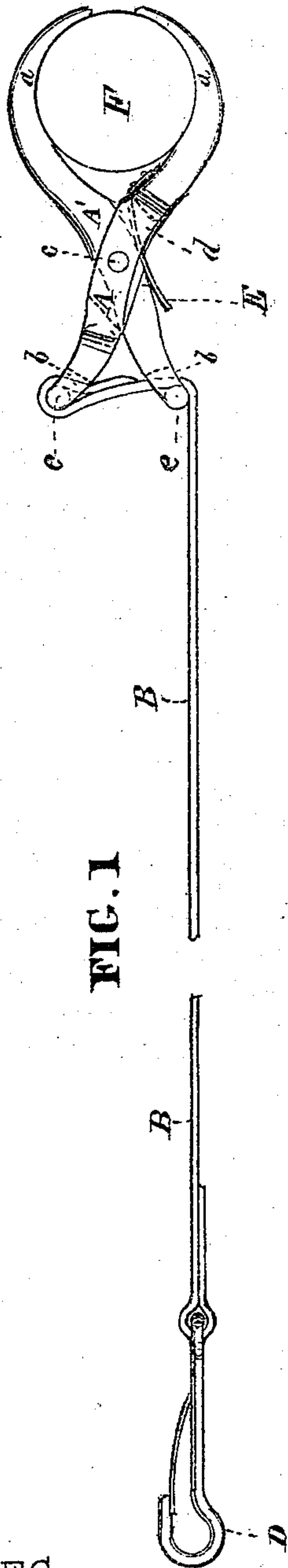


FIG. 1

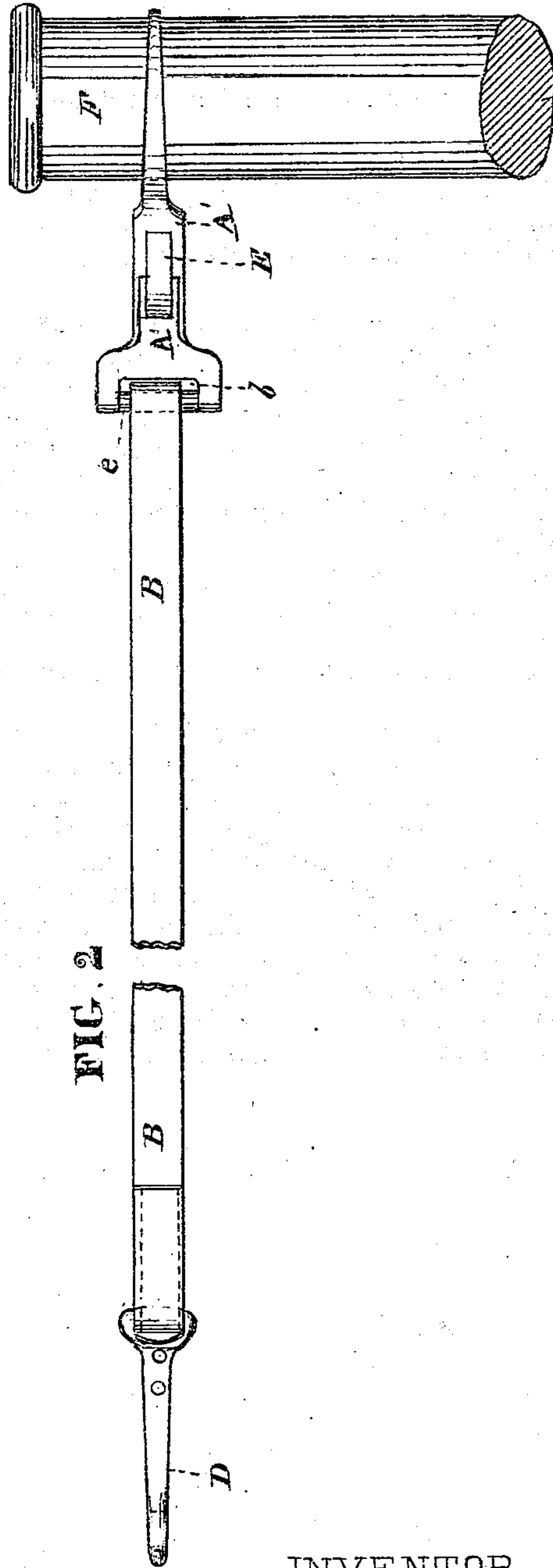


FIG. 2

WITNESSES

*Thomas J. Dewley*  
*Isaac Rindge*

INVENTOR

*Benjamin Hunter*  
*By His Attorney*  
*Stephen Ustick*

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

BENJAMIN HUNTER, OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

## IMPROVEMENT IN HITCHING-STRAPS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 126,145, dated April 30, 1872.

Specification describing an Improvement in Hitching-Straps, invented by BENJAMIN HUNTER, of the city of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania.

My invention consists of a pair of tongs so constructed and combined with a hitching-strap that, when their jaws are caught on opposite sides of a post or other thing to which the horse is to be hitched, the pulling of the horse on the strap tightens them and thus makes the fastening secure, as will be seen by the following description.

Figure 1 is a face view of the tongs A and A', in combination with the strap B. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same.

Like letters in both figures indicate the same parts.

A and A' are two tongs, each of which has at one end a clasp hooked jaw, *a*, and at the other end a slot, *b*. They are connected together by means of the pin *c* and the slot *d* of the tong A. B is the hitching-strap, connected at one end with the round *e* at the termination of the slot *b* of the piece A, and passed through the slot *b* of the tong A'. The other end of the strap is provided with a spring-hook, D, for connecting it to the bridle-bit in the usual manner. The tong A is provided with

a spring, E, the resilient part of which bears against the outer side of the slotted end of the tong A' to close the jaws *a a* against the post F or other thing to be hitched to, to hold the tongs in position.

If the horse should pull the strap in order to escape, the tightening of the device is increased according to the force thus exerted, so as to prevent any possibility of the horse getting loose.

When it is most convenient to use a board or other flat thing to hitch to, the pointed terminations *ff* of the jaws *a a* are sprung against its opposite sides—the points being caused to bite hard upon the same by the pulling of the horse, the latter is securely fastened.

### *Claim.*

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, the hitching device, consisting of the tongs A A', the spring E, strap B, and spring-hook D, all constructed and arranged for joint operation, substantially in the manner and for the purpose above described.

Witnesses: BENJAMIN HUNTER.

STEPHEN USTICK,  
THOMAS J. BEWLEY.