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Fig. 1.

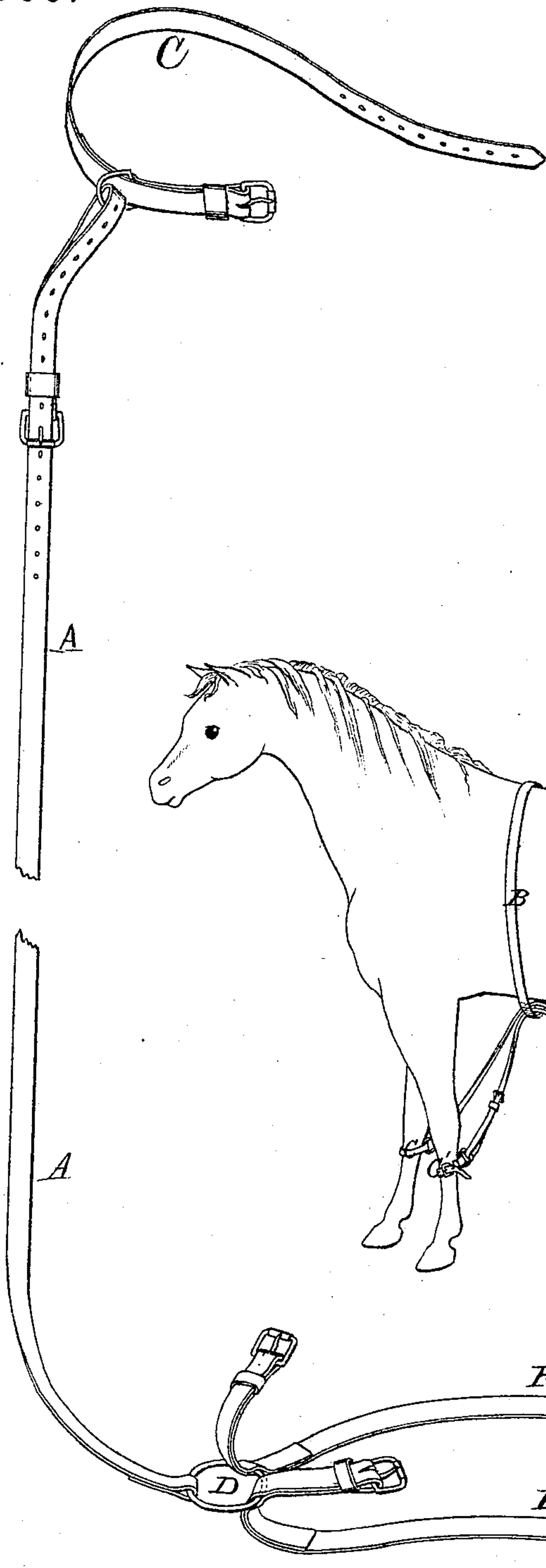
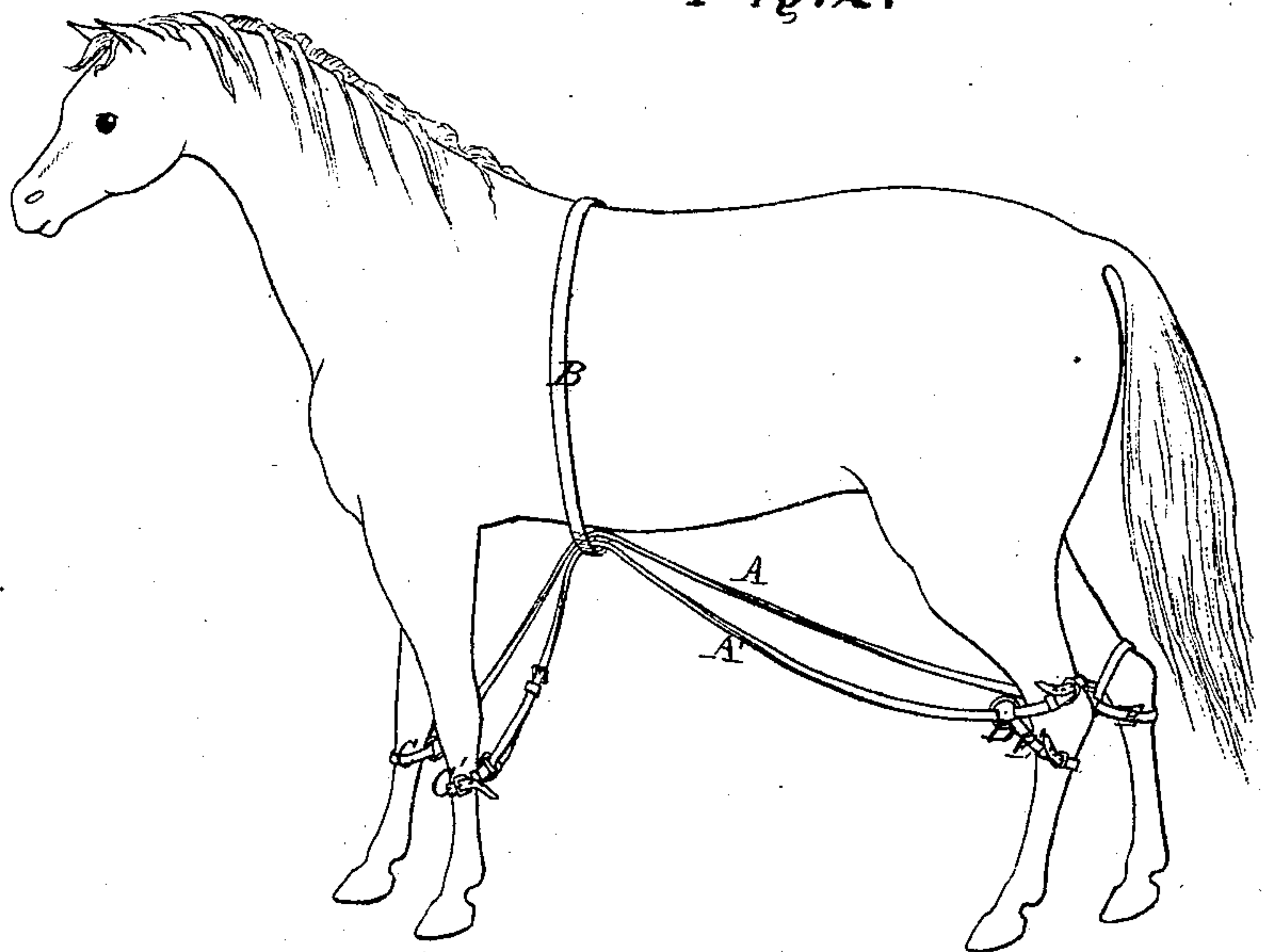


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN DEVICES FOR TRAINING HORSES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, O. S. PRATT, of Batavia, in the county of Genesee and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Means for Educating Horses; 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 drawing making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a representation of my invention showing the straps employed. Fig. 2 is a view showing the application to prevent a horse from jumping. Fig. 3 is a view showing the application to teach a horse to trot.

My invention has relation to means for teaching a pacing-horse to trot; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of the hampering-straps hereinafter described.

The letter A of the drawing designates a strap or rope of sufficient length to pass from just under the knee of the horse over a surcingle to the gambрил-joint. B represents the surcingle. C designates a short strap secured to one end of the strap A, and adapted to be buckled around the fore leg just below the knee. The object of making this strap in a separate piece is to permit of the lengthening of the strap A to suit horses of different sizes. But both of these straps A and C may be made in one piece if desired. D represents a ring attached to the other end of the strap A, and to this ring are secured two short straps, E E, adapted to be fastened around the hind leg of the horse, one above and the other below the gambрил-joint.

The method of application is as follows: The strap C, having been buckled around the

fore leg just below the knee, the strap A is carried over the surcingle to the gambрил of the opposite side, around which the straps E E are fastened above and below the joint, as above mentioned. A similar strap, A' B' E', is arranged to connect the other hind and fore legs in the same manner, both straps passing over the surcingle and crossing each other under the belly of the horse. This arrangement is indicated in Fig. 3 of the drawing, and it is evident that when the straps are properly adjusted it is impossible for the horse to take the pacing gait. He must of necessity trot.

These straps may also be used with excellent effect to prevent a horse from leaping a fence and thereby getting out of an inclosure. For this purpose the adjustment is similar to that above described with the exception that the straps should not be crossed. It is evident that when the horse rears to go over a fence or other obstruction, the straps will take his hind feet from under him and set him back in the field out of which he is endeavoring to jump. Instead of straps stout cords or ropes may be employed to connect the hind and fore legs in the manner hereinbefore mentioned.

What I claim as my invention is—

The arrangement of the straps or ropes herein described when applied in the manner specified, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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