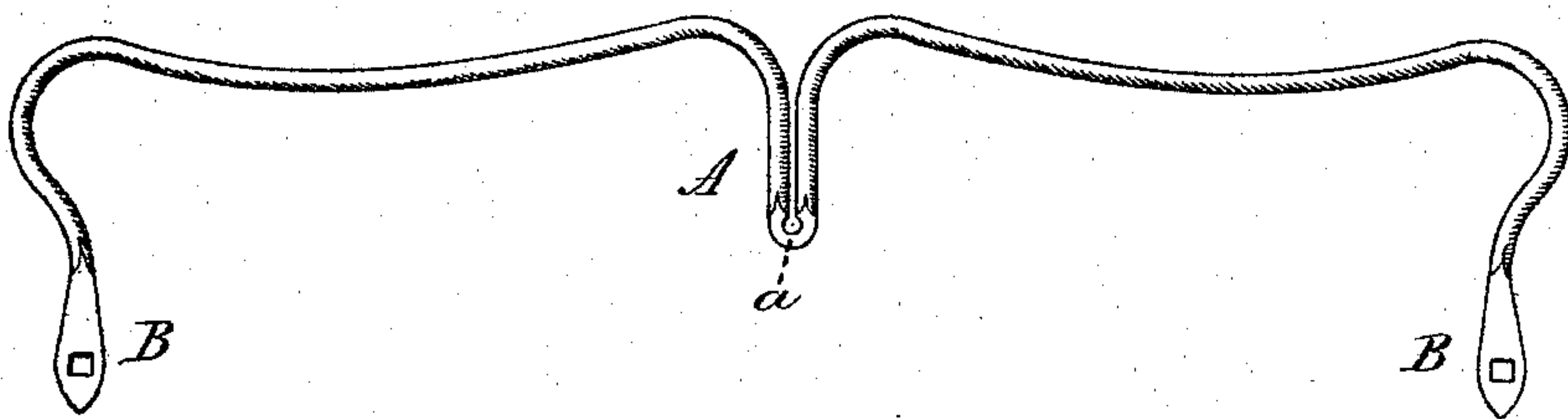


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Dash-Rails for Childrens' Carriages.

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IMPROVEMENT IN DASH-RAILS FOR CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MERRITT HINE, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Dash-Rail for Child's Carriage; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents a front view.

This invention relates to an improvement in the construction of the rod which extends over the upper edge of the dash in child's carriages or perambulators, commonly called dash-rails, and particularly to the central portion, by which the rail is supported. This has usually been done by soldering or brazing a post to the rail at the center, but in some cases other means for attaching the post have been employed. The object of this invention is to form the post in the process of shaping the rail; and it consists in the bending or doubling the rail at the center, so that the bent or doubled portion will extend down to the dash and afford a means of securing and supporting the rail at the center.

I form the rail from the material usually

employed for this purpose—that is, wire or small rod—taking a piece of sufficient length and doubling the rod at the center, as at A. The lower end *a* at the point of doubling is shaped or prepared so as to form a convenient means of securing to the dash, preferably, so that a screw or bolt may be inserted. At the top the rod is turned to the right and left, into any desirable form, the ends B finished in the usual manner for attachment to the dash.

The center post A may be bent into ornamental shape, if preferred, the form of the post being no part of my invention.

This method of forming the center post or support is much cheaper and stronger than the usual method, and adds materially to the appearance of the rail at the center.

I claim—

As an article of manufacture, a dash-rail for child's carriage, having the center post formed in one and the same piece with the rail, by doubling at the center, substantially as set forth.

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