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Rein-Holders.

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fig. 1.

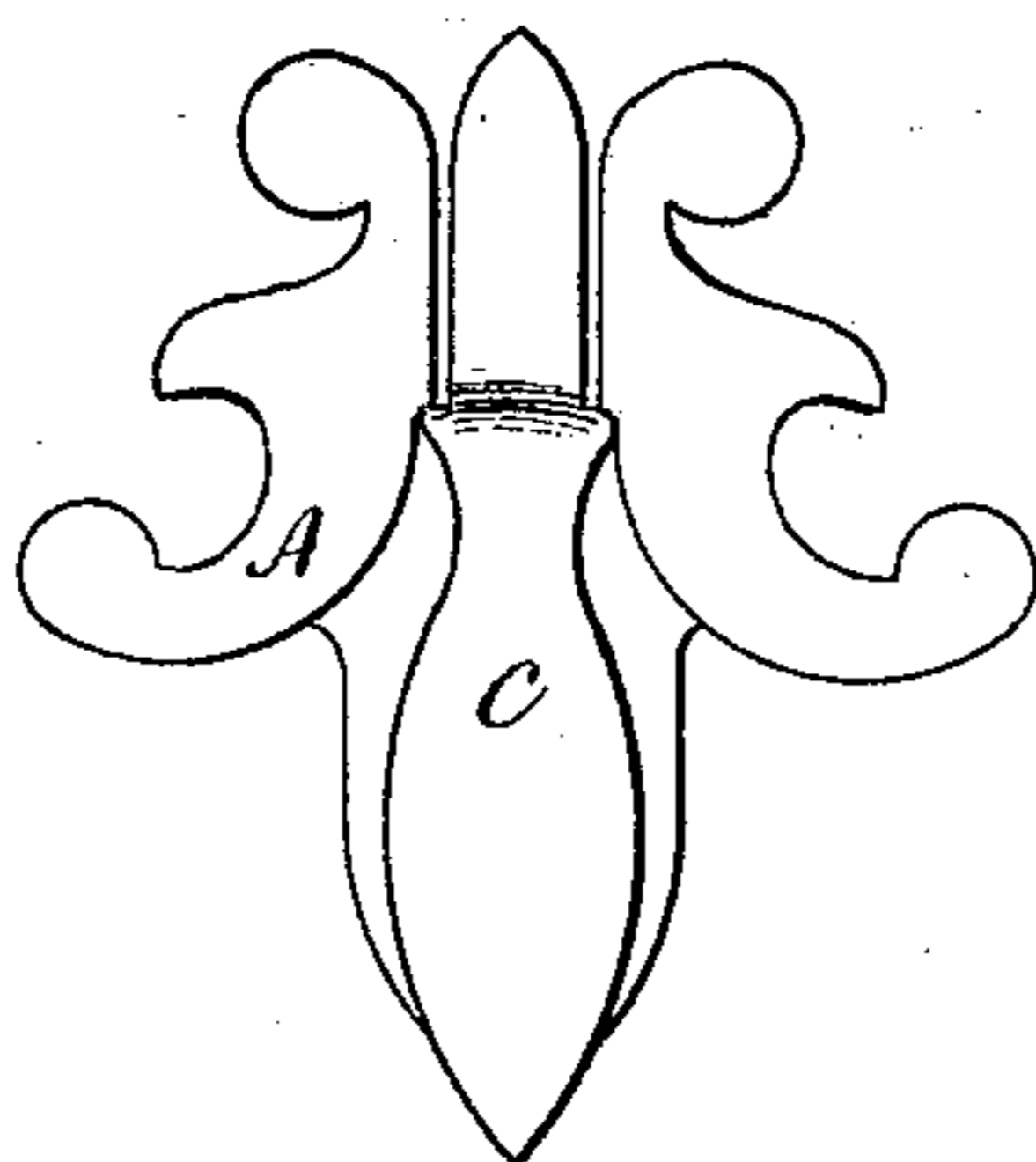


fig. 4.

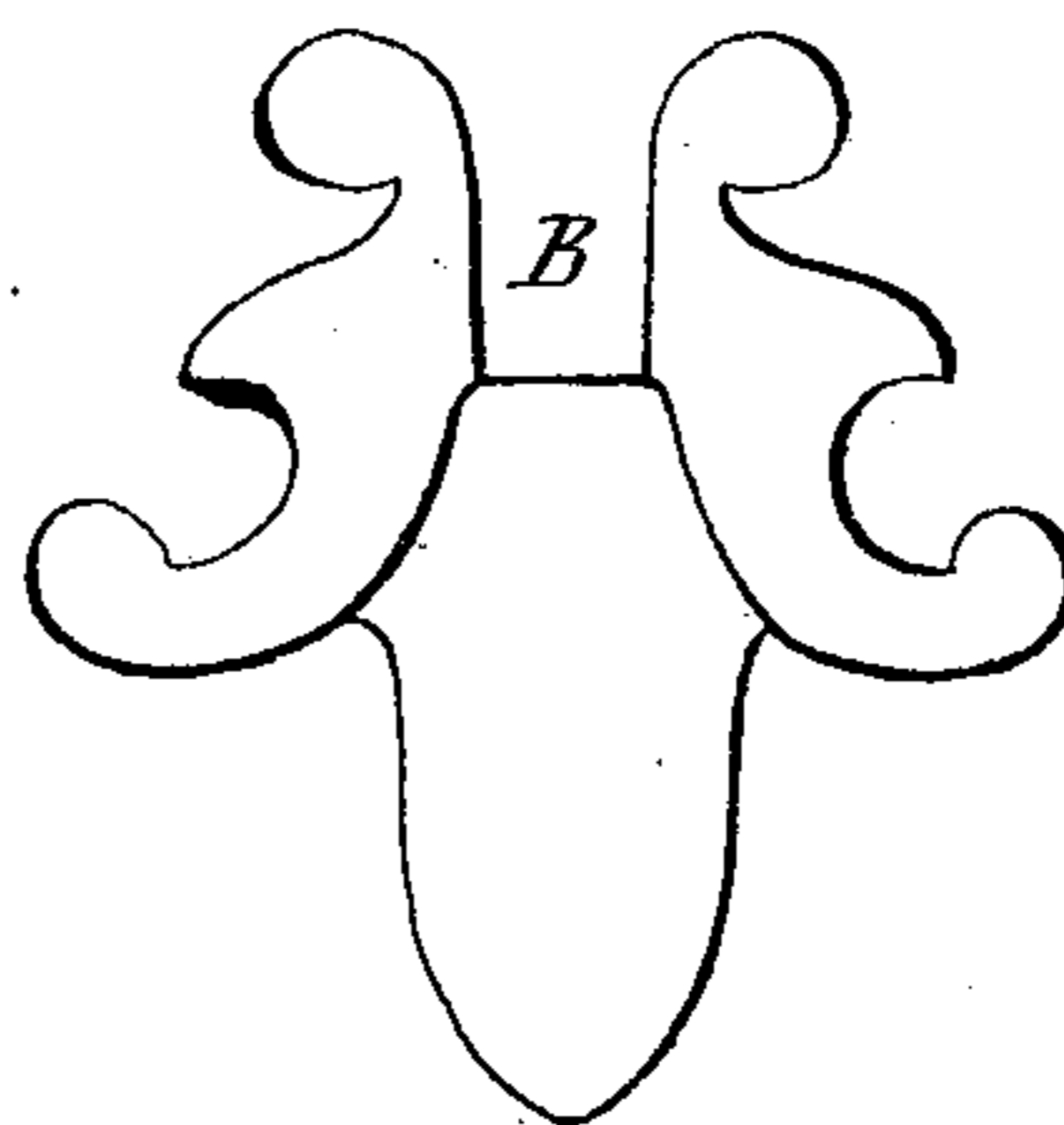


fig. 2.

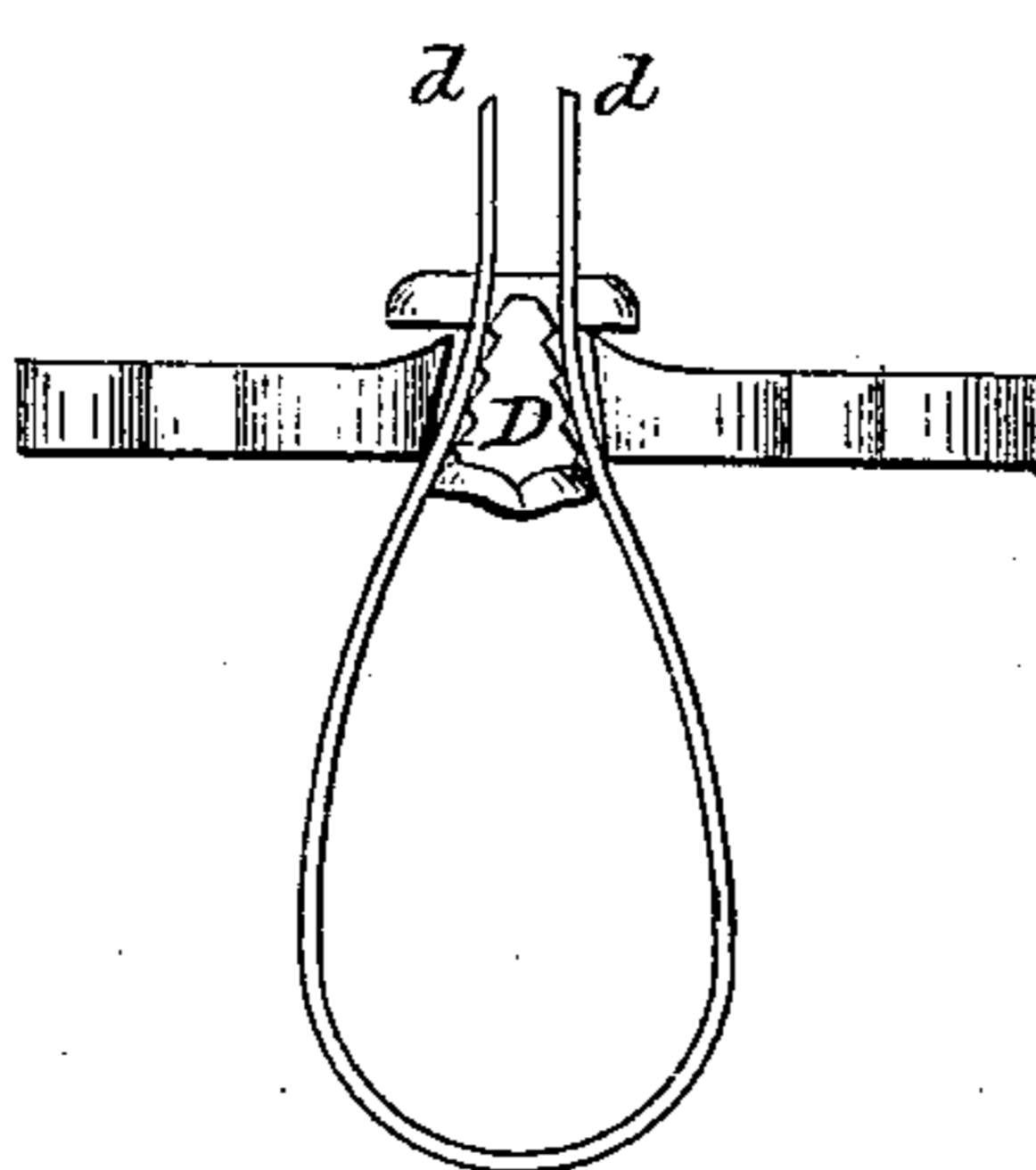
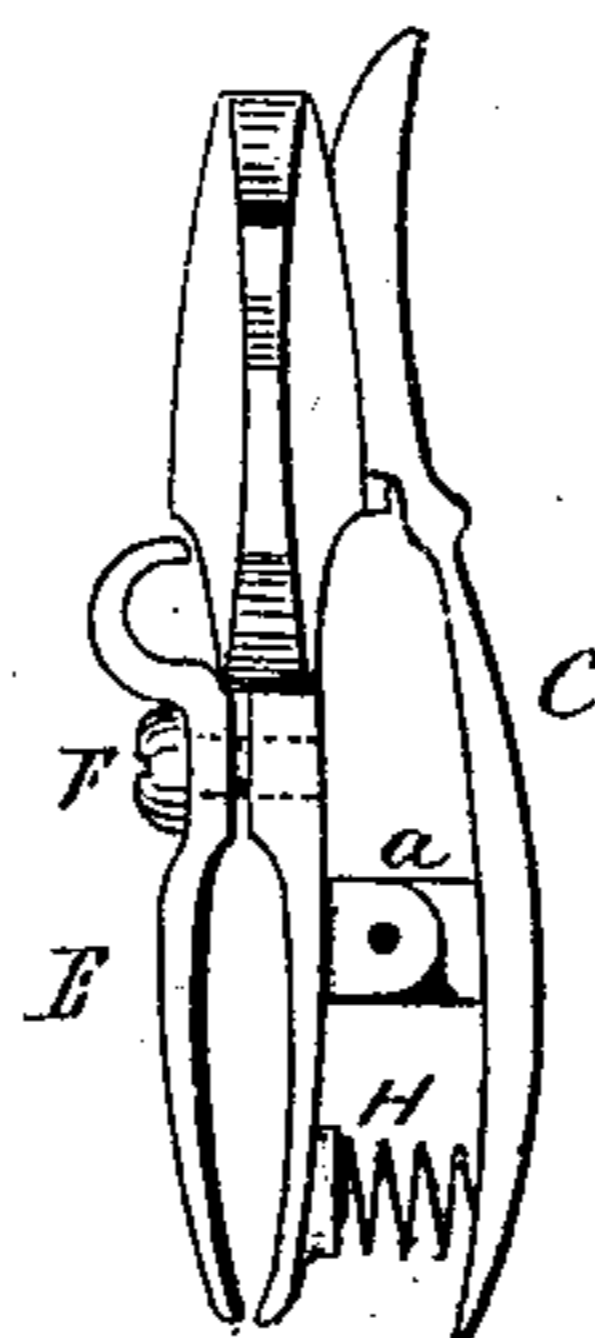


fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN REIN-HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 149,251, dated March 31, 1874; application filed February 5, 1874.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISAIAH J. ROBINSON, of St. Johnsbury, in the county of Caledonia and State of Vermont, have invented a new Improvement in Rein-Holder; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front view; Fig. 2, a top view with the reins grasped; Fig. 3, a side view; and in Fig. 4, the base-plate detached.

This invention relates to a device designed to be attached to the dash-rail of carriages or other desired position, to hold the reins when not required for driving or like purposes; and it consists in a plate having a vertical recess with converging sides, combined with a hinged jaw lying in said recess with corresponding converging sides, or wedge shape, so that when the rein or reins are placed in the said recess the said jaw will clamp and hold the rein against the side of the recess.

A is the base or plate, having in its upper end a slot or recess, B. (See Fig. 4.) The sides of this recess are inclined to each other, or converge forward, as seen in Fig. 2. On the plate, at a point, *a*, below the slot B, a lever, C, is hung, the upper end D of this lever formed so as to enter the slot B, as seen in Fig. 2, the sides of the end D converging corresponding to the sides of the slot. This end D constitutes the jaw to gripe the rein against the sides of the slot B, as seen in Fig. 2, *d* representing the rein, the natural draft upon the

rein tending to draw the jaw D more closely into the slot, and thus tighten the grasp. The lower end of the lever C serves as a handle by which to draw the jaw D from the slot, and beneath the lever a spring, H, is placed, the tendency of which is to hold the jaw in the slot.

To secure the holder to the dash-rail of a carriage a clamp-piece, E, is applied to the reverse side of the plate and held by a screw, F. This piece E is placed upon one side of the dash or rail, the plate A upon the other, and these two parts firmly clamped upon the dash or rail, as the case may be, by means of the screw F.

If preferred, the plate may be secured in other positions without the use of the clamp-piece E.

I am aware that a rein-holder, consisting of a spring-lever and a base or plate, so that the rein could be held or clamped between the lever and plate, is not new. I therefore do not wish to be understood as broadly claiming such a device.

I claim as my invention—

1. A rein-holder, consisting of the plate A, with the slot B, and lever C with the jaw D corresponding to the said slot B, substantially as described.

2. In combination with the slotted plate A and lever C, the clamp-piece E, as a means of securing the holder in position, all as set forth.

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