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Hitching Device for Strap.

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Fig. 1.

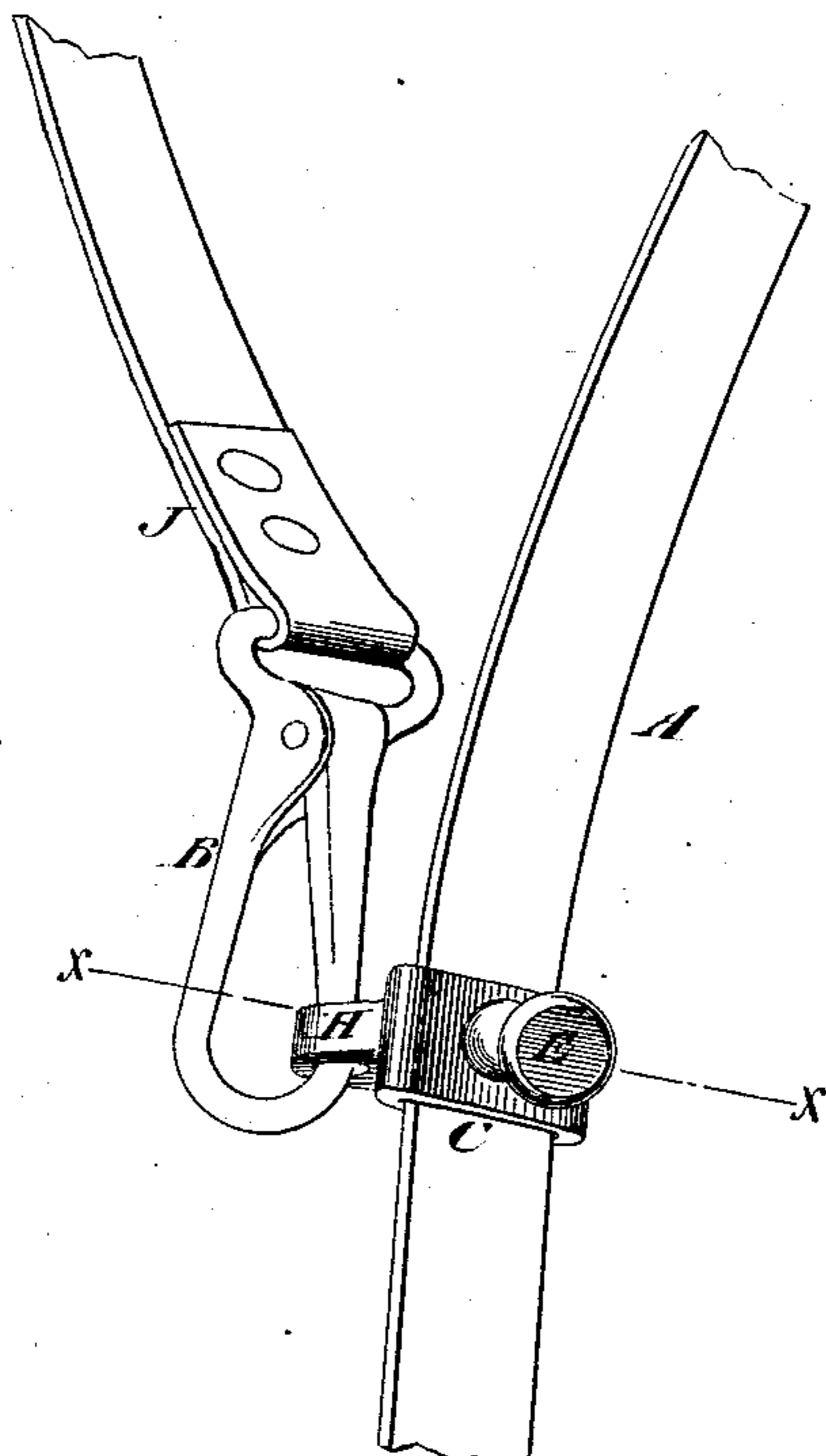
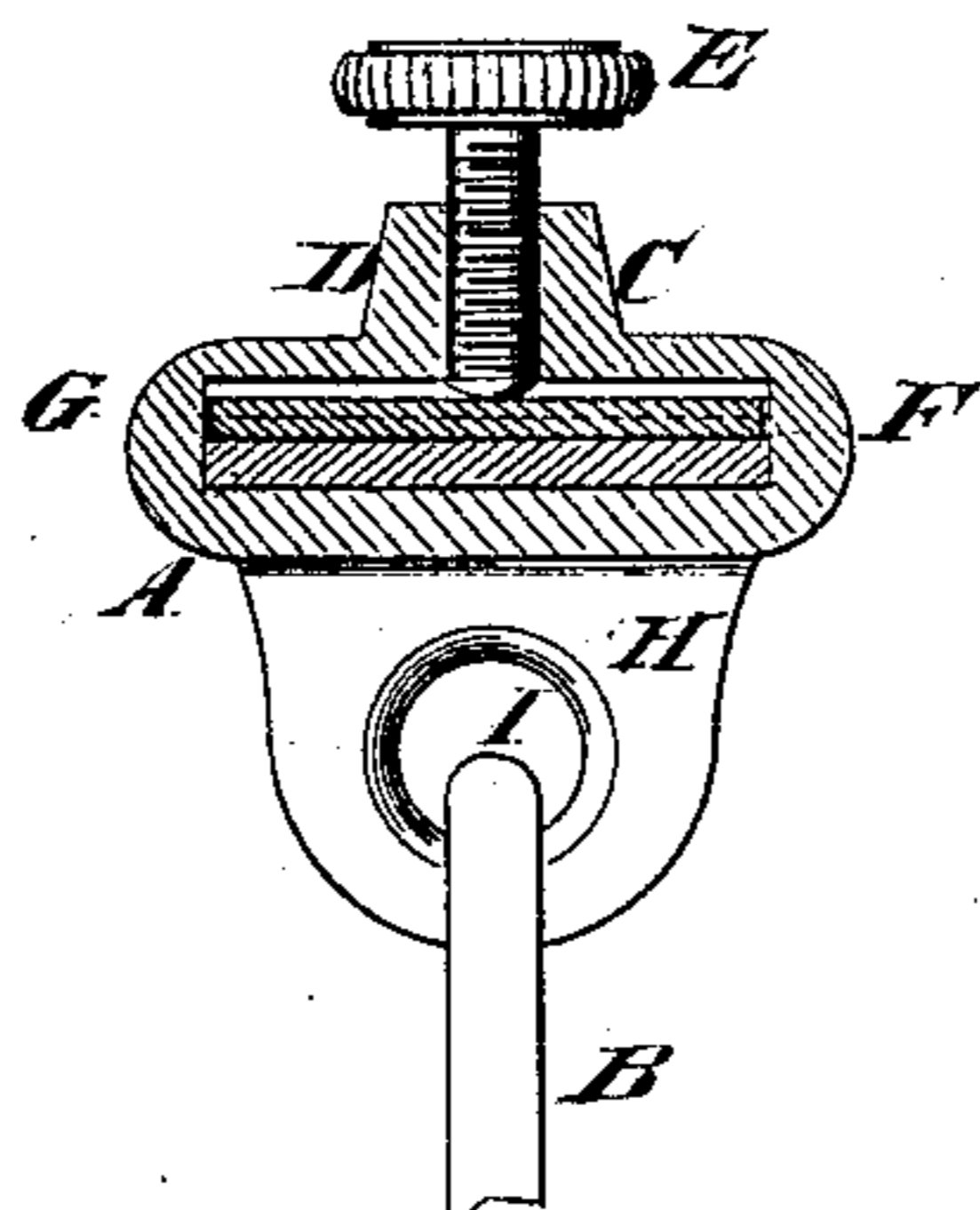


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HITCHING DEVICES FOR STRAPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN H. BAUSH, of Holyoke, Hampden county, Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hitching-Straps, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to straps for hitching horses; and consists in a metallic slide or lock, through which the strap passes, and in which it is confined, the lock being adjusted to any desired position on the strap.

Figure 1 is a view of the lock applied to a strap according to my invention; and Fig. 2 is a section of Fig. 1, taken on the line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the hitching-strap. B is a snap-fastening, attached to the strap and the lock. C is the lock or adjustable slide on the hitching-strap. This slide is made with a hub, D, and a fastening-screw, E, which works through the hub D; also, a mortise, F, through which the strap passes. G is a plate in the mortise, which receives the end of a set-screw, E, to prevent injury to the strap. The lock or slide C is also made with a plate, H, in which is an orifice, I, for receiving the snap-fastening B. The fastening-strap is preferably made in

a single piece, and the end J may be passed around the horse's neck, and hitched to the lock, as seen in the drawing; or it may be attached to a hitching-post, when it is reversed, the slide or lock being slipped and fastened as may be required. The other end of the strap may have a snap-hook to attach to a ring on the bridle, or to a hitching-post, as may be desired.

It will be seen that the lock may be slipped onto the strap to any desired position to suit either the horse's neck or a hitching-post, as may be desired.

The adjustable slide or lock is a very great convenience to those who are driving and handling horses.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The sliding lock C, consisting of hub D, screw E, mortise F, plate G, and perforated extension H, the whole being adapted to be used with strap A and snap B, in the manner described.

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