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Gig Saddle-Tree.

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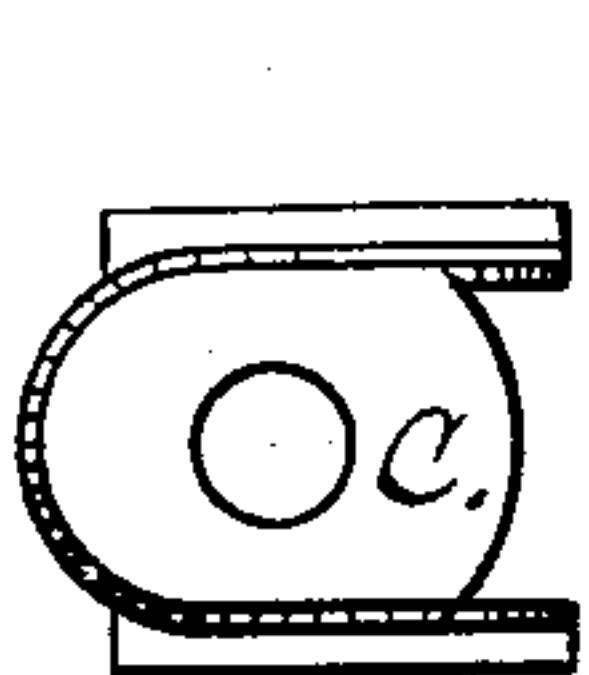
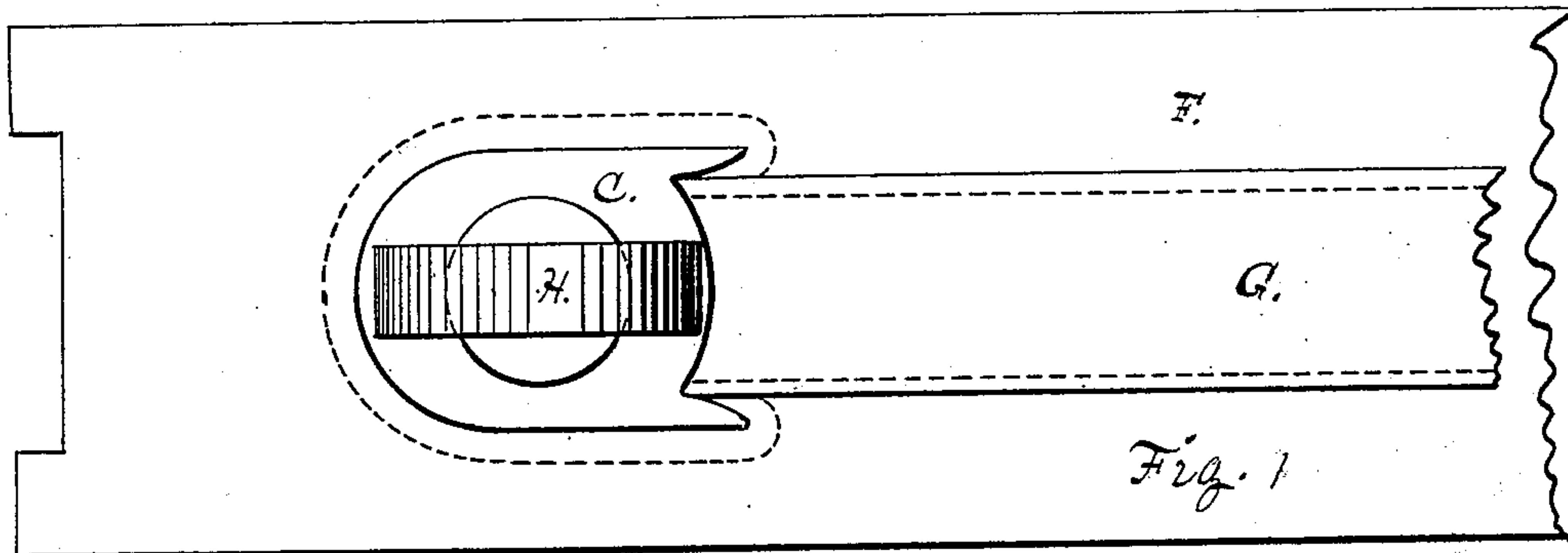


Fig. 5

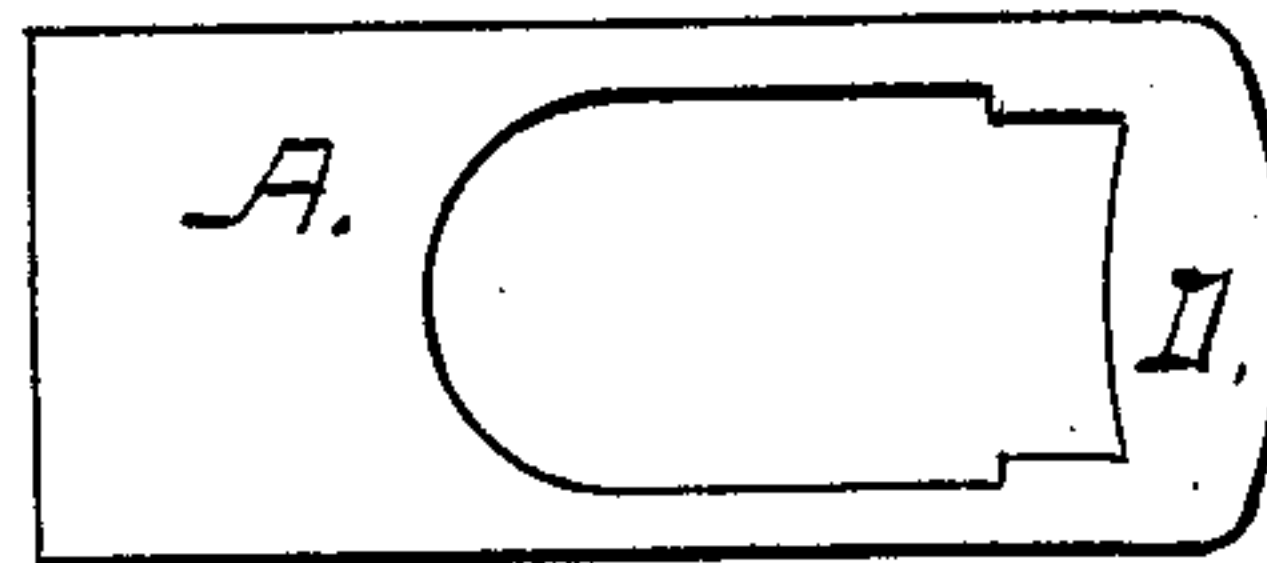


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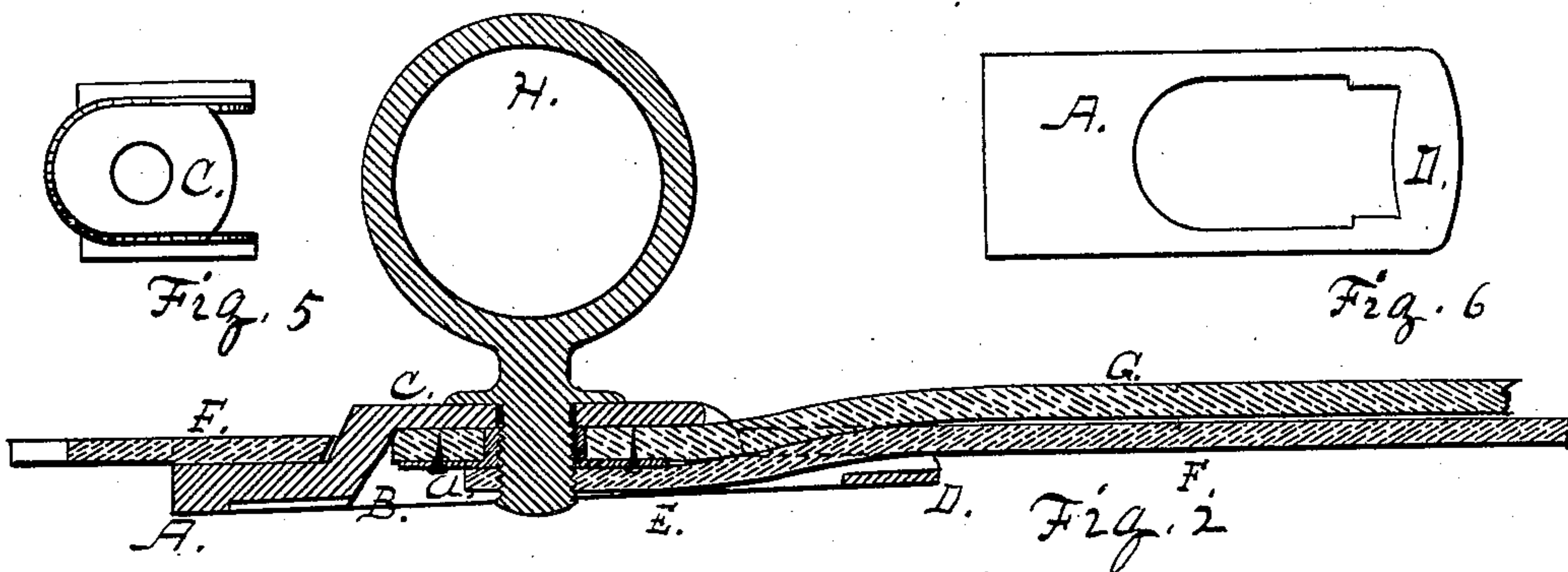


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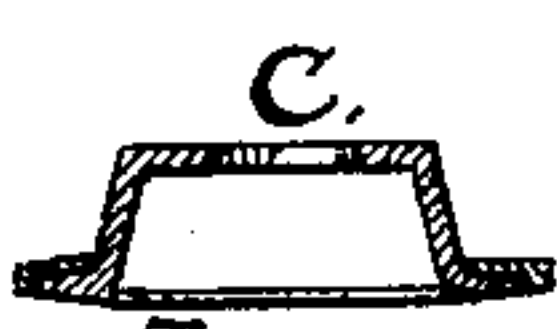


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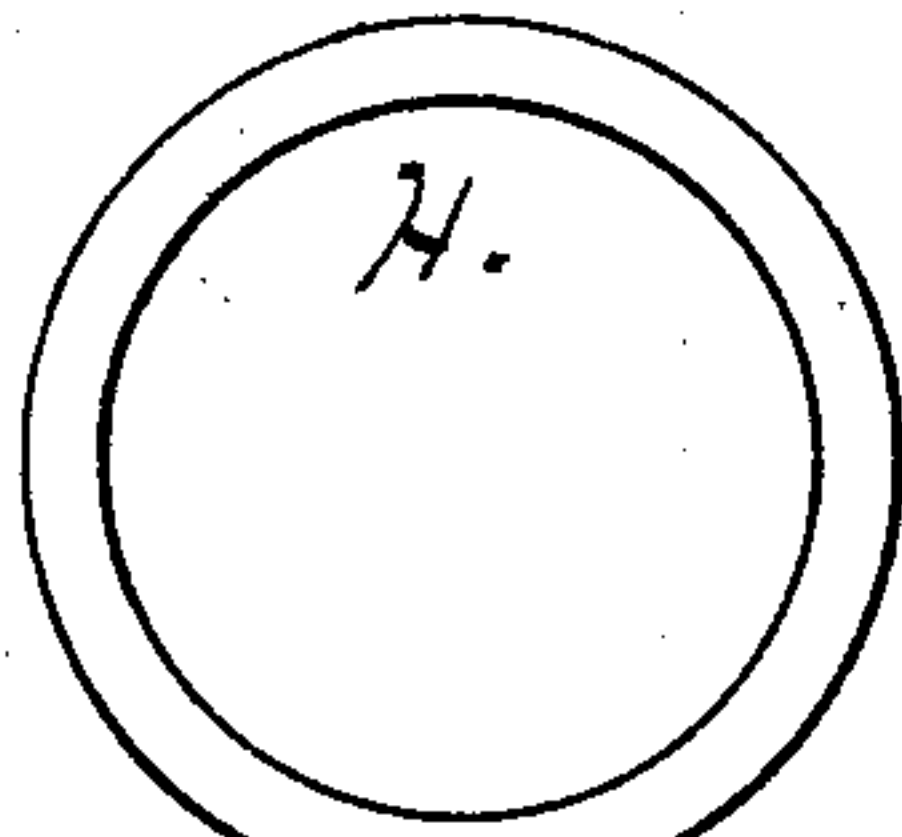


Fig. 3



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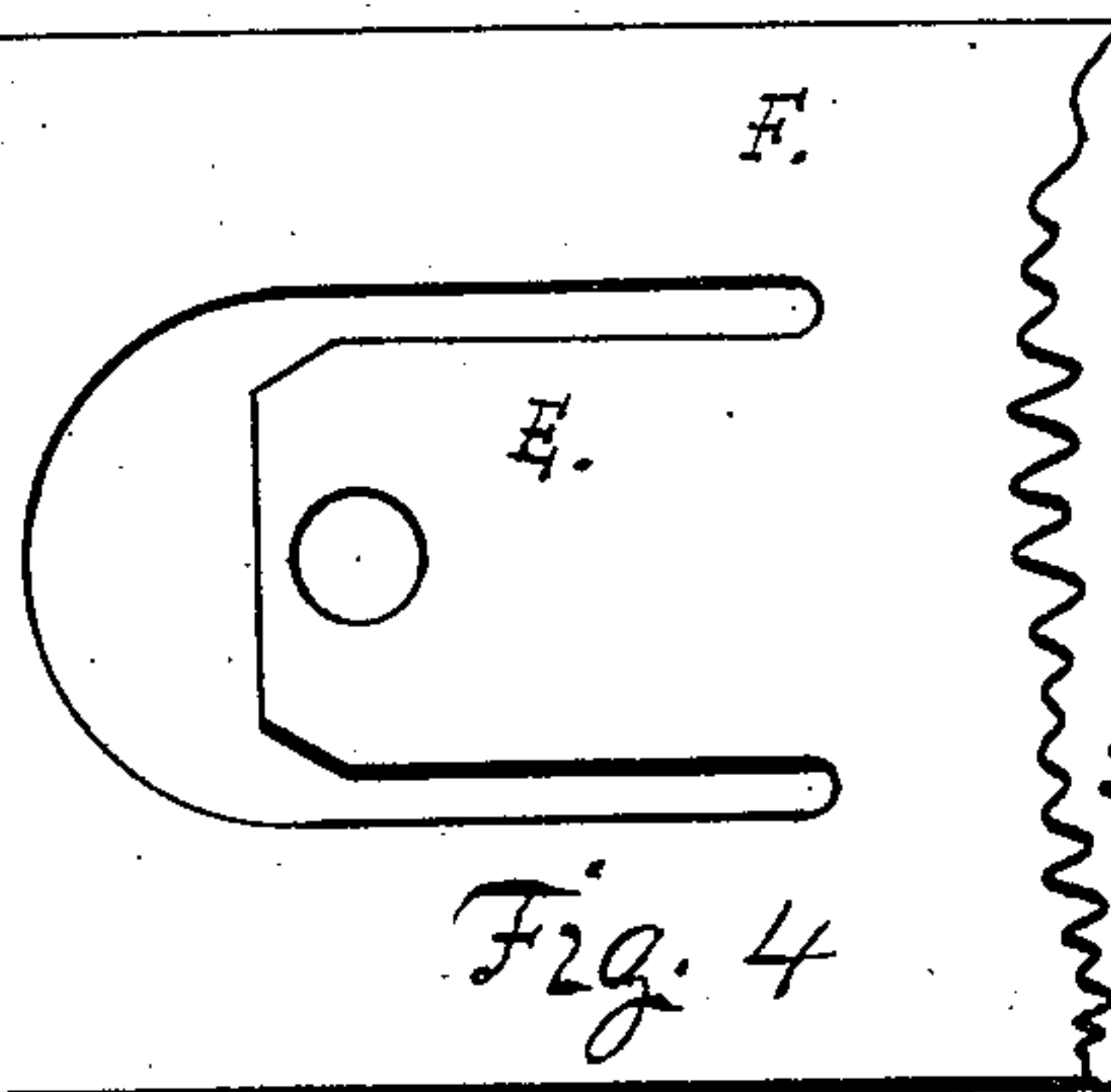


Fig. 4

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IMPROVEMENT IN GIG-SADDLE TREES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE THEOBALD, of Newark, in the county of Essex, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Gig-Saddle Trees, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section. Fig. 3 is an edge view. Fig. 4 shows a form of cutting the skirt; and Figs. 5, 6, 7, and 8 are views of a modified form of the invention, showing the terret-plate removable.

The object of my invention is to so construct a saddle-tree that the section of it in the vicinity of the terret, and forming a terret-plate, shall project above the plane of the frame, up through the skirt or the top piece of the saddle, and in sight, and be suitably finished, and become an additional element of utility and ornamentation, and having a recess on the under side of it, with an open lower end, to provide a convenient place for connecting the back-strap with the saddle, and, withal, providing for adjusting and changing the terret or back-strap after the saddle is completed.

With this in view, I construct the frame A of metal, with a raised plate, C, so that it appears in sight when the saddle is finished, and forms a bed or seat for the terret H'; and this plate has a recess, B, on its under side, with a bar, D, across the lower end and an opening in the end, so that into the recess over the bar a section, E, of the skirt F may be slipped, and over this section, in the recess, the end of the back-strap G having in it the nut *a* is slipped, so that the terret may be screwed

into position, with the shank turning in the nut; or it may be changed or repaired, or the back-strap be changed after the saddle is finished, and without any taking apart.

In some cases, for convenience in manufacture or use, it may be desirable to make this plate C removable, and this does not affect the general principle of my invention, as stated above, for, whether fixed or removable, the plate having the recess stands out to sight above or on a level with the skirt, and receives the back-strap below.

When made removable, the plate may be slipped through an aperture in the frame A from the lower side, and the flanges be fitted to the under side of the frame, as seen in Fig. 7; or it may be fitted onto the upper side of the frame, (see Fig. 8,) and the flange on either side of the plate may rest on or be riveted to the frame direct, or with the skirt intervening. This plate raised up to sight becomes an added element of finish for a saddle, besides greatly improving the saddle-tree in construction and use. Therefore,

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The saddle-tree having the terret-plate C, constructed as described, and adapted to project through the skirt above the plane of the frame A, so that the upper surface shall be visible, and having a recess on its under side for the reception of the back-strap G, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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