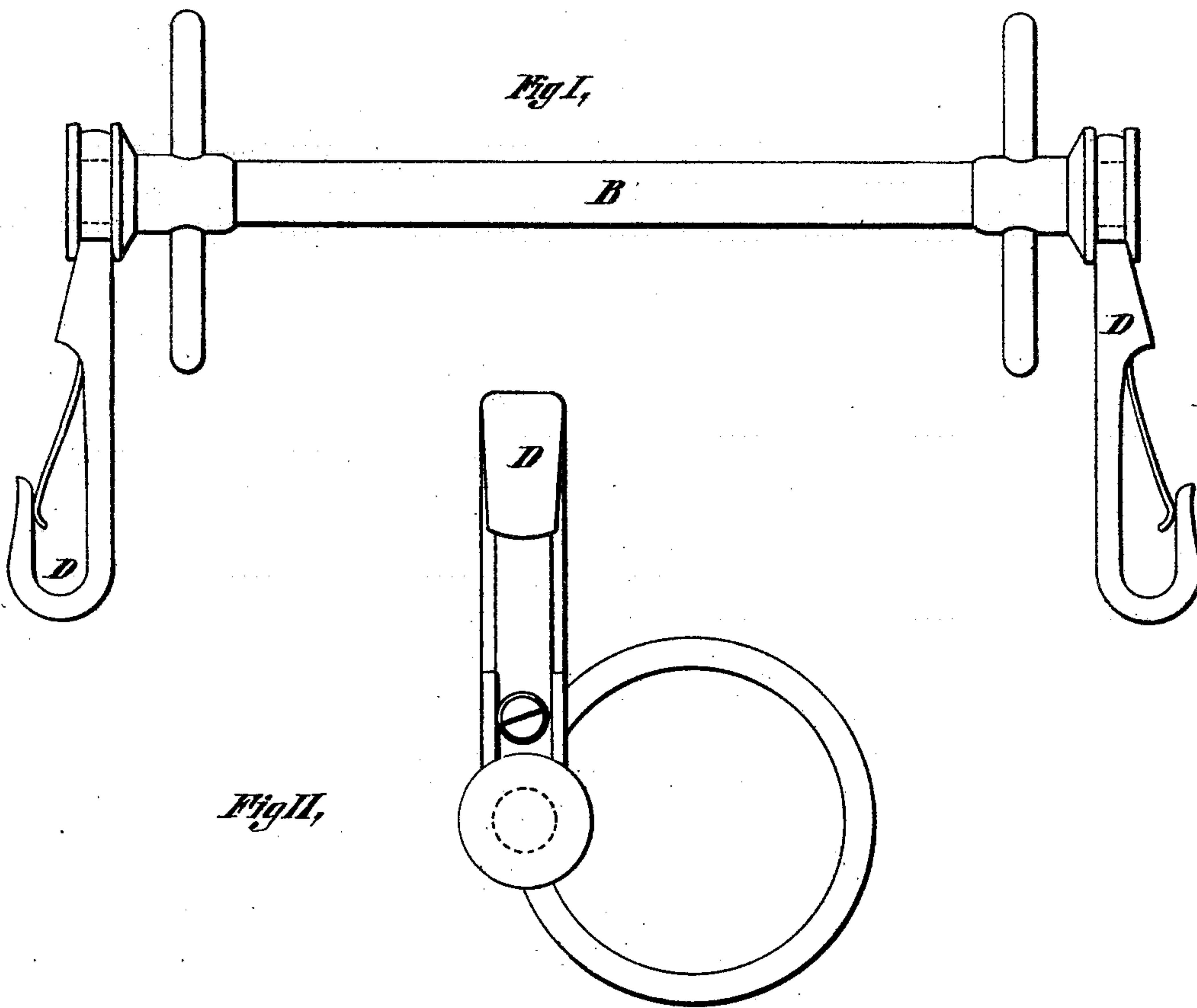


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Driving-Bit.

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IMPROVEMENT IN DRIVING-BITS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROYAL E. WHITMAN, of Springfield, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Driving-Bits, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in improvements upon the bit for which patent was granted me August 14, 1877, No. 194,202; and it consists in swiveling upon the ends of the mouth-piece of a bit snap-hooks, that, swinging upon the ends of the mouth-piece as their axes, shall always present handles at right angles to the mouth-piece, to enable the bit to be pushed into the horse's mouth from below, and then be swung up to be caught to the headstall or halter.

In the drawings, Figure I is a side view of a bit containing my present improvement with the snap-hooks swung down to serve as handles, and Fig. II is an end view with the snap-

hook turned up in the position to be caught in the bridle.

When the spring-hooks D D are attached, as shown, to the mouth-piece B, they form rigid handles to guide the bit into place, and effectually guard the hand by retaining the mouth-piece always at right angles to the handles; and it will be seen that the mouth-piece B being once inserted the handles D D can be swung up one at a time, or together, to be united to the bridle.

What I claim as my invention is—

As an improvement in bridles, the bit provided with end spring-hooks adapted to rotate about the mouth-piece, all substantially as shown, for the purpose set forth.

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