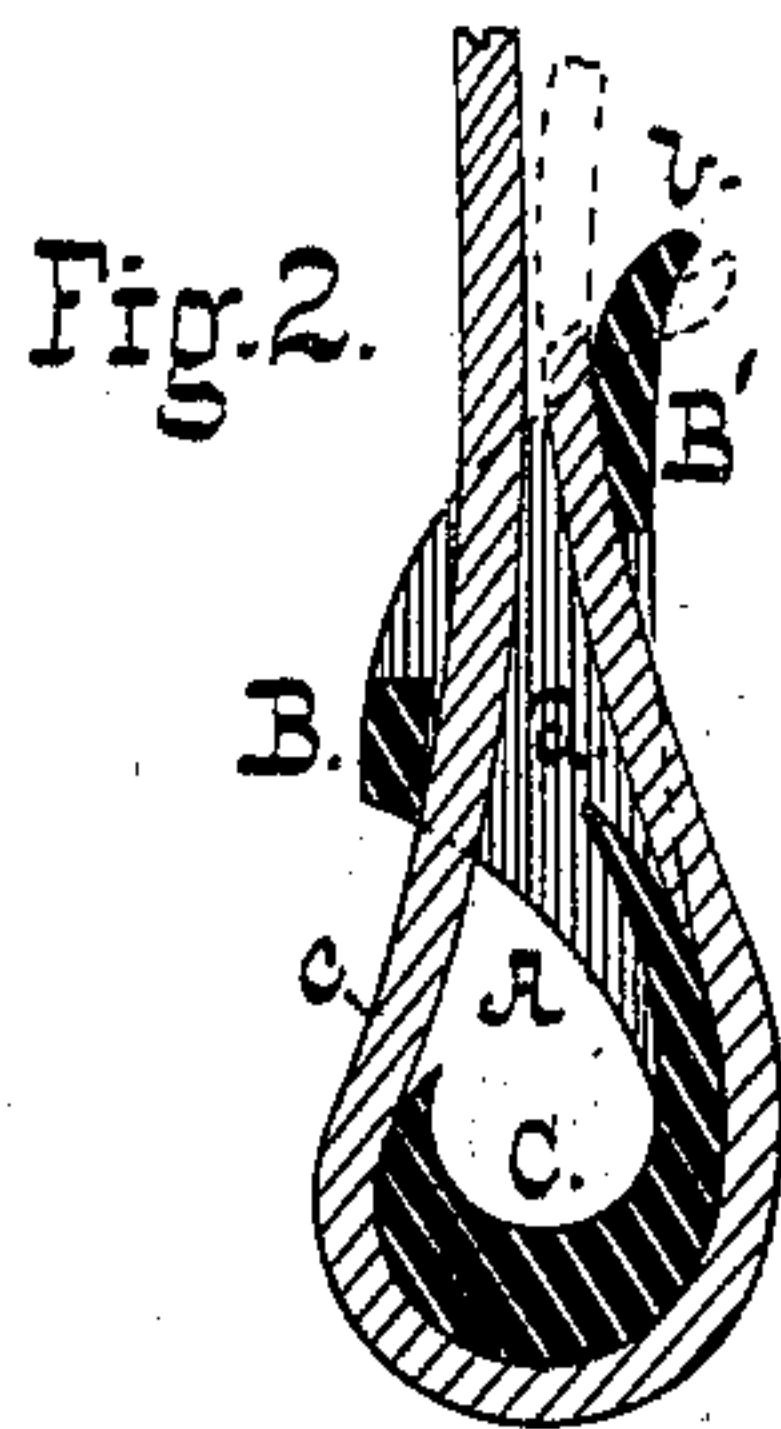
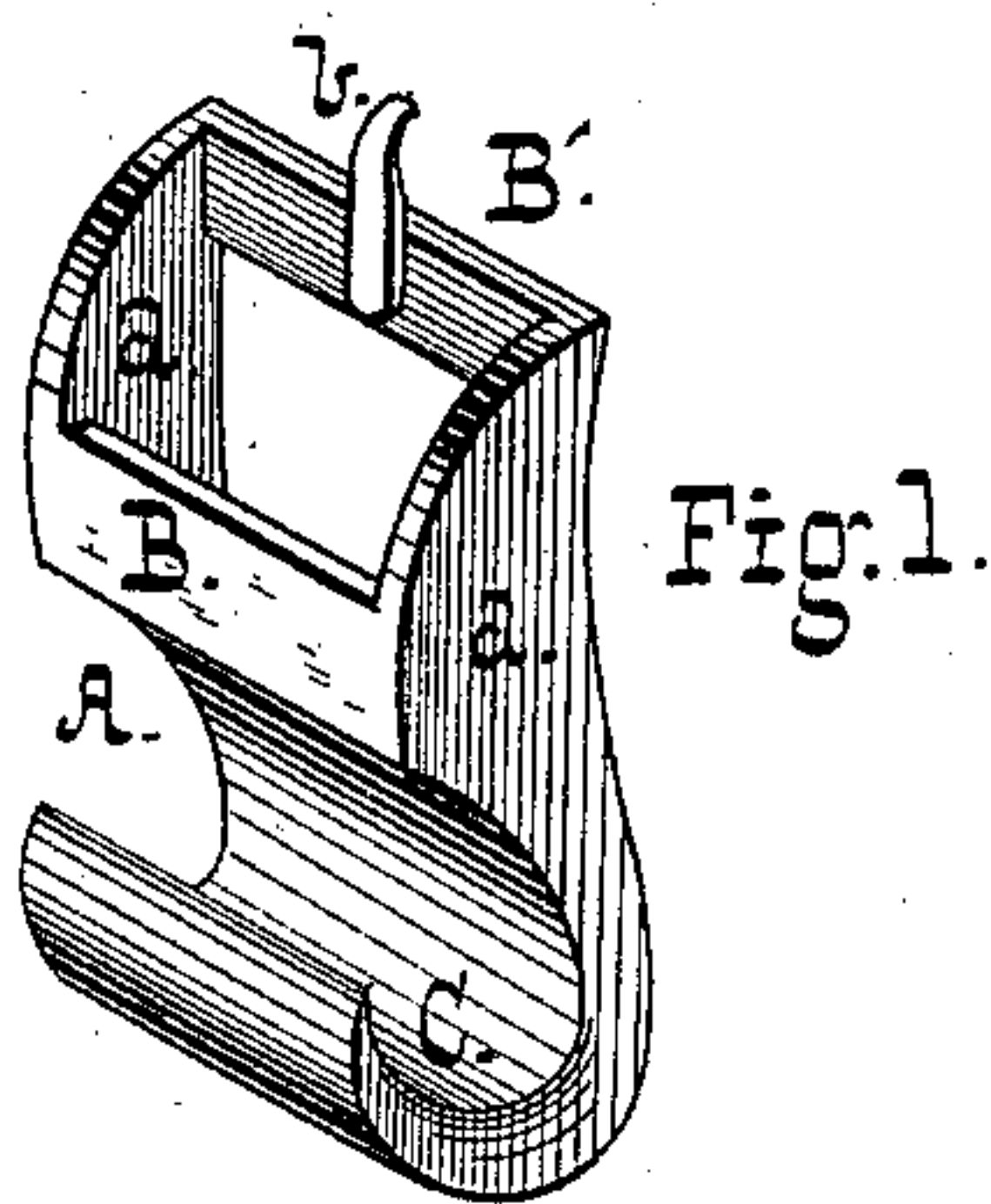


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, TOM PADGITT, of Waco, McLennan county, State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hooks and Buckles; and I hereby declare the same to be fully, clearly, and exactly described as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device;  
10 Fig. 2 a central sectional view of the same.

My invention has for its object to provide a device for protecting straps from wear at the points of attachment to or contact with rings or eyes, as in the case of stirrup-straps, reins, 15 buttock-straps, &c., at which points the straps are liable to become worn and to receive a permanent bend or kink, which is unsightly or inconvenient in case it is desired to alter the length of the strap. This latter is especially true in the case of stirrup-straps, which 20 are led through an eye in the top of the stirrup, in which case the breaking of the strap is liable to result in great injury, or, at least, inconvenience, to the rider.

25 In Letters Patent of the United States No. 220,862, granted to me October 21, 1879, is shown a buckle provided with a strap-protector, which device is applicable to all purposes in which the strap is doubled, but which is not 30 adapted for use in the end of a single strap, as in attaching reins to bit-rings, &c.

The object of my present invention is to provide a device adapted for this latter or analogous purposes.

35 In the accompanying drawings, A is the protector, having side pieces, *a a*, to which is attached, or which are made integral with, the

hook C, and which are connected by cross-pieces or keepers B B', the latter having a stud or tongue, *b*.

40 For use on a stirrup-strap, the leather *c* is led under the keeper B, around the hook C, (the stirrup-eye being first inserted therein,) and up under the keeper B'. The device now serves to hold the parts of the strap snugly together close to the stirrup. It prevents any 45 abrasion of the strap by contact with the eye, and as the strap is led in a gentle curve around the hook, it is not liable to become permanently bent at that point. When used in the 50 end of a single strap the same is led around the hook and under the keepers, as described, and its free end is secured, as shown, on the tongue *b*. As this tongue projects from the keeper in the plane of the device, it is out of 55 the way when a double strap is used, lying snugly against it.

The device is simple in construction, cheap, and thoroughly efficient and satisfactory in 60 use.

I am aware that combined hooks and buckles having inwardly-projecting studs for the attachment of the strap ends are old, and such I do not claim.

What I claim is—

65 The hook and buckle herein described, consisting of the hook C, side pieces, *a*, and cross-bars B B', the latter having a rigid tongue, *b*, projecting therefrom in the plane of the device, as set forth.

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