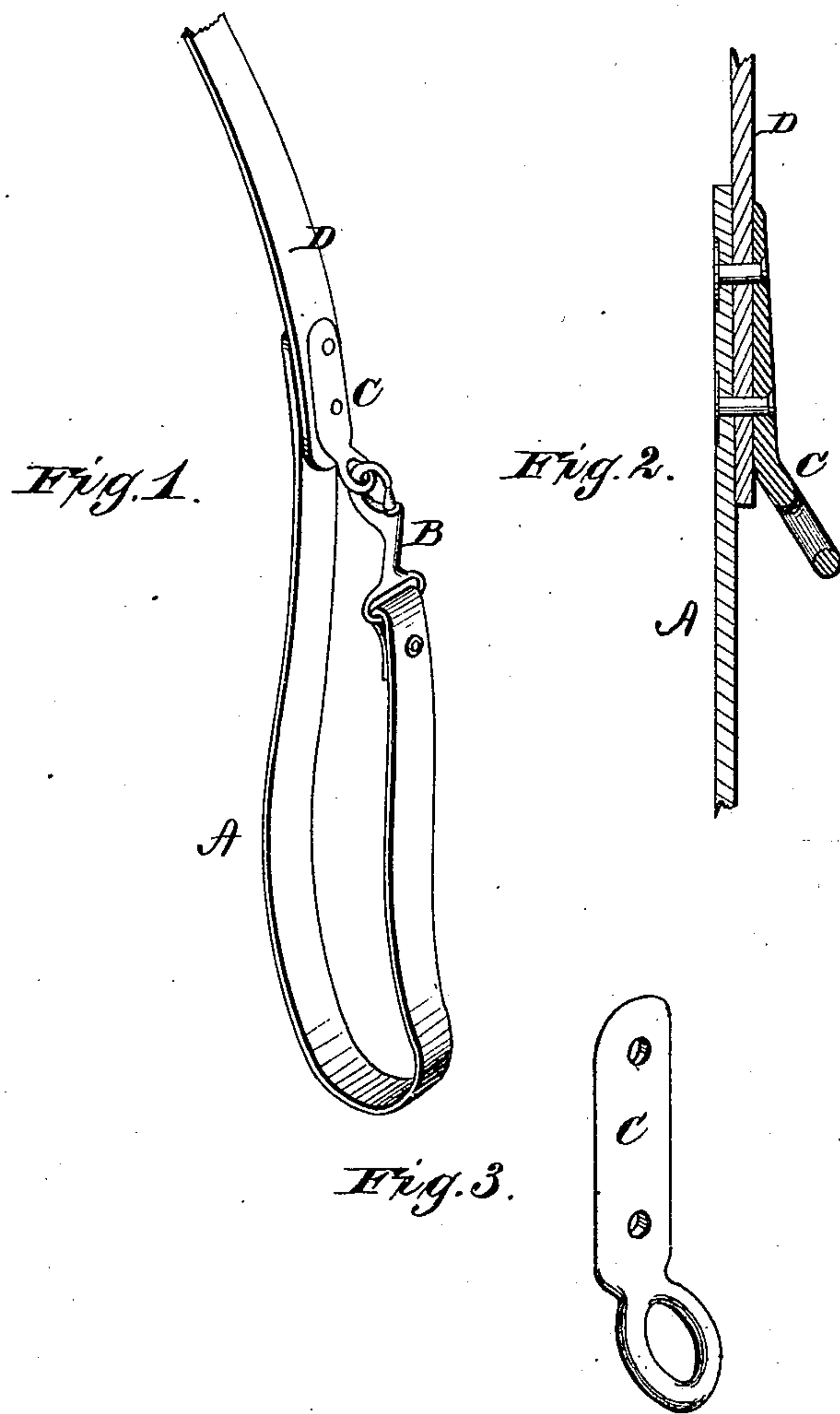


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HITCHING-STRAP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES C. COVERT, of Troy, in the county of Rensselaer, and in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hitching-Straps; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a halter for animals, the peculiarities of which will be hereinafter more particularly set forth.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

In the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective; Fig. 2, a section, and Fig. 3 a detached portion of the fastening.

In the figures, A represents a leather strap, which is intended to pass around the neck of the animal to be held. To one end of this strap is secured, by rivets or in any other suitable manner, a snap-hook, B.

D represents the main or hitching portion of the strap.

C represents a metallic plate, which is provided along its body with rivet-holes and at one end with a loop or ring.

The inner ends of the straps A and D are overlapped, and then, the plate C being placed upon them, the three are secured firmly together by rivets. The looped end of plate C is bent outward, so that it stands away from

the leather, in order that the snap-hook may be readily attached to it and detached from it.

In using this hitching-strap the strap A is passed around the neck of the animal, and the snap-hook is then caught into the loop on the end of plate C. The strap D is then passed through the bridle-bit, and then made fast to the hitching-post.

I do not claim, broadly, a hitching-strap provided with a snap-hook and a ring or other device for said hook to engage with, as I am aware that such is not new.

I am aware that a hitching-strap and halter provided with an adjustable slide having an eye for the reception of a snap-hook on the end of the fastening-strap have heretofore been employed, and I therefore lay no claim to such invention.

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

As an article of manufacture, a hitching-halter having secured to it a snap-hook, and composed of two pieces of leather spliced together by means of a metal plate, said plate being provided with rivet-holes in its body and an outwardly-turned looped end, as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of July, 1878.

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