

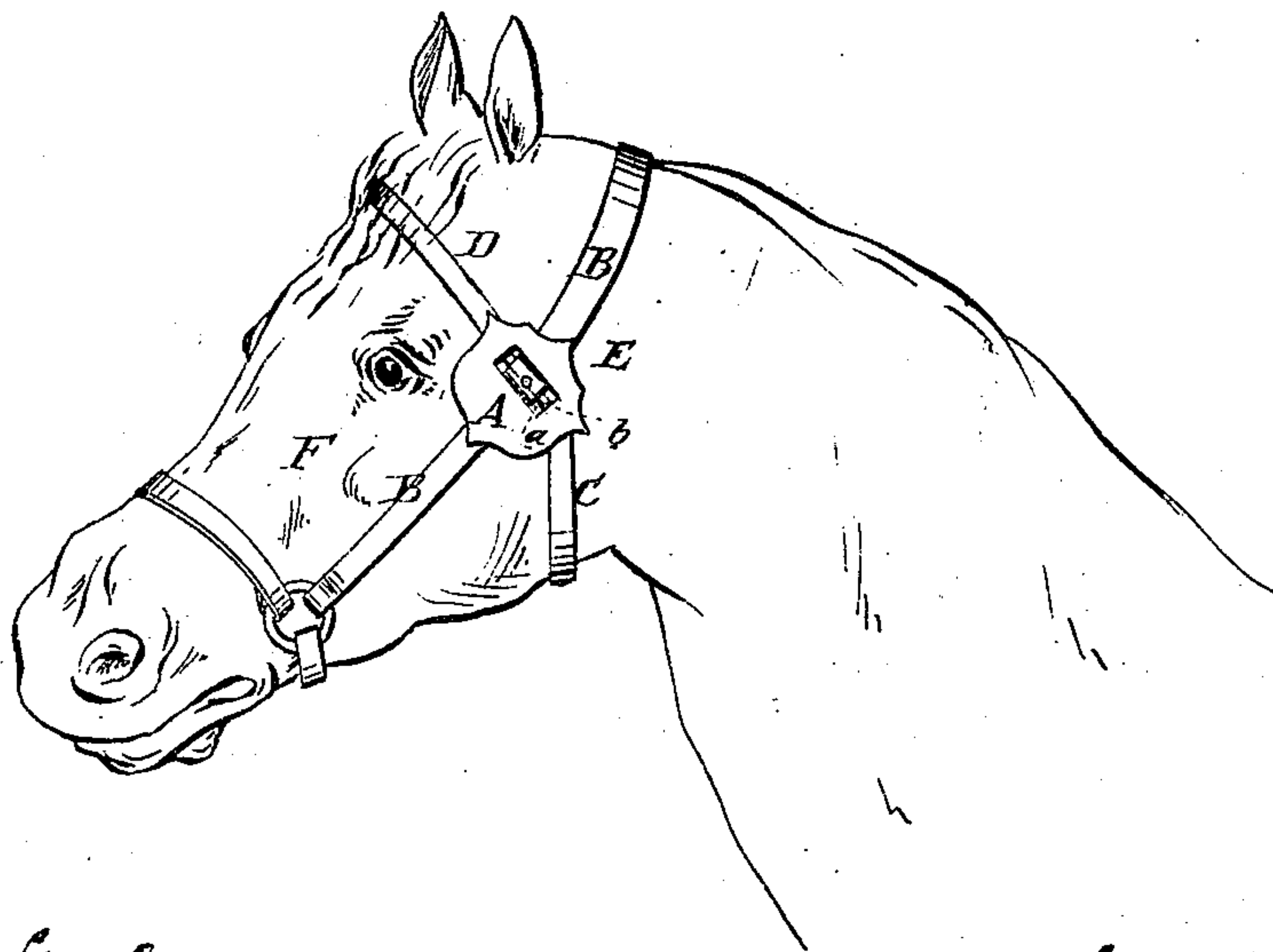
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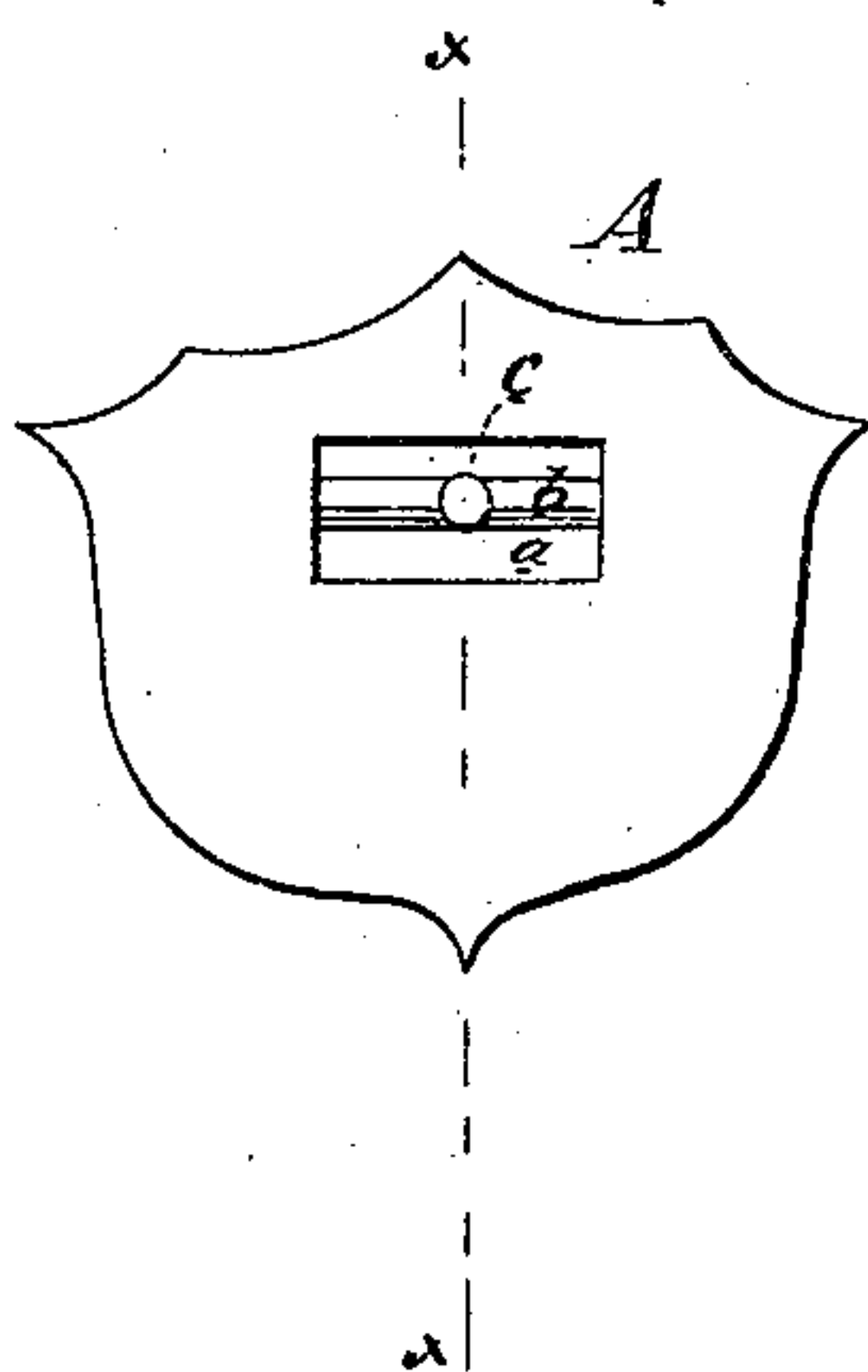
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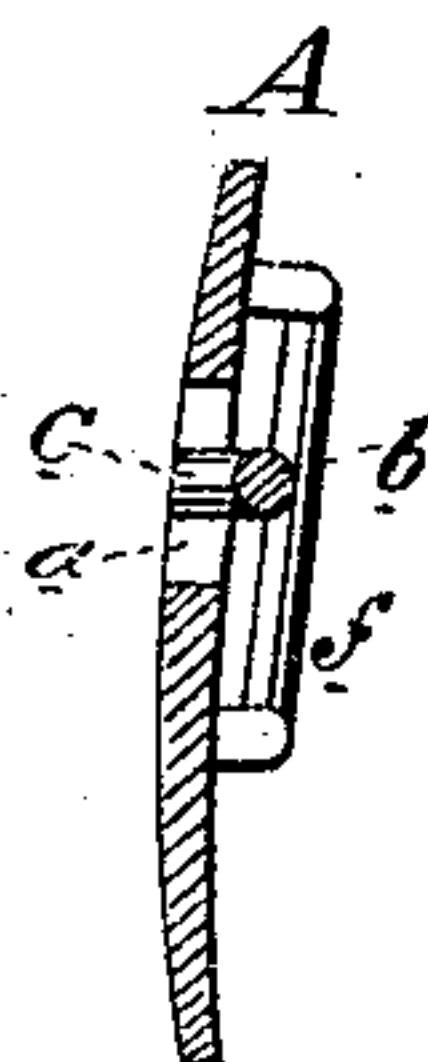
*Fig: 1.*



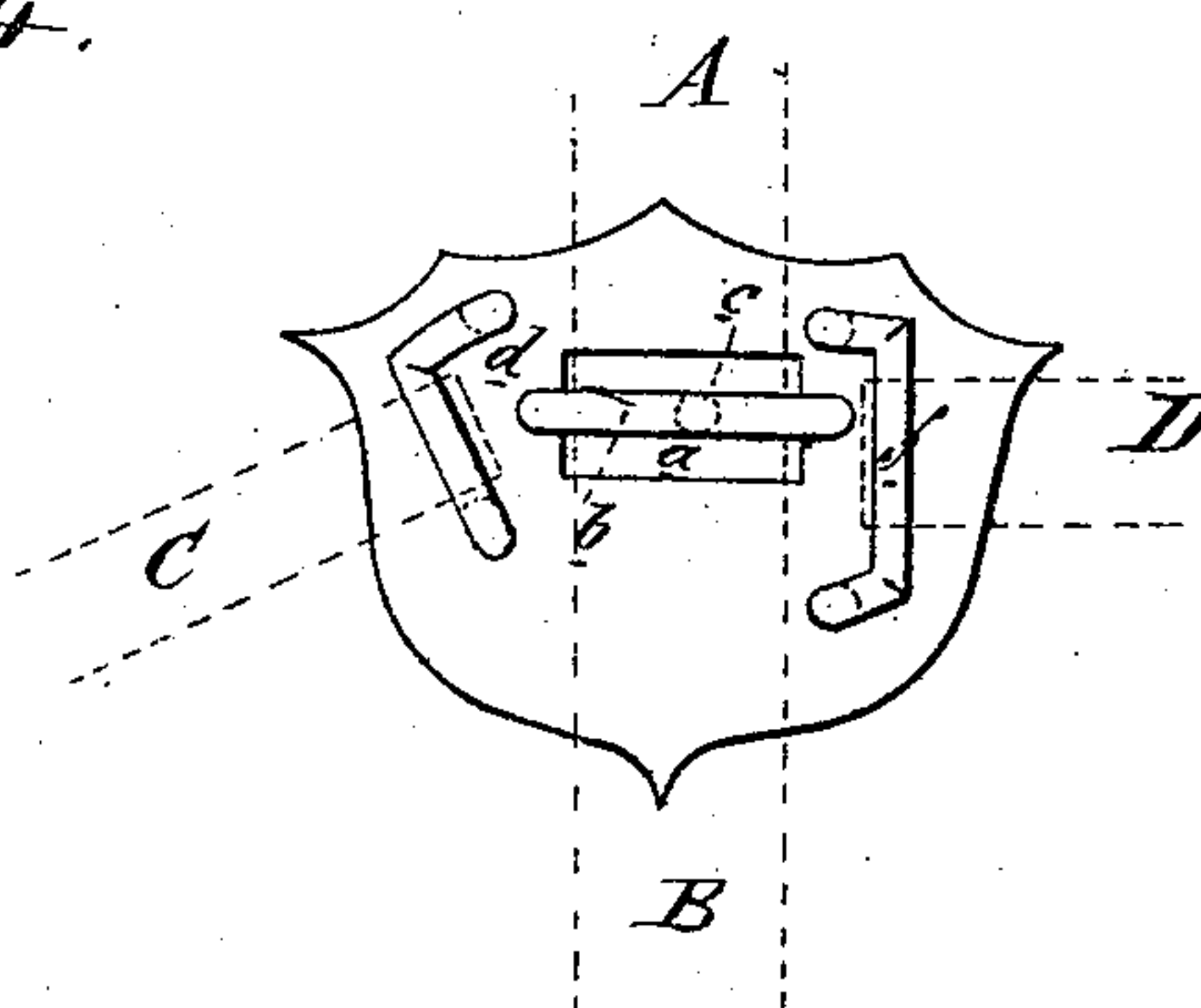
*Fig: 2.*



*Fig: 3.*



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## ORNAMENTAL BRIDLE-BUCKLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS NOBLE, of Todd's Point, Shelby county, Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Ornamental Bridle-Buckle, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a device that, while serving both as buckle and ornament, makes the bridle stronger at the crossing of the brow-band, throat-latch, and bit-strap by preventing the necessity of making a hole in the throat-latch or brow-band for the engagement of a buckle-tongue.

The invention consists of a plate of metal or other suitable material of ornamental design, and having a central, or nearly central, oblong opening, behind and across which, on the reverse of the plate, is fixed a tongue-bar provided with a short fixed tongue or stud, designed for the bit-strap, while also, on the reverse of the plate, and near an edge thereof, is a straight loop for the brow-band, and near the opposite edge an inclined loop for the throat-latch.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation, representing the device in place on a horse's bridle. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device. Fig. 3 is a reverse elevation of the same; and Fig. 4 is a sectional side elevation on line *x x*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, A represents the buckle, consisting of a plate of metal or other suitable material fashioned in the shape of a shield, and having a central, or nearly central, oblong aperture, *a*, made in it for the accommodation of the bend of the bit-strap B.

In Fig. 1 the buckle A is shown in position on a bridle, E, on the head of a horse, F. On the reverse of the plate A a tongue-bar, *b*, is fixed transversely across the aperture *a*, and

is provided with a short rigid stud or tongue, *c*, which projects through the aperture *a* flush with the face of said plate, and which passes through the bend of the bit-strap B, and thereby holds the buckle A and the straps B C D in position.

Near the lower end of the device, when it is in the position shown in Fig. 1, and on the reverse thereof, is an elbow-loop, *d*, set at such an angle that the throat-latch C shall draw straight through it; and near the opposite edge of the plate is a straight loop, *f*, at right angles to the tongue-bar *b*, through which the brow-band D, which is a continuation of the throat-latch C, is passed.

A similar buckle, A, is designed to be fixed in the same manner on the opposite side of the horse's head-gear, so that the straps or bands B C D are properly secured on both sides.

Ordinarily a buckle is used to hold the straps B C D at this place, and the buckle-tongue is passed through the strap or throat-latch, whereby said throat-latch is often split, because of the angular pull upon it. This objection is removed by the application of this device, and consequently the greater durability of the head-gear is assured.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, an ornamental bridle-buckle constructed substantially as herein shown and described, consisting of a plate of metal or other suitable material of ornamental design or shape, provided with aperture *a*, tongue-bar *b*, having rigid tongue C, throat-latch, elbow-loop *d*, and brow-band straight loop *f*, as set forth.

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