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Fig. 1.

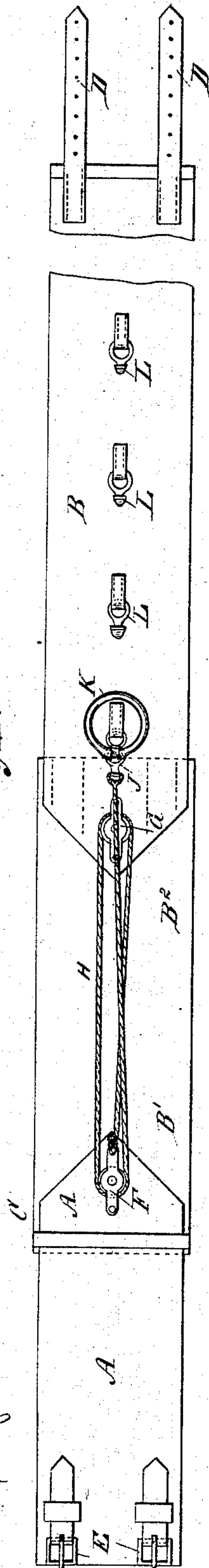


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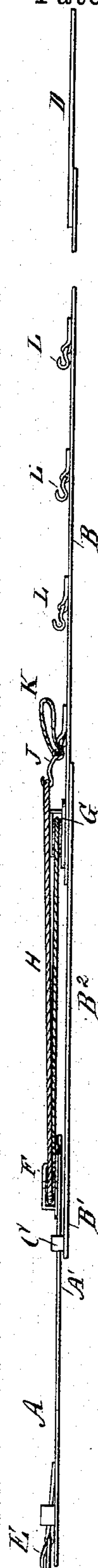
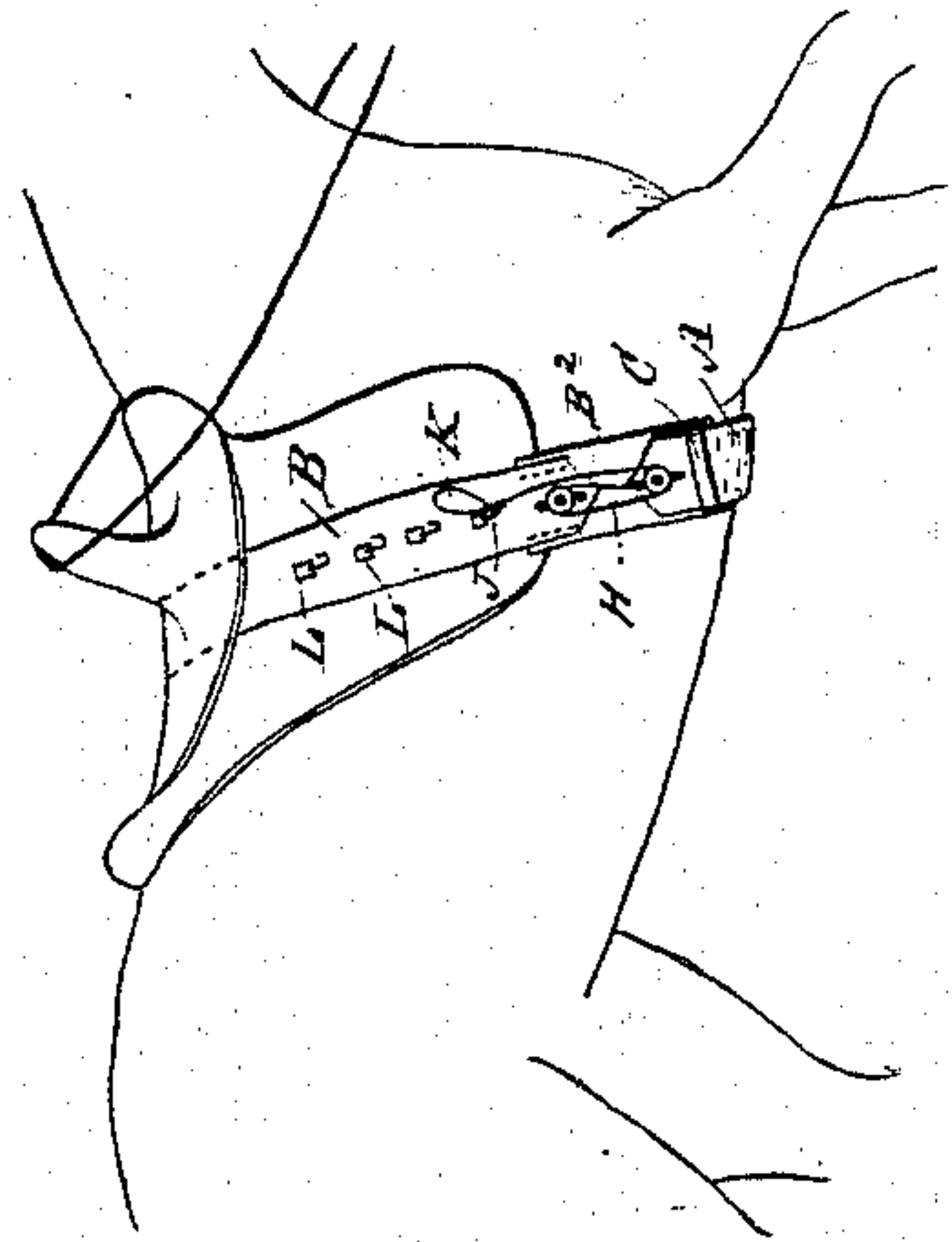


Fig. 3.



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## SIDE-SADDLE GIRTH.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM McNAUGHT, Jr., of Cartersville, in the county of Bartow and State of Georgia, have invented a new and Improved Side-Saddle Girth, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved girth for side-saddles which can be tightened, as circumstances may require, by the rider without leaving the saddle.

The invention consists in a girth composed of two sections, united at two adjoining ends by straps and buckles, whereas the other ends overlap each other, one end sliding on the other, and both are provided with pulleys, over which a rope or strap passes which is fastened to the end of the sliding band and terminates in a ring which is hooked on hooks on the fixed band above the pulley of this band.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved side-saddle girth, showing it stretched. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the same, showing the manner in which it is placed on the horse.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The girth is composed of two broad bands or sections, A and B, of leather or webbing, one end, A', of the belt A overlapping the end B' of the belt B, and is loosely held on this end of the belt B by a flat loop or strap, C, at the end of the strap B. The belt B is provided at the opposite end with straps D, and the opposite end of the strap A is provided with corresponding buckles, E. A pulley, F, is attached to the end A' of the belt A, and a like pulley, G, is attached to the strap B a certain distance from the end. A rope or round strap, H, is fast-

ened to the end A' of the belt A, and passes around the pulley G, around the pulley F, and terminates in a ring, J, provided with a loop or handle-ring, K. A series of hooks, L, are fastened to the belt B, above the pulley G. That part B<sup>2</sup> of the belt B between the end B' and the pulley G is preferably made of leather in case the belt is made of webbing.

The operation is as follows: The ring J is hooked on the lowest hook L, and the girth is passed around the horse, and is fastened by means of the strap D and buckles E, these straps and buckles being on the left side of the horse. If the girth becomes loosened—which it generally does a short time after it has been fastened—the rider seizes the loop K with the right hand, unhooks the ring J from the lowest hook L, and by pulling on the loop K brings the two pulleys F and G together—that is, the girth is shortened and consequently tightened. The ring J is then hooked on one of the hooks L, and when the girth again becomes loosened it is tightened in the manner described.

Instead of securing the end of the rope H by means of the ring J and hooks L, it may be secured in any other suitable manner.

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

In a saddle-girth, the combination, with the girth-sections A and B, of the pulleys F and G, and the rope H or equivalent, the ring J, and the hooks L, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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