

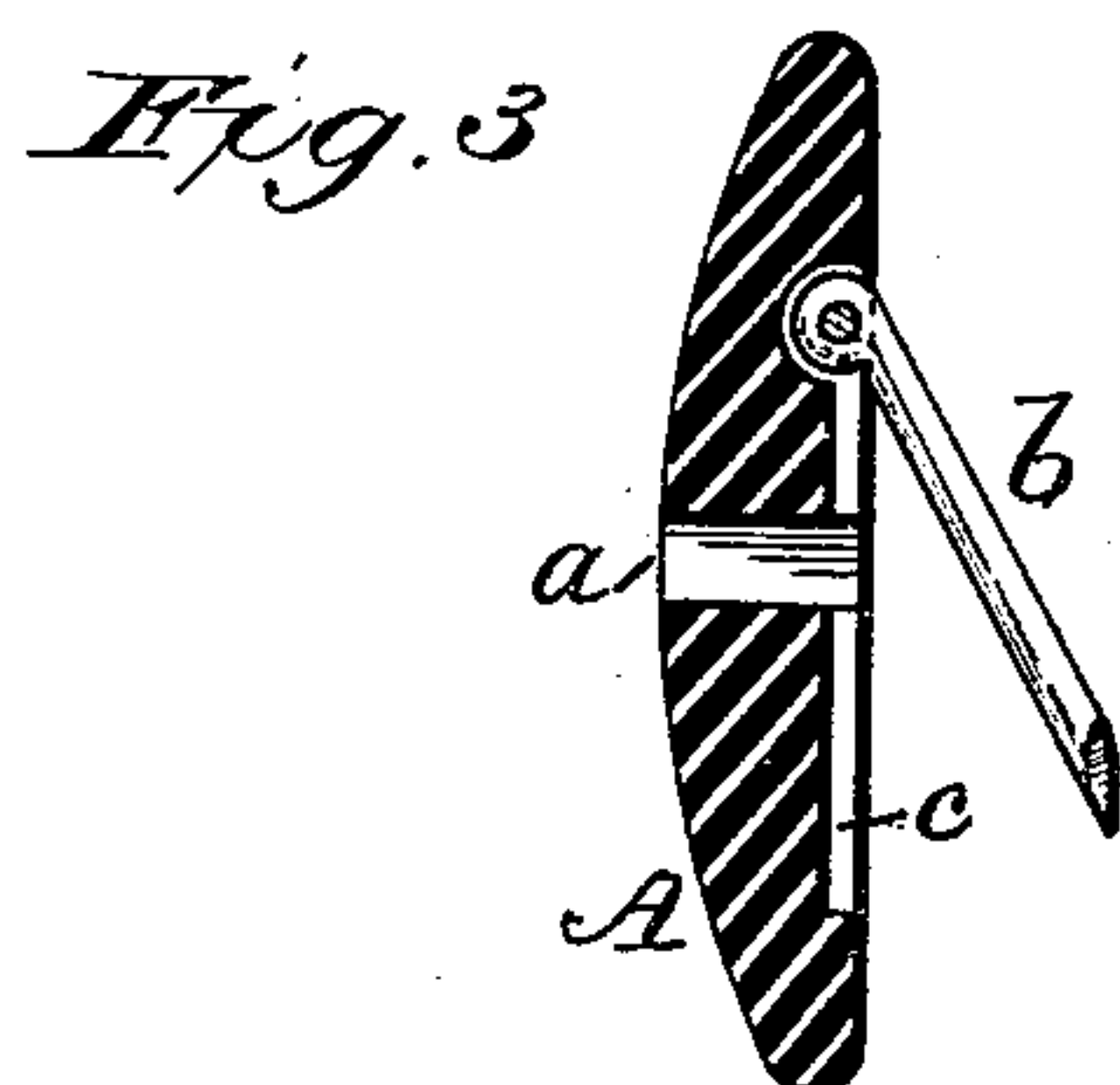
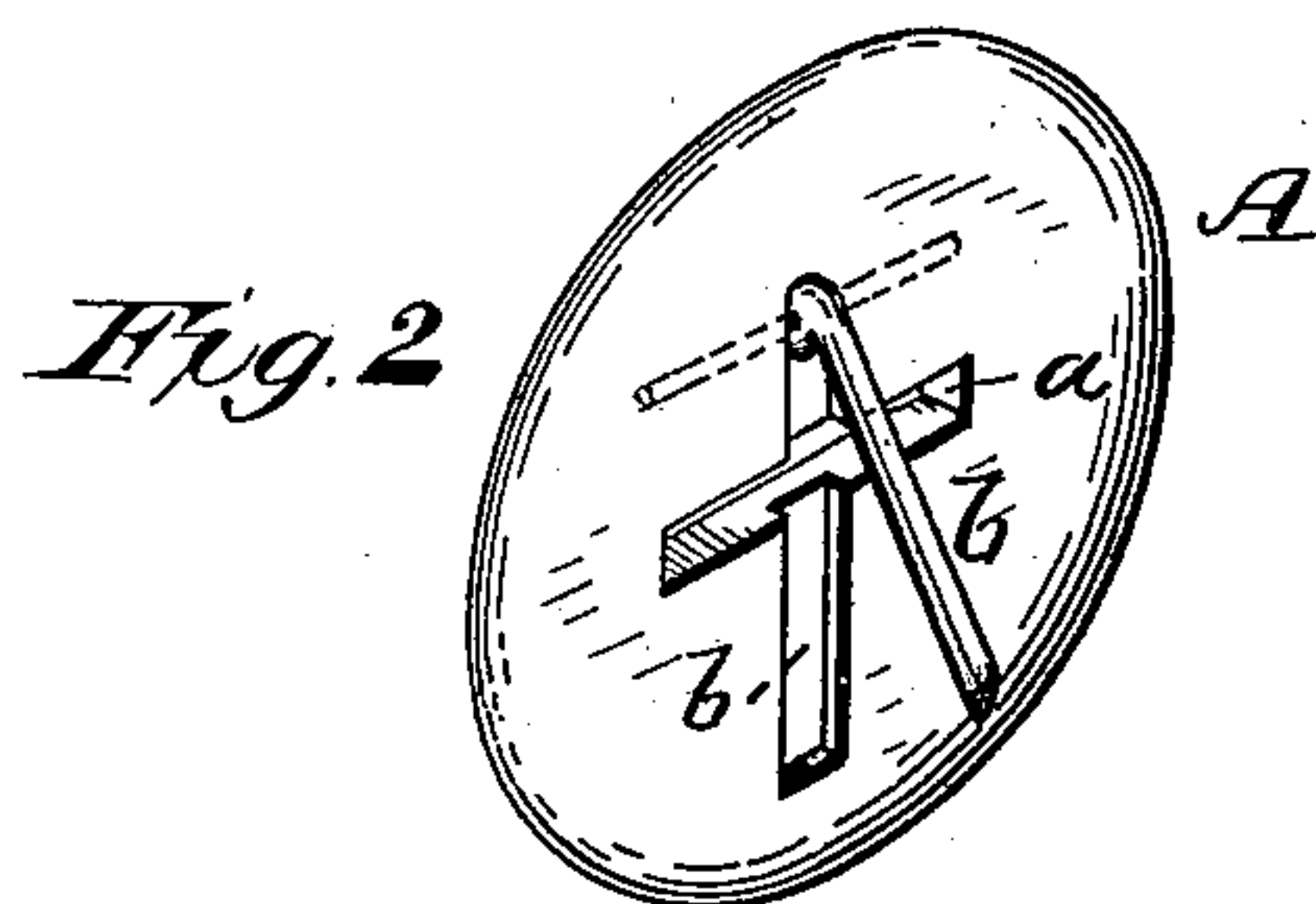
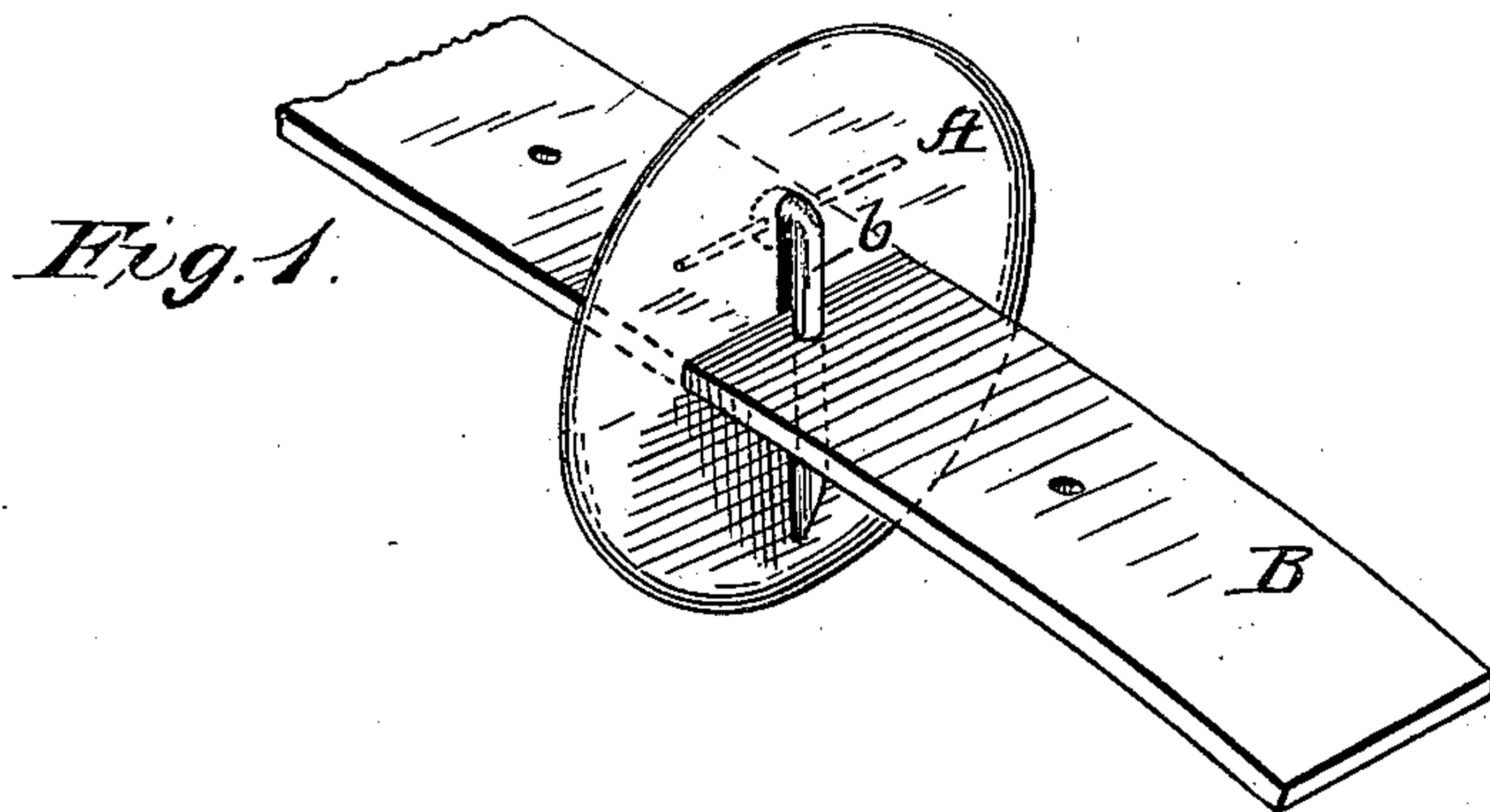
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## DRIVING-REIN HOLDER OR BUTTON.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, STEPHEN A. MARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Driving-Rein Holders or Buttons; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of my improved holder or button, showing it connected to one of the straps of a pair of driving-reins; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the holder or button detached therefrom; and Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation.

The present invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements in rein holders or buttons adapted to be readily connected to the rein and adjusted thereon, as required, the object of said holders or buttons being to prevent the reins from slipping through the hands.

The object of the invention is to materially improve the construction of the button or holder by providing a simple and effective means for attachment to the reins, thus not only improving the appearance of the device, but enabling it to be manufactured at a greatly reduced cost over those ordinarily in use. These several objects I attain by the construction substantially as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the holder or button, preferably of rubber, and having the usual transverse slot or opening, *a*, through which the strap B of the reins passes, and the button or holder secured thereon by a tongue, *b*. The tongue *b* is connected directly to the holder by pivoting or hinging it thereto, or secured in any other desirable manner which will admit of its end readily entering any one of a series of holes in the strap.

I have shown the tongue *b* as hinged or pivoted at one end to the holder or button; but in place thereof a sliding tongue may be em-

ployed, adapted to slide through a slot or hole formed by staples or their equivalent.

The tongue may be connected to the holder or button in various ways to slide through a slot or hole, adapted to go a convenient distance only through the rein, and secured to prevent falling out.

In constructing the holder or button A the form is not material, as it may be round or any other desirable shape, and either molded from a single piece of rubber or, if preferred, formed in two separate pieces suitably connected together, with a piece of canvass or other like material placed between the two sections to strengthen the holder or button and keep the fastenings from pulling out.

It should be noticed that the pivoted, hinged, or sliding tongue, as the case may be, is connected directly to the holder or button, thereby forming a neat, inexpensive, and practical device for the purpose without the necessity of using the buckles heretofore employed.

If desired, a recess, *c*, may be formed in the holder or button for the tongue *b* to rest in; but this, however, is not essential and is left to the discretion of the manufacturer.

I am aware that it is not new to provide buttons or holders for driving-reins with buckles, pivoted dogs with metallic plates, and lips, wedges, and the like for securing the button or holder to the rein, and therefore lay no claim to such means.

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

A driving-rein holder or button having a transverse opening through it for the reception of the rein or strap thereof, and a tongue suitably connected directly to the holder or button for securing the rein or strap thereto, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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