

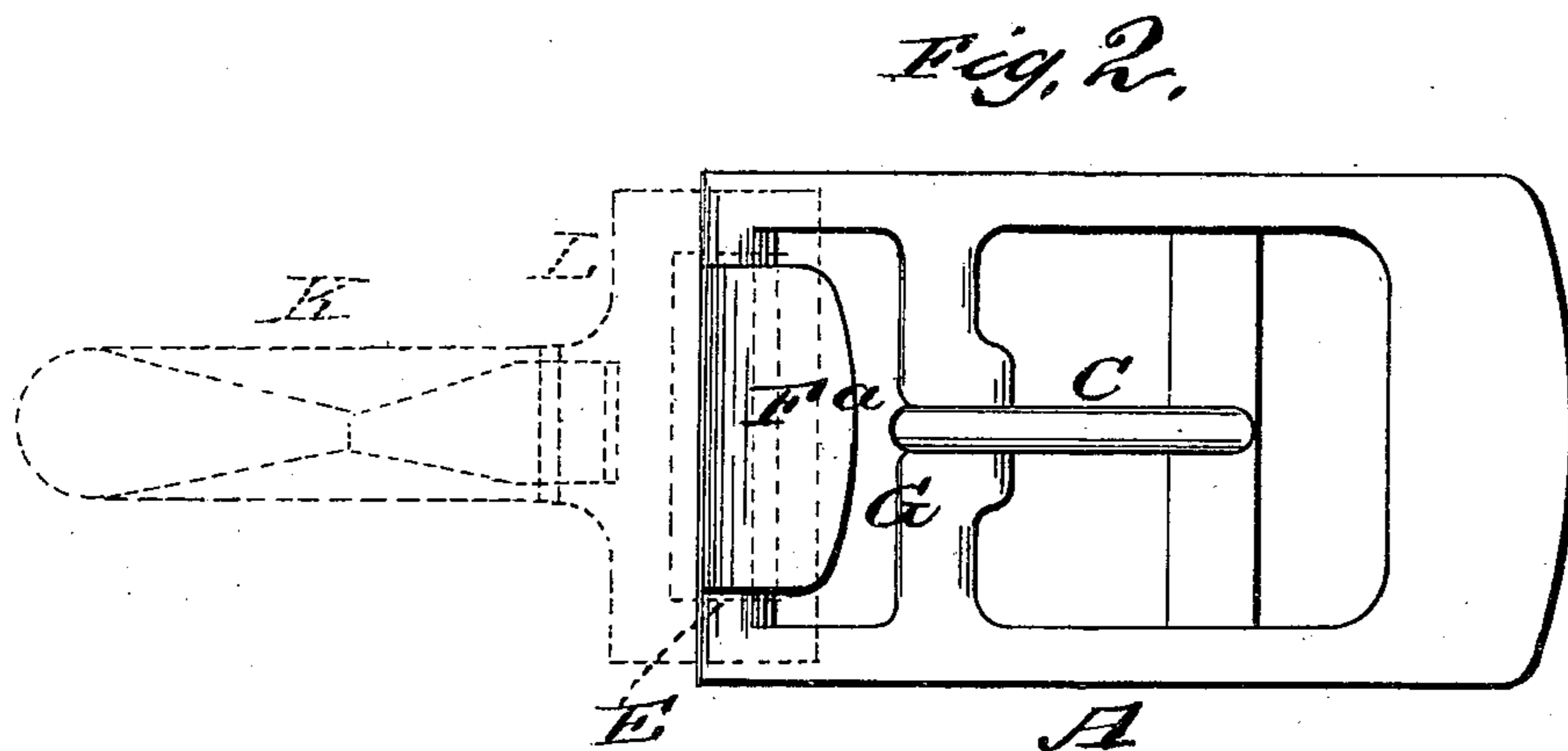
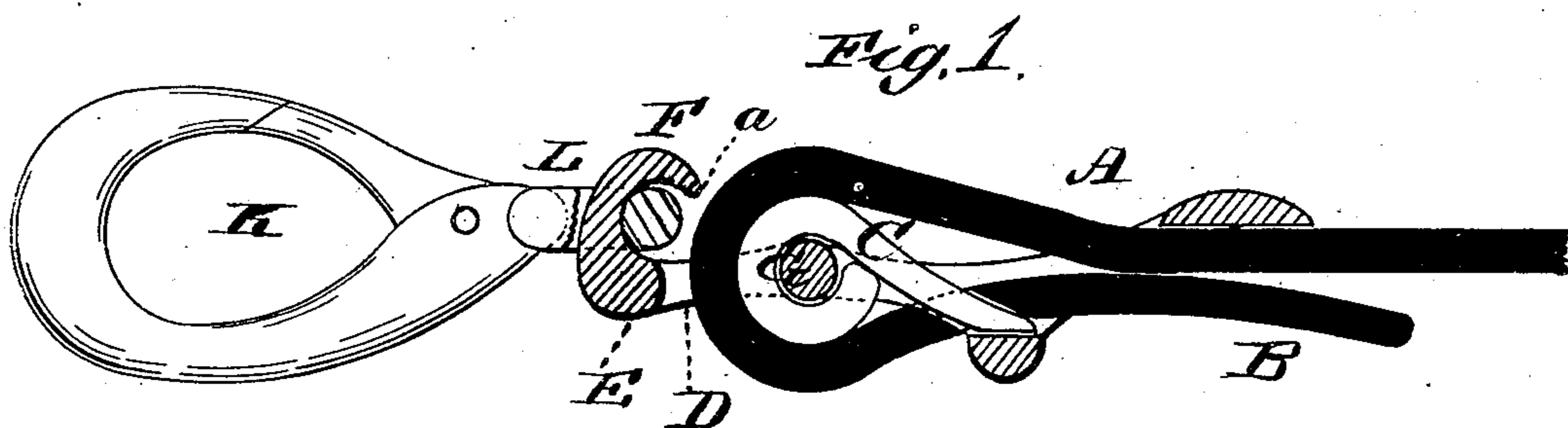
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. MORSE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Combined Buckle and Snap-Hook; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation 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 representation of a vertical sectional view of my improved buckle and snap-holder. Fig. 2 is a top or plan view of the same.

This invention has relation to buckles; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of a loop at the end of the buckle having a hook formed on the end bar and turned inward or toward the next bar, over which the strap passes, the space between the latter bar and the end of the hook being stopped by the strap, the device forming a connection for a snap hook or link, all as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the frame of a buckle, which can be made with a movable tongue or with a fastening stud for the end of the strap B, the tongue-fastening C being that which is shown in the drawings.

At the end of the buckle a loop, D, is formed, and the end bar, E, is made with a broad hook, F, which is curved over inward toward the next bar, G, to which the tongue C is usually attached, and over which the bend of the strap B passes. The distance between the bar G and the end or edge *a* of the hook F is but little greater than the thickness of the strap B.

K represents an ordinary snap-hook, having

a loop end, L, which can readily be connected to the hook F before the strap is adjusted over the bar G; and after the strap has been so adjusted the snap-hook will be fastened in place, the strap acting as a stop to prevent it from becoming casually detached. The buckle is in this manner provided with a simple and ready means of connection for a snap hook or link, which is easily adjusted, and from which the snap hook or link can be quickly detached.

A plate provided with side recesses between shoulders, and having a stud securing loops for the straps, and a wearing-hook at one end, is not new. A wearing-hook formed integral with the buckle, and having its lower edge projecting over a keeper in the buckle-frame for permitting the main strap to pass around the outside of the hook, has also been used; and a buckle composed of three parts—to wit, the principal frame, a tongue portion, and a hook portion, the hook secured to the tongue and the tongue hinged to the frame—is old; and neither of these constructions is broadly claimed herein.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the end bar, E, and its hook F, curved inward toward the next bar, G, of the bar G of the buckle, and the fastening stud or tongue C, adapted to hold a strap, which, when passed over the bar G and secured, as shown, serves to form a stop to insure the engagement of a snap hook or link with the hook F, substantially as specified.

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

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