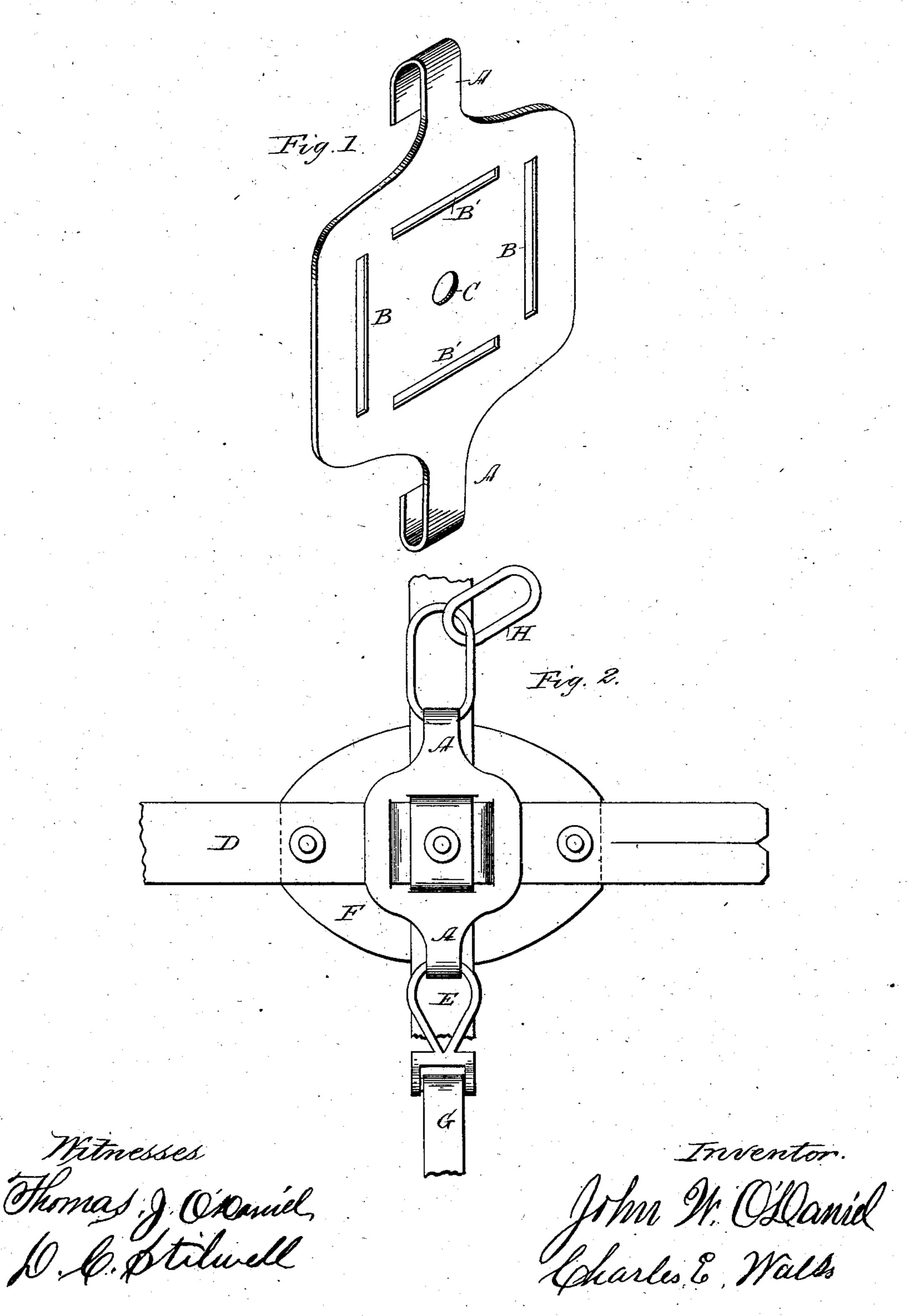
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## TRACE-CARRIER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, John W. O'Daniel and Charles E. Walls, of Cloverdale, in the county of Putnam and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Trace-Carriers for Harness, of which the

following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in trace-carriers for harness, by which the tugs or chains are carried when not hitched either on or off the horse, and the objects of our improvements are, first, in providing a carrier through which the back and hip straps of harness shall pass without cutting or sewing them to the carrier; second, to provide inverted hooks that shall lie as flat as possible to the hip-straps; and, third, to decrease the labor, material, and expense of attaching trace-carriers. We attain these objects by the construction of the form illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of the carrier. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the carrier fitted to

harness with tug and chain attached.

Similar letters refer to similar parts through-

out the several views.

The inverted hooks A A, slots B B', and a metal plate with rivet-hole C constitute the carrier. To the metal plate are formed the slots B B', so that the loops outside the slots B B' shall be raised above the metal plate sufficiently to allow the back and hip straps to pass on a straight line under the loops and over the

metal plate, as shown in Fig. 2, to the loops at B', and from their tops are formed the in- 35 vertedly-turned hooks A A. We prefer to carry out this feature of our invention as shown at Fig. 2, where it will be seen that the hooks A A are raised from the loops B' and have an inverted turn on the hip-straps 40 just outside of slots B'.

In applying this invention to harness the back-strap D is passed through the slots B and the hip-strap E is passed under the hooks A A and through the slots B'. Both back 45 and hip straps are secured in place by a rivet through the rivet-hole C and through both straps, as shown at Fig. 2. Underneath the straps and carrier is secured the safety-pad F. The tug or chain is attached and carried 50 as shown at G and H, in Fig. 2.

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

A trace-carrier composed of the flat metal 55 plate provided with slots B B' for the passage of the back and hip straps, the central rivethole, C, and the invertedly-turned hooks A A, one at each side, constructed and adapted to be applied to harness, as set forth.

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