

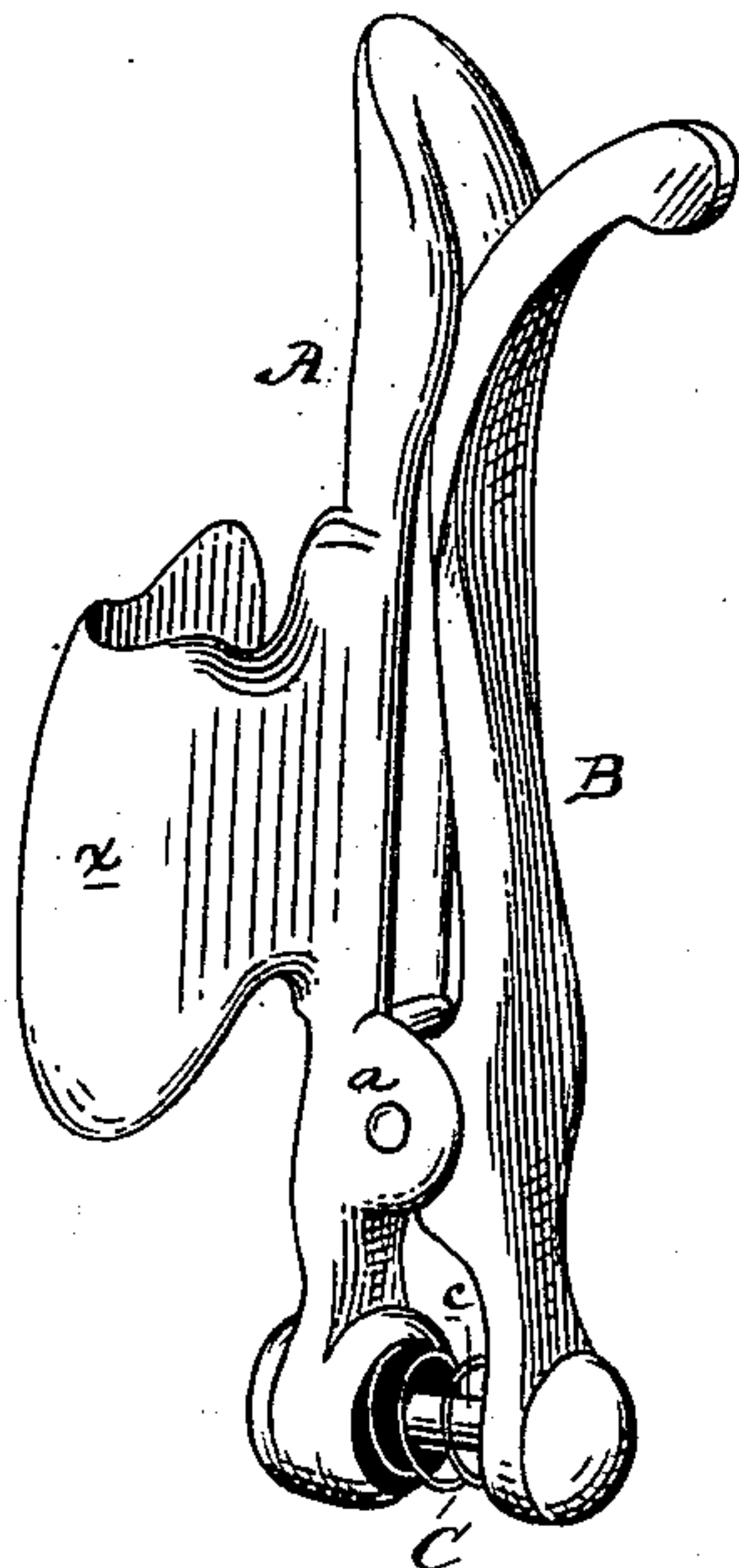
(No Model.)

E. E. BREWSTER.

REIN HOLDER.

No. 282,609.

Patented Aug. 7, 1883.



Attest:

A. Barthel

A. Sprague

Inventor:

Edward E. Brewster

by his Atty. Thos. A. Sprague

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

EDWARD E. BREWSTER, OF HOLLY, MICHIGAN.

REIN-HOLDER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 282,609, dated August 7, 1883.

Application filed April 3, 1883. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD E. BREWSTER, of Holly, in the county of Oakland and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful
5 Improvements in Rein-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which form a part of this specification.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction of devices designed to be attached to the splash-boards of vehicles for the purpose of securing the reins.

15 The invention consists in the peculiar construction, combination, and operation of the various parts by means of which the driver may secure the reins from dropping under the horse's feet wherever he desires to leave the
20 vehicle, as more fully hereinafter described.

The figure is a perspective view of my device.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, A represents one
25 of the jaws of my improved rein-holder, provided with ears *a*, between which the jaw B is pivotally secured. The jaw A is provided near its lower end with an enlargement, *b*, inclosing a chamber, within which is seated a
30 spring, C, and the lower end of the jaw B is provided with a spur, *c*, which enters the bore of such spring and retains the same in place. The object of the spring is by its expansive
35 force to keep the upper ends of the two jaws in contact, and as both these ends turn outwardly from each other they act as guides to guide the reins between the two jaws, overcoming to a certain extent the resistance of the spring. The jaw A is provided with
40 means for securing the same to the splash-board, in the figure a spring hook clamp, *x*, being shown for that purpose to embrace the frame of a leather splash-board, which is a perforated plate, through which screws are

employed to attach the same to a splash-board. 45
The device is shown with the spring removed and the upper portion of the jaws extended. This is done for the purpose of illustrating the vertical concavity in the front of the jaw A, by means of which, when the reins are inserted 50
and held in position by the action of the spring, the danger of such reins accidentally slipping through is avoided.

I attach importance to the spring-clamp *x*, as it allows the ready attachment and detach- 55
ment of the device, so that one holder will serve for several vehicles, to the vertical slot in the jaw A, to the circular concave socket which receives the spring C, and to the specific arrangement shown. 60

I am aware of Patent No. 83,150, of 1868, and others for a similar purpose; but these are not portable, and are designed for a fixture to the vehicle. They do not support the spring, nor do the spring pins or supports operate in 65
recesses in the opposite jaw to prevent wobbling and relieve the hinge-pivot of strain.

I am also aware that rein-holders have been portably clamped to dash-boards by spring-clamps, as shown in Patent No. 230,557, of 70
1880, and such construction is not sought to be covered in this application.

What I claim as new is—

The portable rein-holder herein described, consisting of the pivoted jaws A B, the jaw A 75
having the spring-clamps *x*, a vertical concavity to receive the reins, a recessed bearing for the spring, and jaws *a* for the pivot-pin, and the jaw B, having the pin *c*, which extends into the jaw A to prevent lateral strain, and 80
spring C, all constructed, arranged, and operating as and for the purposes set forth.

EDWARD E. BREWSTER.

Witnesses:

H. SPRAGUE,
E. SCULLY.