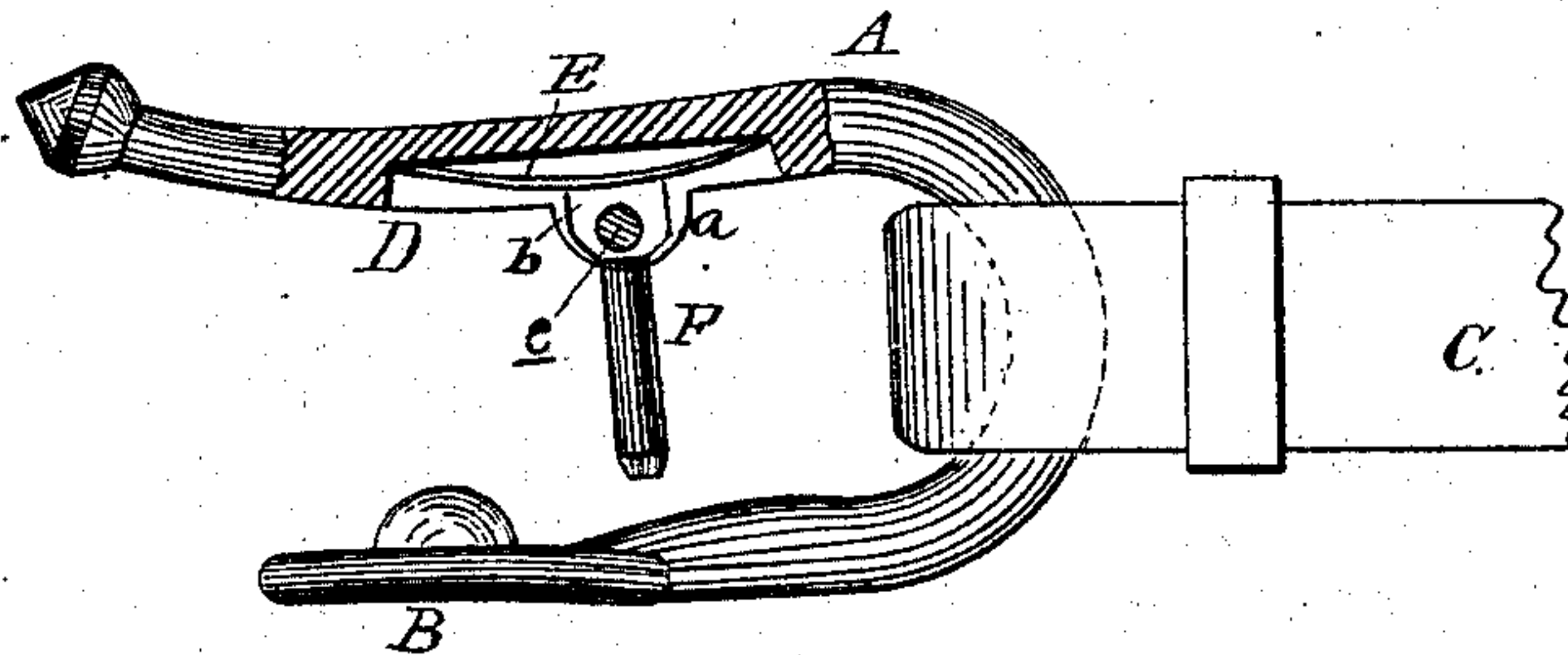


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN R. SHAW, of Elm P. O., in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Check-Rein Hooks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction of those check-rein hooks which are provided with means for preventing the check-rein from becoming accidentally detached.

15 The invention consists in the peculiar construction and combination of parts, as more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, A represents a 20 check-rein hook, attached in the usual manner to the back-pad B of the harness, the covering of said pad being left off. C is the check-rein attached to said hook. A recess, D, is formed in the lower side of said hook, within which is concealed the spring E. A 25 tongue, F, is pivotally secured between two ears, a, projecting from the lower side of the

hook on either side of the recess D. The head b of this tongue is squared upon the top, as shown, and its corners slightly rounded, and 30 the whole so combined and arranged that the spring will hold the tongue in a vertical position with its lower and pendent end just escaping the parts below, except when such tongue is forced to the front or rear to admit the at- 35 tachment of the check-rein or its detachment. When the rein is in engagement, the tongue should always be vertical, and the action of the spring will keep it in that position, except when thrown out of its position to enable the 40 check-rein to be attached or detached.

What I claim as my invention is—

The combination, with a check-rein holder provided with a recess, D, and ears a, of the spring E, concealed in said recess, and the 45 tongue F, with its head b secured between the ears a by the pivot c, the parts being constructed, arranged, and operating substantially as and for the purposes described.

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