

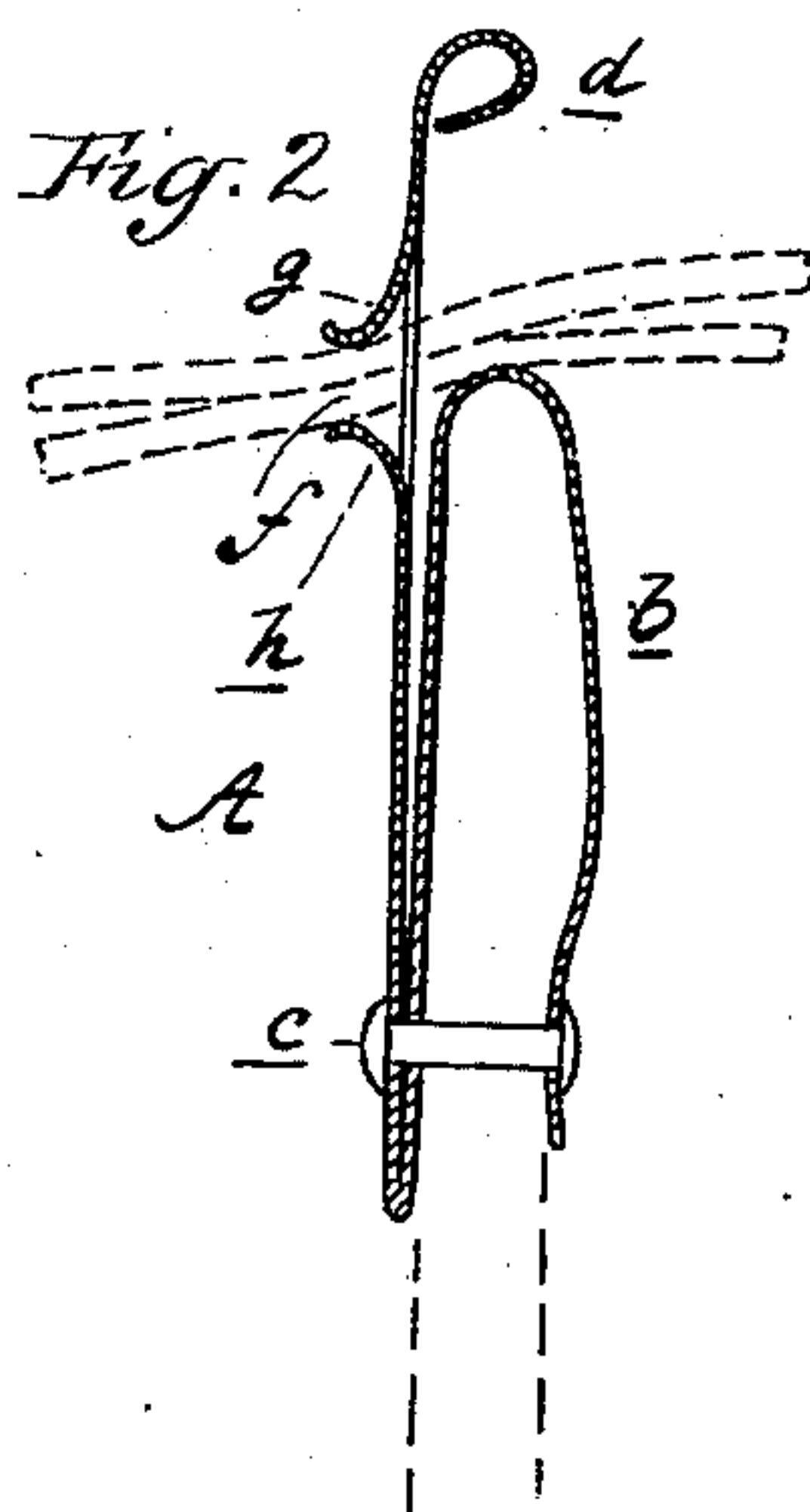
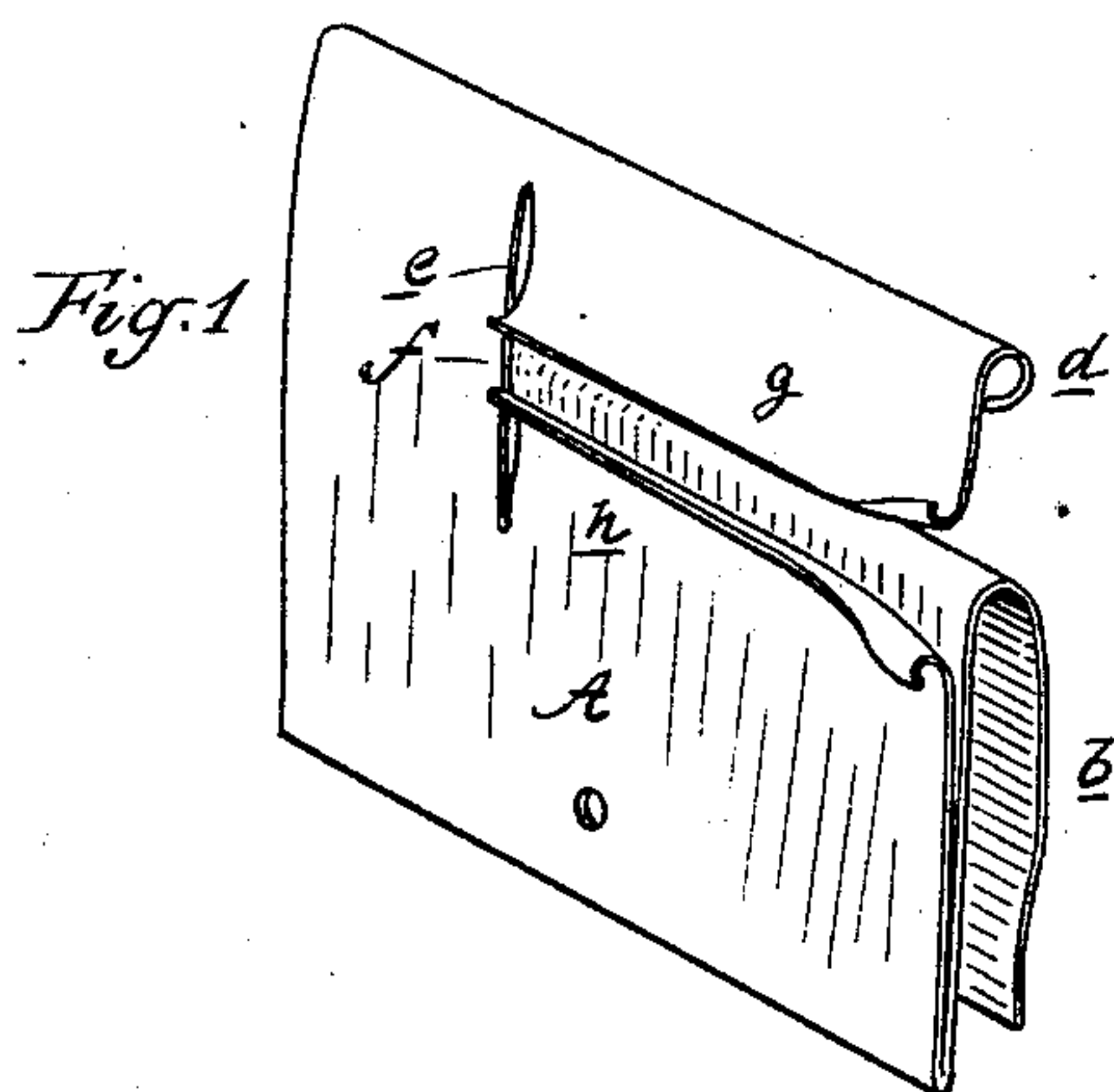
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM COTTRELL, of Lansing, in the county of Ingham 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 drawings, which form a part of this specification.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction of rein-holders of that class which are designed to be attached to the dash-board of the vehicle; and the invention consists in the peculiar
15 construction of said rein-holder, it being formed from a single piece of sheet metal, cut and bent so as to provide a means for securing it to the dash, and with a spring-slot for the reception of the reins, all as more fully hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device as secured to the dash. Fig. 2 is a vertical section.

25 In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, A represents a plate of sheet metal, one end of which is bent back upon itself, and with the return-bend *b*, forming a socket or recess for the reception of the edge of the dash, the same being rigidly
30 secured to place by a proper bolt or screw, *c*. The upper end of this plate is bent into the form of a bead, *d*, for the purpose of giving rigidity to that portion of the plate which projects above the edge of the dash. In the body
35 of this plate A, I cut a vertical slot, *e*, and a horizontal slot, *f*, running from one edge of the slot *e*, forming two wings, *g h*, the edges

of which are slightly curved in the same direction, or back from the reverse bend *b*, thus forming two spring-wings of that portion of 40 the plate.

In practice the device is secured to the dash in any convenient manner, with the spring plates or wings projecting toward the seat. When it is desired to secure the reins, when 45 not driving, so that they will not get under the horse's feet, the two reins are held together and forcibly inserted in the horizontal slot, where they will be rigidly held against pressure from the outside, such as might be 50 exerted by the horse getting his tail over the line, while they can readily be slipped out by the driver.

While I have described the slot for holding the reins as being horizontal in the plate, it is 55 evident that such slot may be made vertical, with the cross-slot horizontal, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A rein-holder formed from a single piece 60 of sheet metal, and provided with a return-bend for securing the same to the vehicle, and with a slot for holding and securing the reins, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A rein-holder consisting of the plate A, 65 provided with the return-bend *b* and spring or yielding wings *g h*, substantially as and for the purposes described.

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