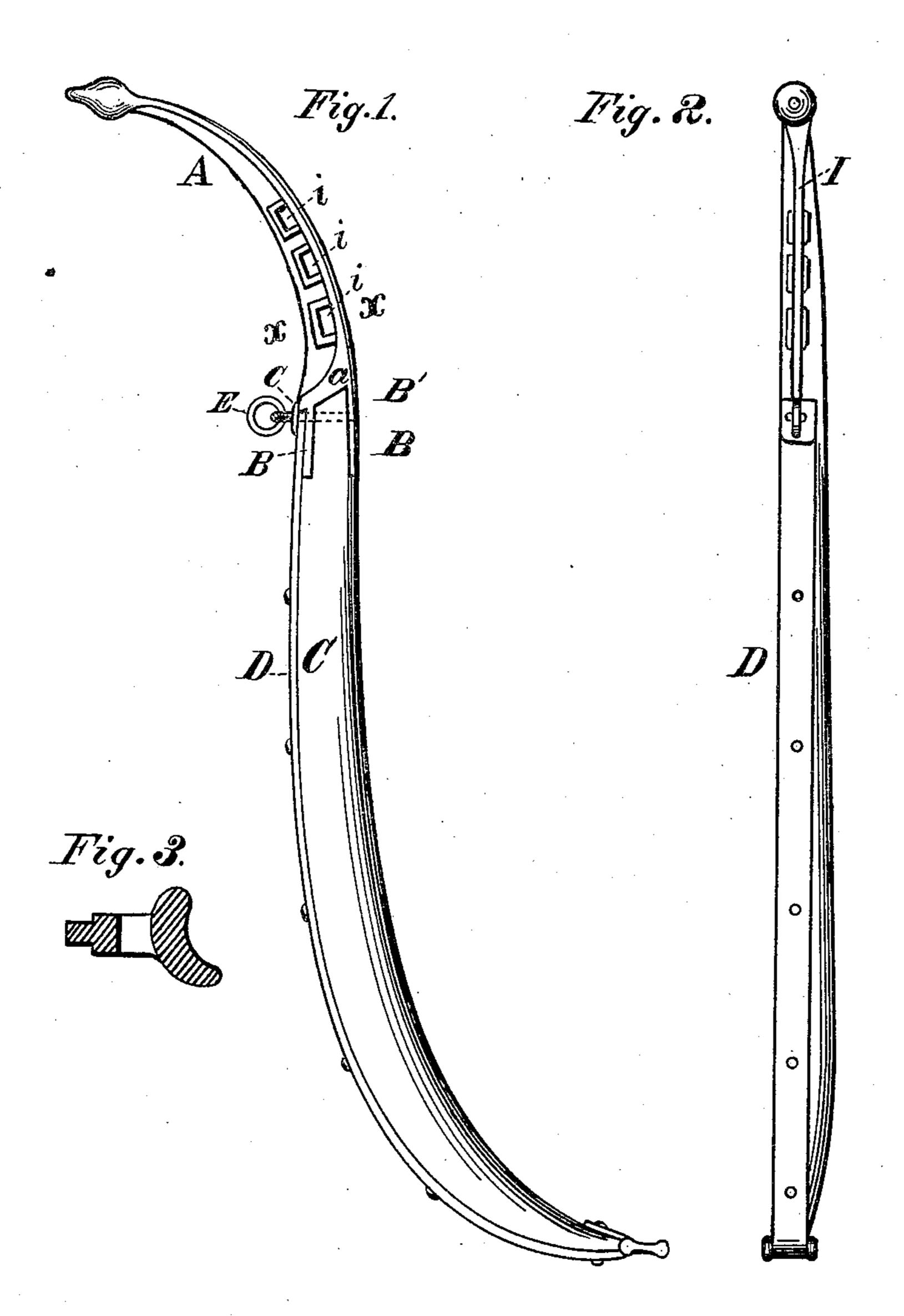
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## HAME.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Russell B. Whitzel, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hames, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved hame-

socket.

The object of my invention is to provide a strong, light, cheap, but elegant top socket for a hame, with the strap-loops cast on and with the said socket, all of which will be fully described in connection with the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improvement attached to an ordinary hame; Fig 2, a rear plan elevation of the same; and Fig. 3, a

section on line x x, Fig. 1.

A represents my improved hame-top socket.

B B represent metallic forks or straps cast
on and with the body A.

C represents a stock, which may be made of wood or metal, secured to the straps of socket A by means of staple B', riveted thereto.

D represents a metallic strap, secured to the outer face of the hame.

c represents a washer overlapping the shoulder a of the socket-top A and the metal strap 30 D, serving as a shield, to cover the joint formed by the strap D, and united to the fork B and shoulder a. It also serves as a wearing-plate for the ring E, inserted in the eye of staple-

bolt d.

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I represents a ledge centrally cast upon the

outer curved face of the metallic piece A. The metal upon each side thereof, forward of shouldel a, is rounded off, so as to reduce the weight of metal and improve the shape and appearance of the piece A.

i i represent a series of slots pierced through the vertical flange I, through which pass the fastening-strap loops, to unite the two hames together at the top. The rounding off of the metal upon each side of the slotted flange I 45 furnishes a suitable wearing-surface for the hame-fastening loops to bear against.

I believe this mode of making the hame-top socket A to be much stronger in proportion to the amount of metal employed than other de- 50 vices hitherto used, at the same time being more neat and elegant in appearance.

What I claim as my invention is—

A hame consisting of the stock C, the metallic top-socket A, having the shoulder a, 55 straps B B, and the slotted laterally-projecting flange I, cast centrally on the outer curved face of the socket, the metallic strap D, the staple b, passing through the strap D, the straps B, and the stock C, and provided with a ring, 60 E, and the washer e, arranged on the staple and overlapping the joint between the shoulder a and the strap D, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set 65 my hand.

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