

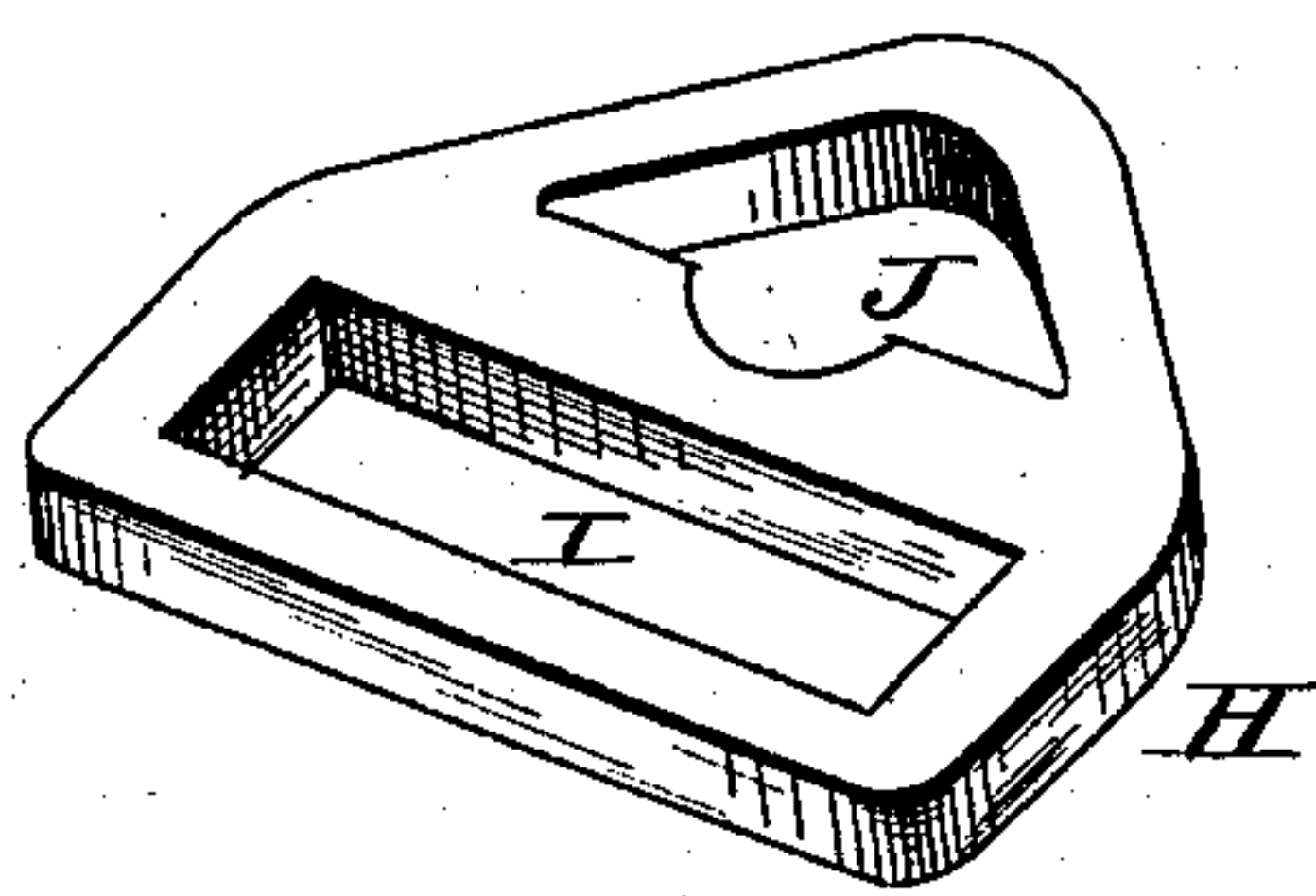
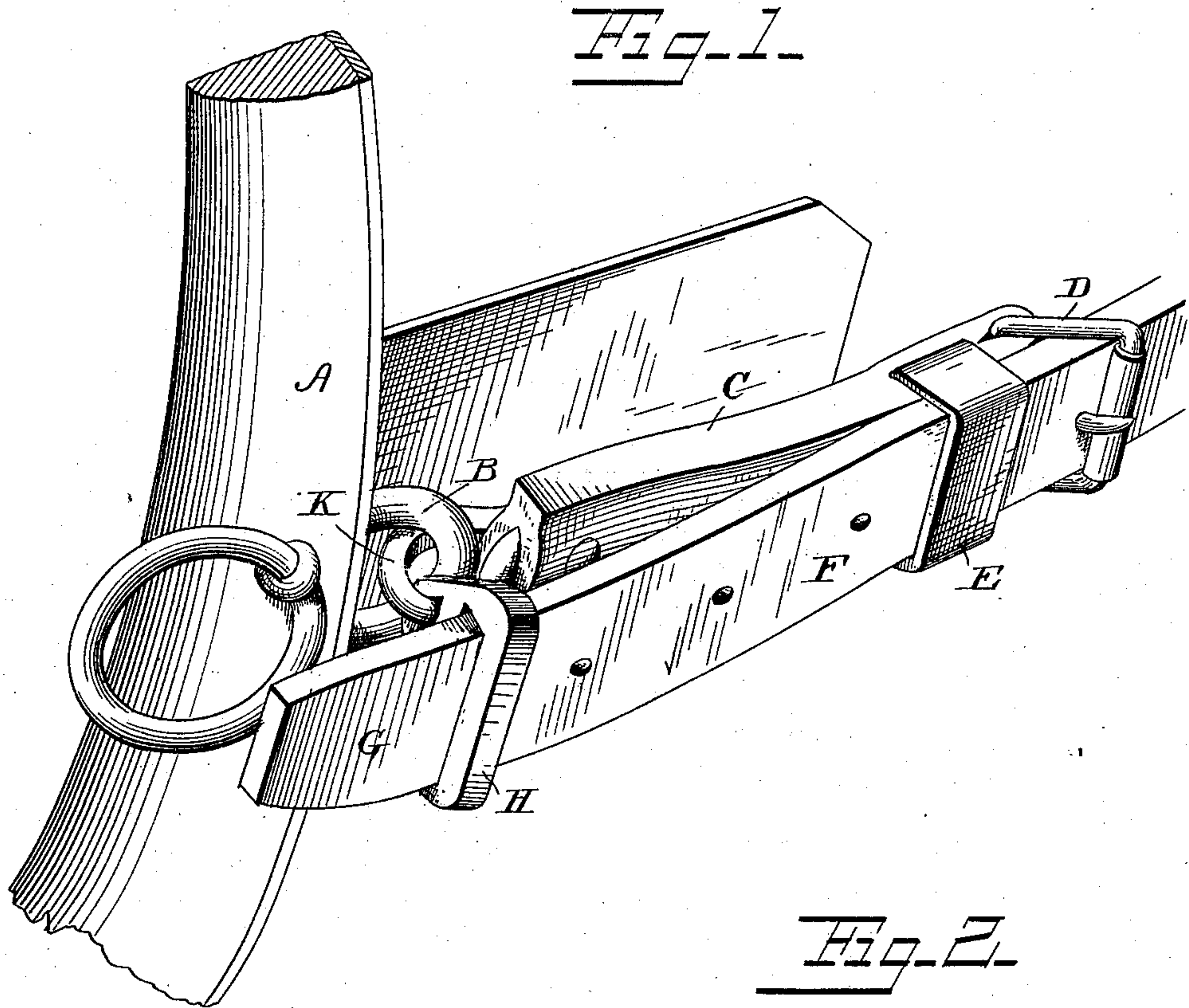
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## TRACE-HOLDING ATTACHMENT FOR HAME-CLIPS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nora Springs, in the county of Floyd and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Trace-Holding Attachment to Hame-Clips, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to an improved trace-loop adapted to be arranged on the hame-tug clip and serve to support and retain the front end of the trace when it is buckled to the hame-tug. It is well known that where the front end of the trace is not provided with a loop or support this end curves and turns outwardly from the hame-tug, and causes much annoyance and trouble by engaging doors, gates, &c., through which the horse passes, and at other places, and this engagement very frequently pulls out the leather loops on the hame-tug at the buckle. My present invention is designed to obviate all these objections and disadvantages, and to provide a simple, inexpensive, durable, convenient, and efficient attachment that is adapted to be placed on the hame-tug clip, and will serve to hold the end of the trace against the hame-tug and keep it perfectly straight, and entirely obviate its turning outwardly.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of the harness, showing my device in position. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the ring or loop.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the hame, which is provided with the usual tug-clip, B, to which is connected the hame-tug C, having the buckle D and buckle-loop E at its rear end.

F is the trace, which is buckled to the rear end of the hame-tug and passed through the

leather loop E, from which its end G projects forwardly.

H is the trace-loop, which is formed of metal, preferably, and comprises a plate having a main slot, I, and an eye or perforation, J, by which latter it is arranged to swing on the clip or eye K, by which the hame-tug is connected to the hame-clip.

The operation and advantages of my invention will be readily understood and appreciated. After the trace has been buckled, its end has only to be passed through the slot I, which will serve to hold the said end in against the hame-tug, and the end can be easily disengaged from the said loop-plate whenever it is desired to unbuckle the trace from the hame-tug.

I am aware that rings have been arranged to swing on the hame-clip, and that bridges have been formed on the hame-tug, and I therefore do not broadly claim this.

I claim as my invention—

As an improvement in devices for supporting the front ends of traces, the combination of the hame having the tug-eye B, the hame-tug having the eye K, interlinked with the hame-eye B, and the trace-supporting plate H, formed with the main slot I, adapted to receive the end or point of the trace, and with the perforation J, interlinked with the eye K on the hame-tug and swinging on and with the latter, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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