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Fig. 1.

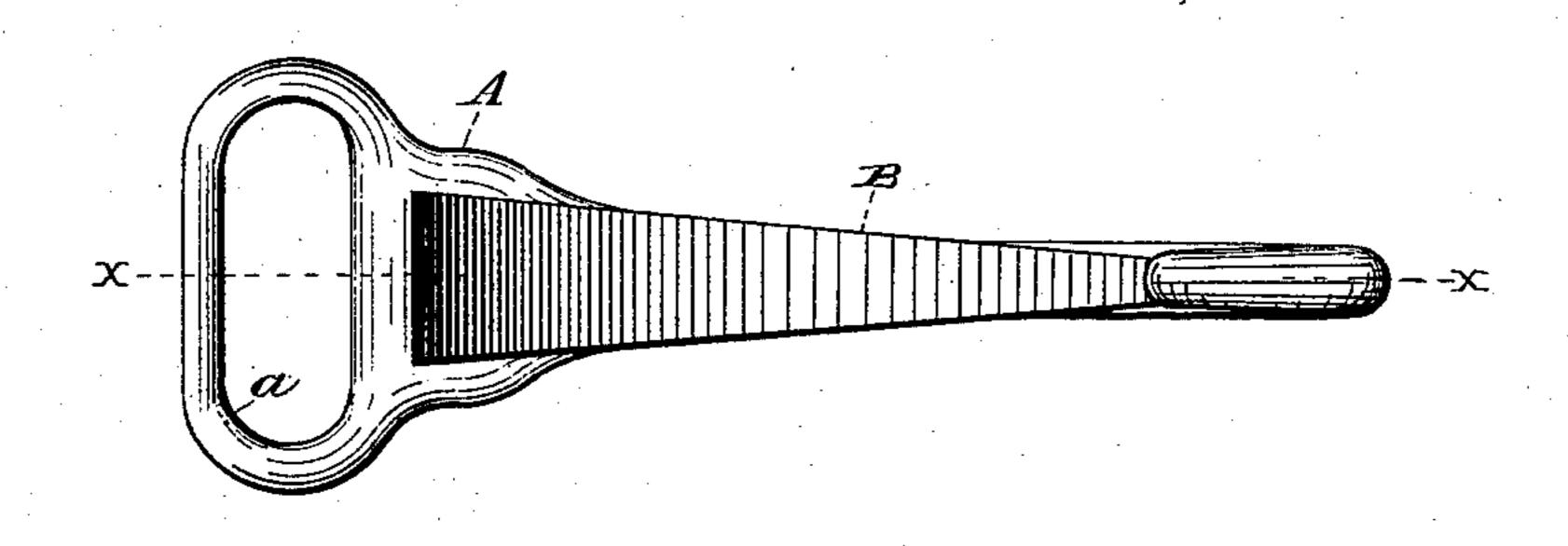
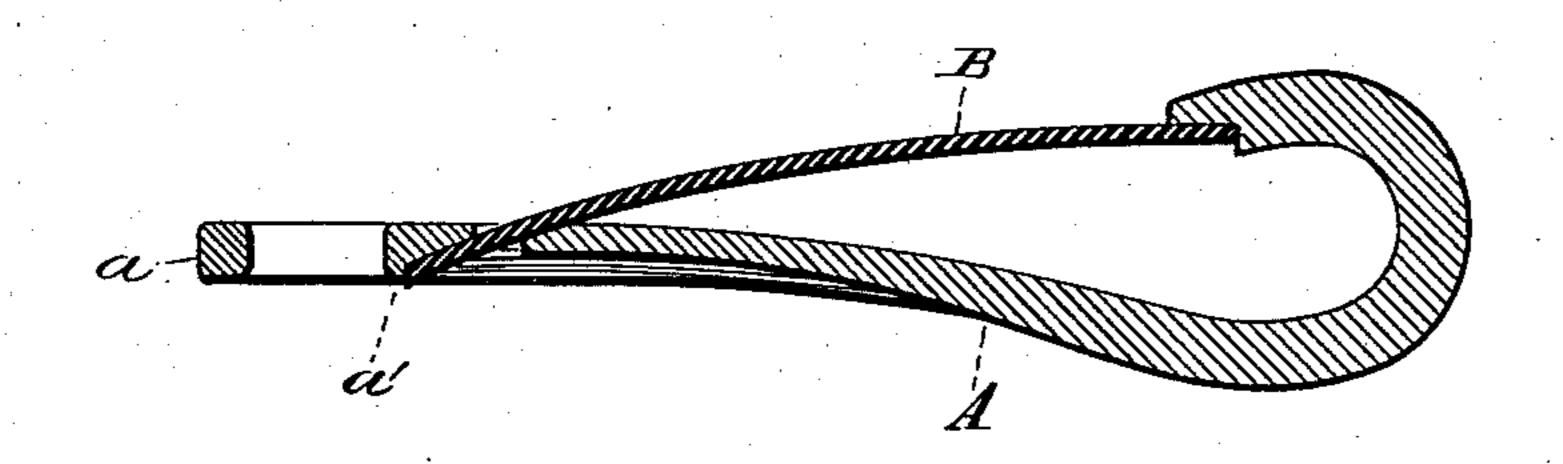


Fig. 2.



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SNAP-HOOK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Jesse E. Pumphrey, of Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and 5 useful Improvements in Harness-Snaps; and I do hereby declare the following to be afull, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in harness-snaps; and it consists in certain features of construction and in combination of parts hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved snap. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line of x x, Fig. 1.

A represents the body of the snap, made preferably of malleable cast-iron, and with the 20 part a in suitable shape for attaching a strap to the snap. There is an orifice passing obliquely through the part A, in which the butt of the spring B is inserted, the walls of the orifice forming a seat for this part of the said spring.

25 On the under side of the part A, and at the back end of the oblique orifice, is the rib a', that engages the butt of the spring. The tension of the spring holds the butt-end thereof firmly in contact with the said seat, that in 30 turn supports the spring from all directions

and holds it firm.

The spring, as shown, is made tapering, and when driven into its place fills the orifice and

cannot easily be disengaged from its seat without breaking the spring.

I am aware that projections have been cast on the body of a snap-hook and turned over upon the butt-end of the spring to hold it against displacement, and hence I would have it understood that I make no claim to such 40 construction of snap-hook.

What I claim is—

1. A stap-hook provided with an opening or socket in its base to receive and retain a snap-spring, said socket being formed with an 45 oblique upper side to act as an abutment for the spring, and also with a shoulder constituting a rest for the adjacent end of said spring, whereby the spring is held within the socket by virtue of its resilience alone when the outer 50 end of said spring is in operative contact with the top of the hook.

2. The combination, with a straight snapspring, of a snap-hook provided with an opening or socket in its base to receive the spring, 55 said socket being formed with an oblique upper side and also with a downwardly-extending rib er base, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specifica- 60 tion, in the presence of two witnesses, this 1st

day of August, 1883.

JESSE E. PUMPHREY.

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