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Fig. 1.

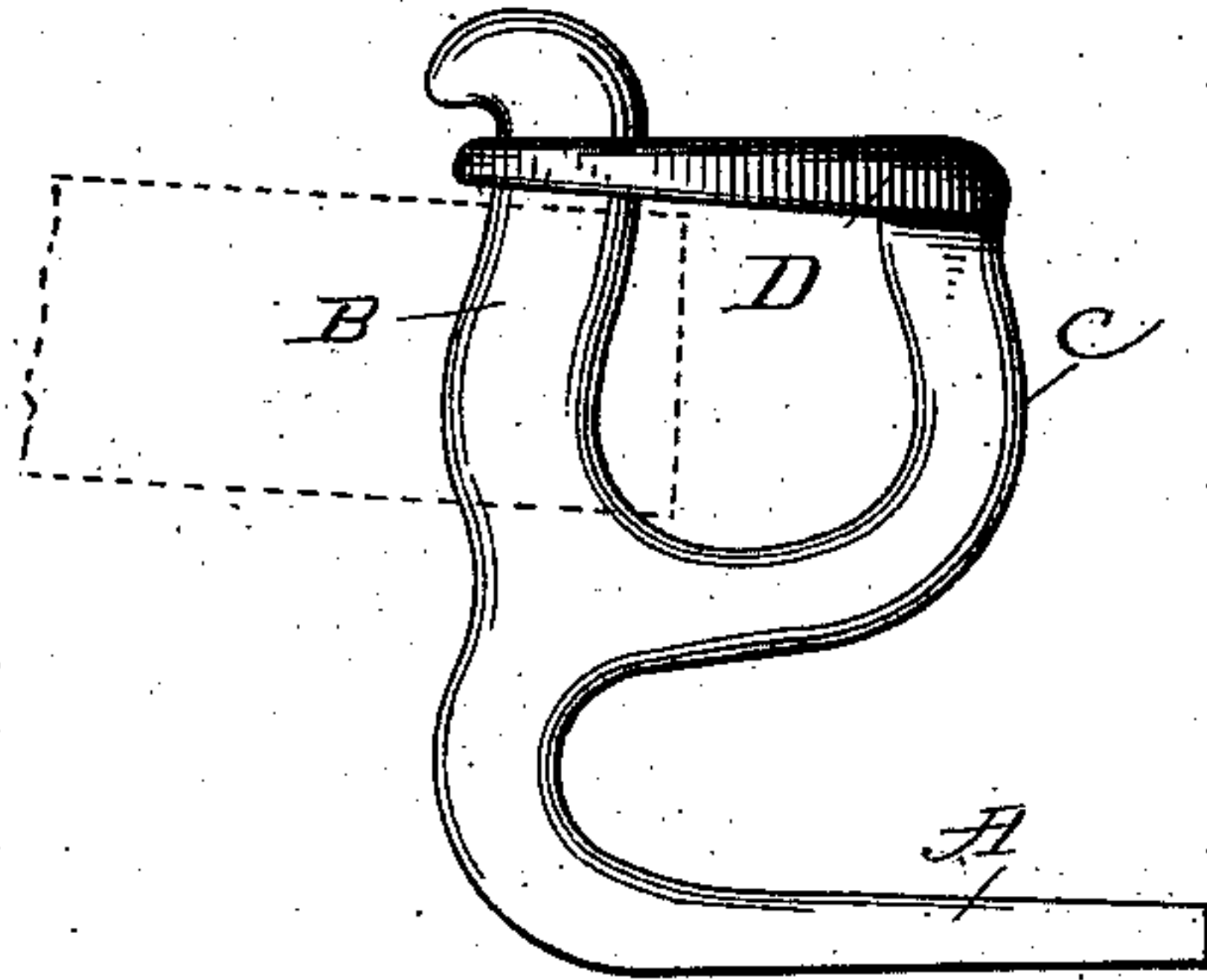
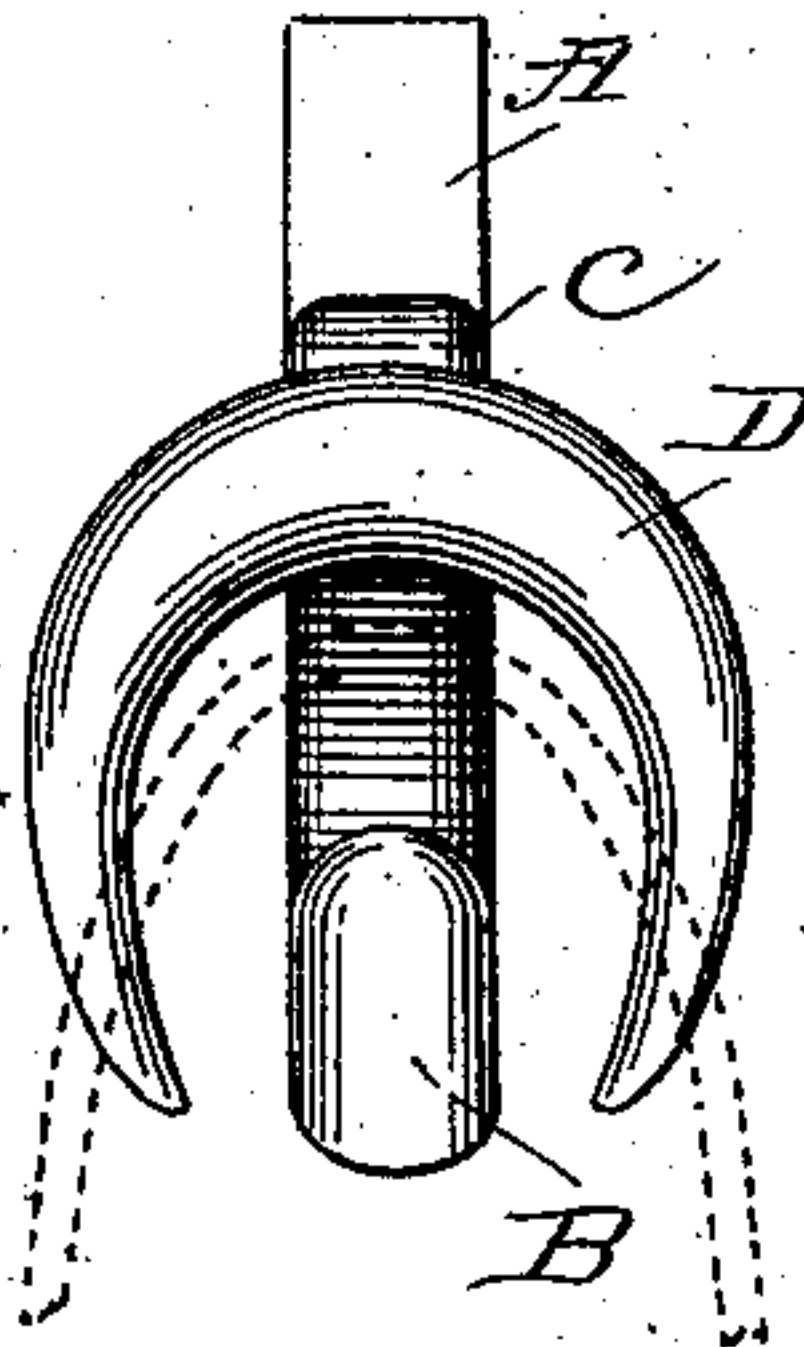


Fig. 2.



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## CHECK-REIN HOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOS. A. CRABTREE, of East Surry, in the State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Check-Rein Hooks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in hooks for holding the check-reins of harness. The object of the invention is to furnish a check-rein hook which shall not only hold the rein securely, but will have a free opening, through which the rein may easily be passed from the top without twisting or turning the rein edgewise.

My invention consists in combining with a check-hook and a vertical standard in the rear thereof a peculiarly-shaped guard secured to the said standard and projecting forward; further, in a guard of horseshoe shape, forming, in connection with the top of the hook, a curved slot, which permits the entrance of the loop or bend of the strap directly from above.

In the drawings accompanying this application, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my device. Fig. 2 is a top view.

A represents the base-plate, by which the device is secured to the harness.

B is a check-rein hook, which inclines slightly backward, so as to hold the strap securely when drawn tightly forward.

C is a standard or arm extending backward from the check-hook, and then curving upward nearly to the top of the check-hook, its upwardly-extending part being inclined slightly forward.

D represents the guard, which is mounted

upon the upper end of the standard C. This guard is composed of a curved piece of metal approximately of horseshoe shape, having two curved arms, which project forward beyond the body of the hook B. The rounded body of the hook and the curved guard form a curved slot opening directly upward. The bend of the strap pinched closely together may be readily passed through the slot from above to the base of the hook. As the strap is relaxed, it spreads to such an extent that any upward movement is stopped by the guard. Of course, if the strap is pulled tightly against the inclined hook, the tension will prevent it from rising.

The hook may be formed from any suitable material, finished and ornamented in any suitable manner.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, a check-rein hook consisting of a standard for holding the rein, a rear standard having a horizontal guard extending forward past the standard which holds the rein, with a space between it and the said standard to admit the rein, the whole being provided with an extension for attachment to the saddle, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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