

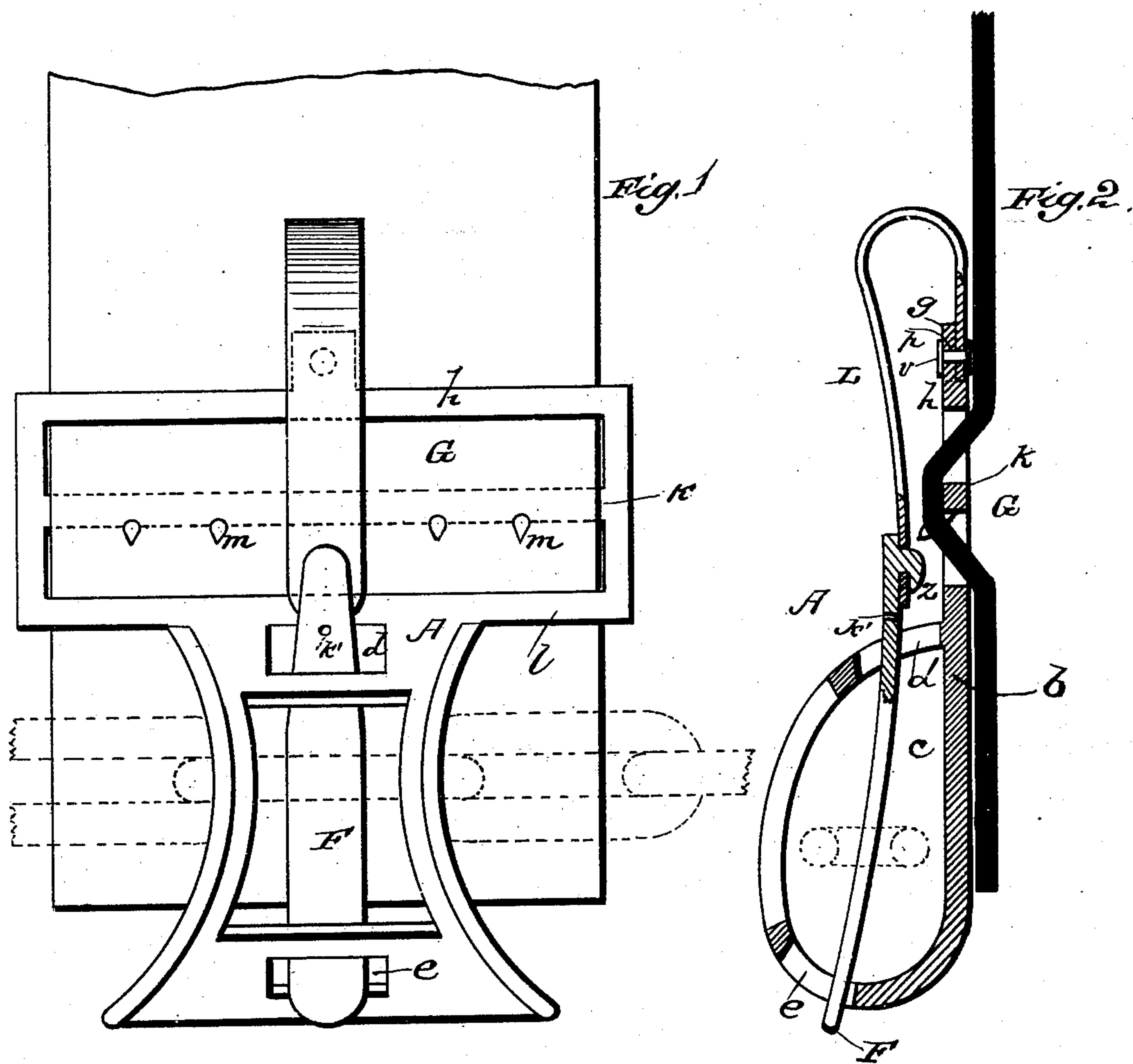
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## BACK-BAND LOOP.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH P. HAMILTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Franklin, in the county of Williamson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Back-Band Loops; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a front view of my device, and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same.

This invention has relation to back-band loops for the draft-chains of harness; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of devices, as hereinafter set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claim appended.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the chain-loop, which has a smooth solid back, *b*, and a front, *c*, slotted above at *d* and below at *e*, for the passage of the key F. At the top of the chain-loop is formed the transverse band-loop portion G, consisting of the end-connected bars *h*, *k*, and *l*, of which the center bar, *k*, is provided with downwardly-turned teeth *m*, adapted to engage the material of the band passing in front thereof. The upper bar, *h*, is provided with a central offset lug portion or swell, *g*, through

which is made a perforation, *p*, to receive a rivet, *v*, whereby the end of the leather or chain connection L is attached to the back of the lug. This leather strap or chain or connection L is brought forward over the lug or swell *g*, and is attached to the key or tongue F, by means of a hook, *z*, formed on the end of the latter, or by a rivet, the end of the hook or head of the rivet being hammered to secure the leather in its connection to the key, or a chain may be used connected to a hole, *k'*, made in the top of the key. The length of the strap or chain L is sufficient to allow the key to hang in the slots or bearings *d* and *e* of the chain-loop A, and at the same time to give sufficient play for the ready withdrawal of the key or tongue upward out of said bearing when it is desired to disconnect the chain.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A back-band fastener having its upper end formed into a buckle for adjustment on the back-band and having its lower end formed into separate loops with a fastening-pin which is connected to the body by means of a flexible strap or band and adapted to engage with the chain.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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