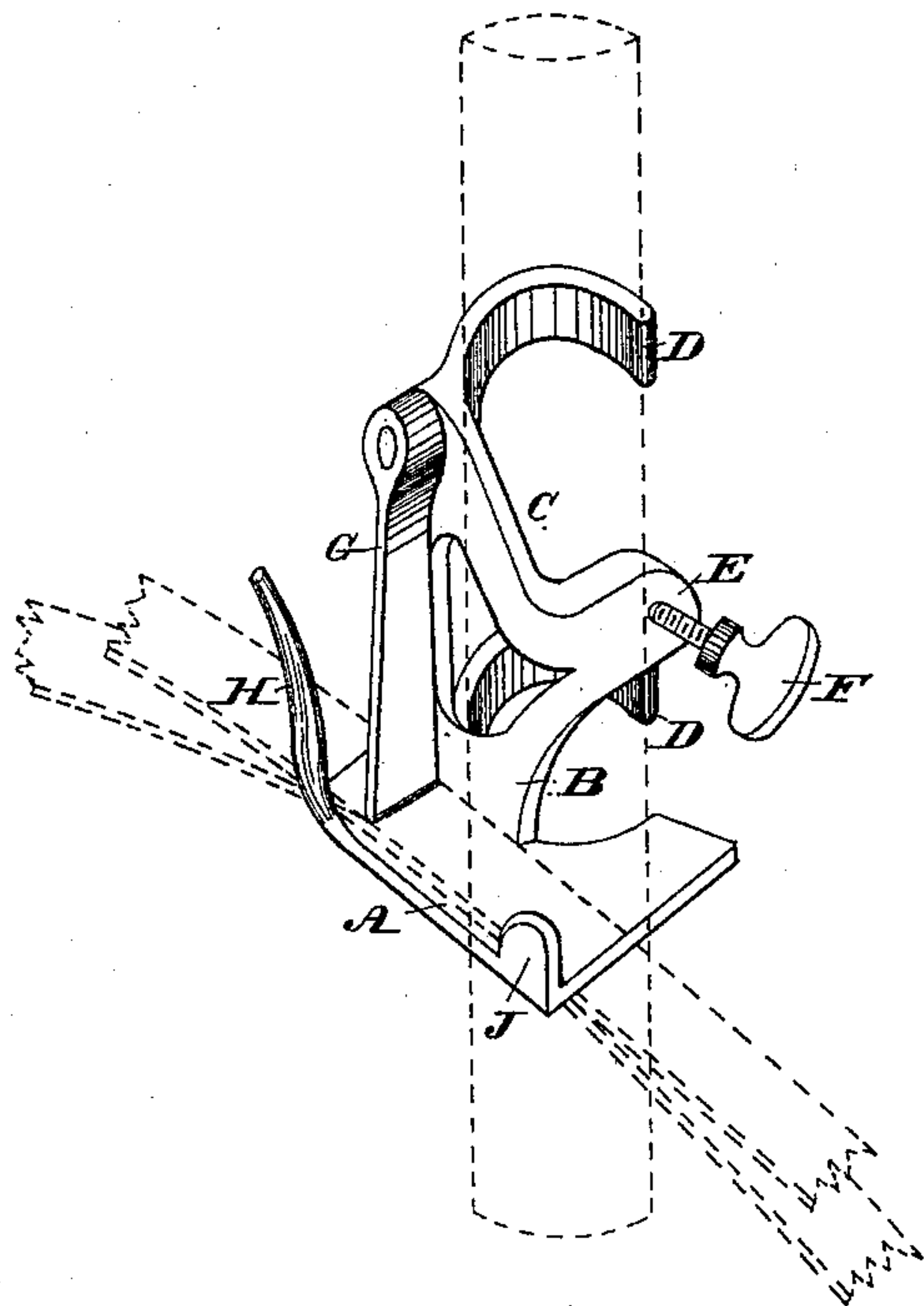


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## REIN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DANIEL GOFF, a citizen of the United States, residing in Millville, county of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Rein-Holders, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which the figure represents a perspective view of a rein-holder embodying my invention, this  
10 consisting of a rein-holder formed of a bed, a pivoted jaw, a clamp, and guards, as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Referring to the drawing, A represents a bed or plate from which rises a clamp, B, which  
15 is constructed of an arm, C, with laterally-extending hooks D, and a lug, E, the latter having a threaded opening to which is fitted a screw, F, the hooks and lug being separated  
20 so as to receive between them the post of a vehicle or any suitable part of the same in the path of the driving-reins.

Pivoted to the top of the arm C is a jaw, G, whose lower end is above the bed A and close  
25 thereto, so that when the jaw is thrown back and the reins are placed on the bed the jaws close against the reins and tighten them on the bed, whereby they are firmly held. Rising from the side of the bed opposite to the arm  
30 C are guards H J, the guard H being bent outwardly or flaring, so that the reins may be readily thrown over the same so as to be located on the bed A. The guard J is perpendicular, it being noticed that the guard H is at  
35 the front, and the guard J at the rear, of said bed.

The operation is as follows: When the device is in position and the reins are to be held, the jaw is moved rearward, and the reins are  
40 thrown over the guards H J, so as to rest on the bed, and the jaw is let go, whereby it drops and tightens against the reins, thus clamping the reins and reliably holding the same, without, however, interfering with drawing up the  
45 reins when so required. When the reins are to be released, the jaw is swung rearward, and the reins are raised from the bed and clear of the guards, after which the jaw returns to its normal position. In locating the reins on the

bed the flaring guard H serves to direct the  
50 reins to the bed, and the guard J prevents lateral displacement of the reins at the rear end of the bed, for while the reins are held by the driver the motion of the vehicle has a tendency to throw the reins to the side, and the rear-  
55 ward draft on the reins to loosen the jaw, in which case the reins strike the flaring guard H and would be deflected upwardly. This would also be occasioned when the device is fastened to a side post of the vehicle; but the  
60 rear guard, J, prevents the reins from shifting laterally and keeps them on the bed, so that they are reliably held in position.

In practice the bed, the guards, the pivot of the jaw, and the several parts of the guard,  
65 excepting the screw, are cast in one piece of metal, so that the device may be made light, inexpensive, strong, and durable.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters  
70 Patent, is—

1. A rein-holder formed of a bed, a clamp rising therefrom, and a gravity-jaw pivoted to said clamp, all of said parts being combined and arranged substantially as described. 75

2. A rein-holder formed of a bed, a clamp rising therefrom formed of fixed jaws provided with a screw, a gravity-jaw pivoted to said clamp, and a flaring guard, all combined substantially as described. 80

3. A rein-holder formed of a bed, a pivoted jaw, a clamp, a flaring guard, and a perpendicular guard, said parts being combined and operating substantially as described.

4. A rein-holder formed of a bed, a pivoted  
85 jaw, guards at the side of the bed, and a clamping device, the latter being formed of an arm which rises from the bed, hooks, and a lug which projects laterally from the arm, and a screw fitted to the lug, the arm of the clamp  
90 sustaining the pivoted jaw, the several parts being combined and operating substantially as described.

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