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REIN SUPPORTER.

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Fig. 1.

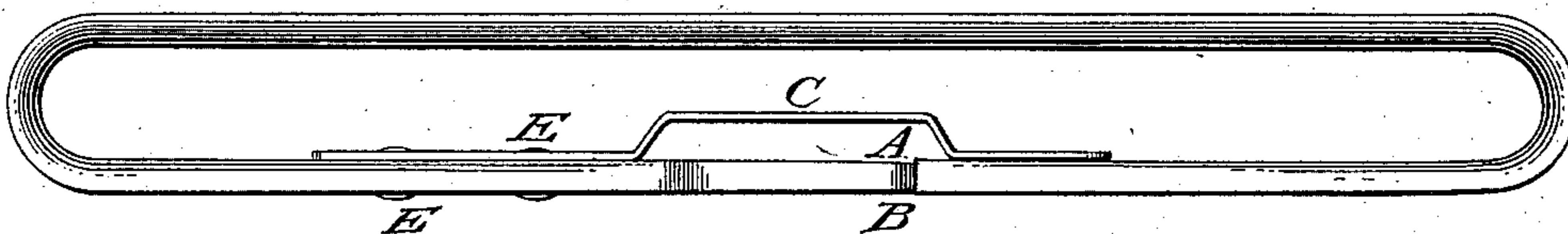


Fig. 2.

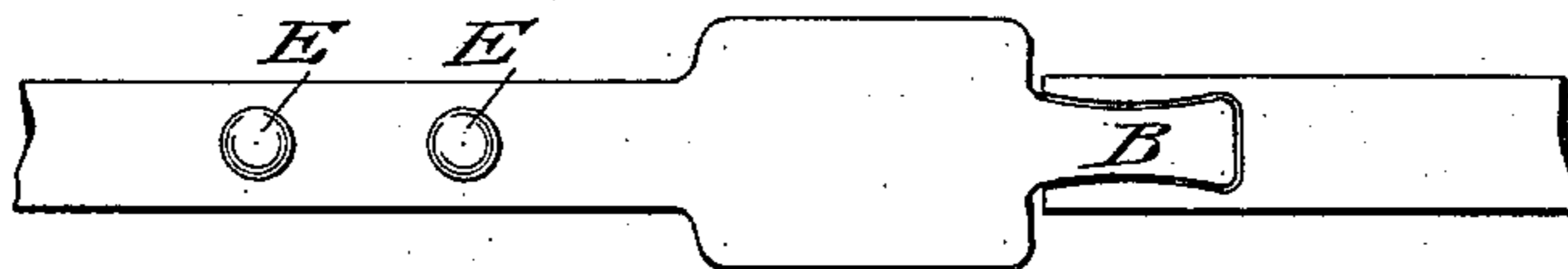
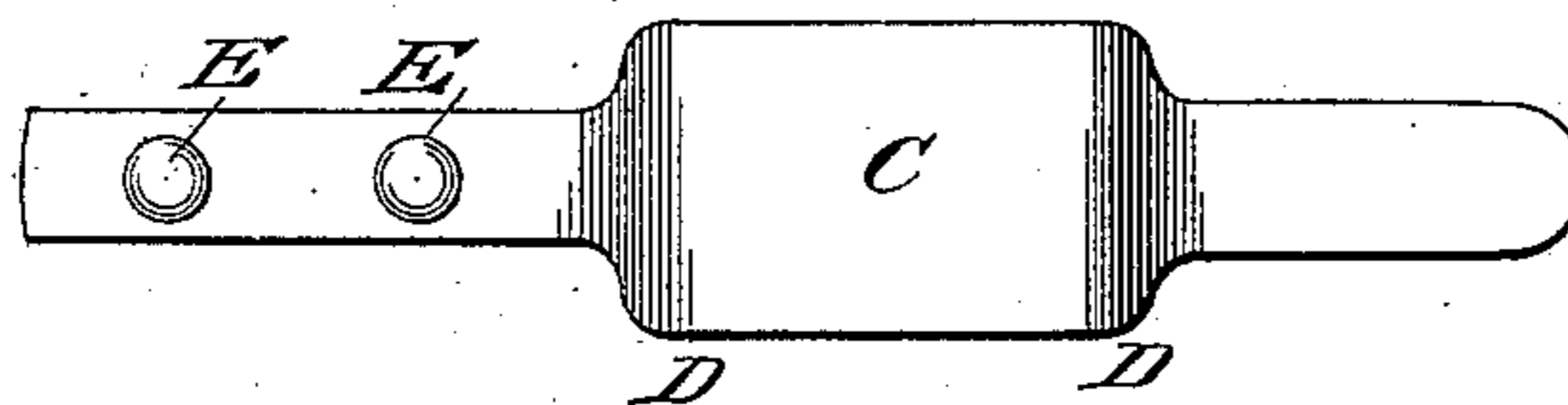


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT STOODLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Galway, in the county of Saratoga and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Rein-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in rein supporters or holders; and the objects of my improvements are to provide, first, a metallic frame to be attached to the back-straps of harness for horses for the purpose of holding the reins in their proper position, and, second, to prevent the reins from falling down by the sides of the horse when harnessed. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the supporter. Fig. 2 is a bottom view showing the construction of the joint in the frame. Fig. 3 is a top view and shows the construction of the spring.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

As shown at Fig. 1, the supporter consists of an iron or metallic frame formed as in the drawings, and having a joint formed by a tongue on one end of the frame, which fits into a corresponding socket or groove cut in the other end of the frame, as shown at A B.

C is a steel spring, fastened to the frame by rivets or screws at E E. The spring is made with sufficient rise in the center to allow the back-strap of harness to pass through.

The construction of the joint in the frame is shown in Fig. 2 at B, and consists of a tongue on one end of the frame fitting in a slot on the other end of frame, and is so constructed that the frame may be sprung apart to admit placing the frame under or through the back-strap of the harness.

Fig. 3 shows the spring from the top side with rivet or screw holes in it at E E, and is for the purpose of holding or attaching the supporter to the harness.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A rein-supporter consisting of a metallic loop connected at its ends by a tongue and groove, as described, and having a spring back-strap loop secured at one of its ends within the loop, and having its free end overlapping the tongue and groove, substantially as described.

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