

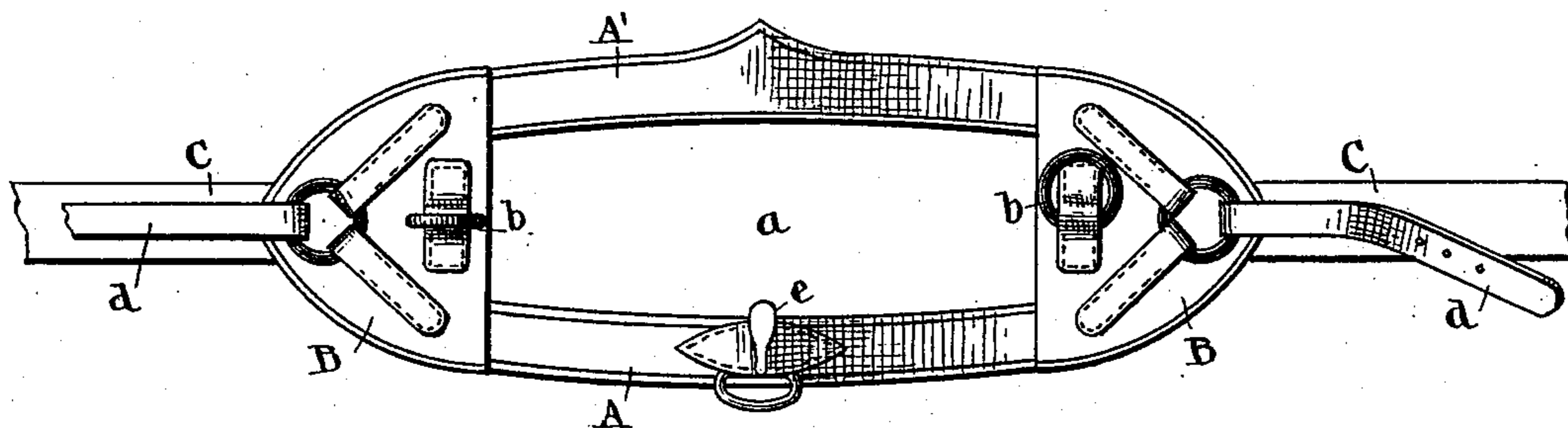
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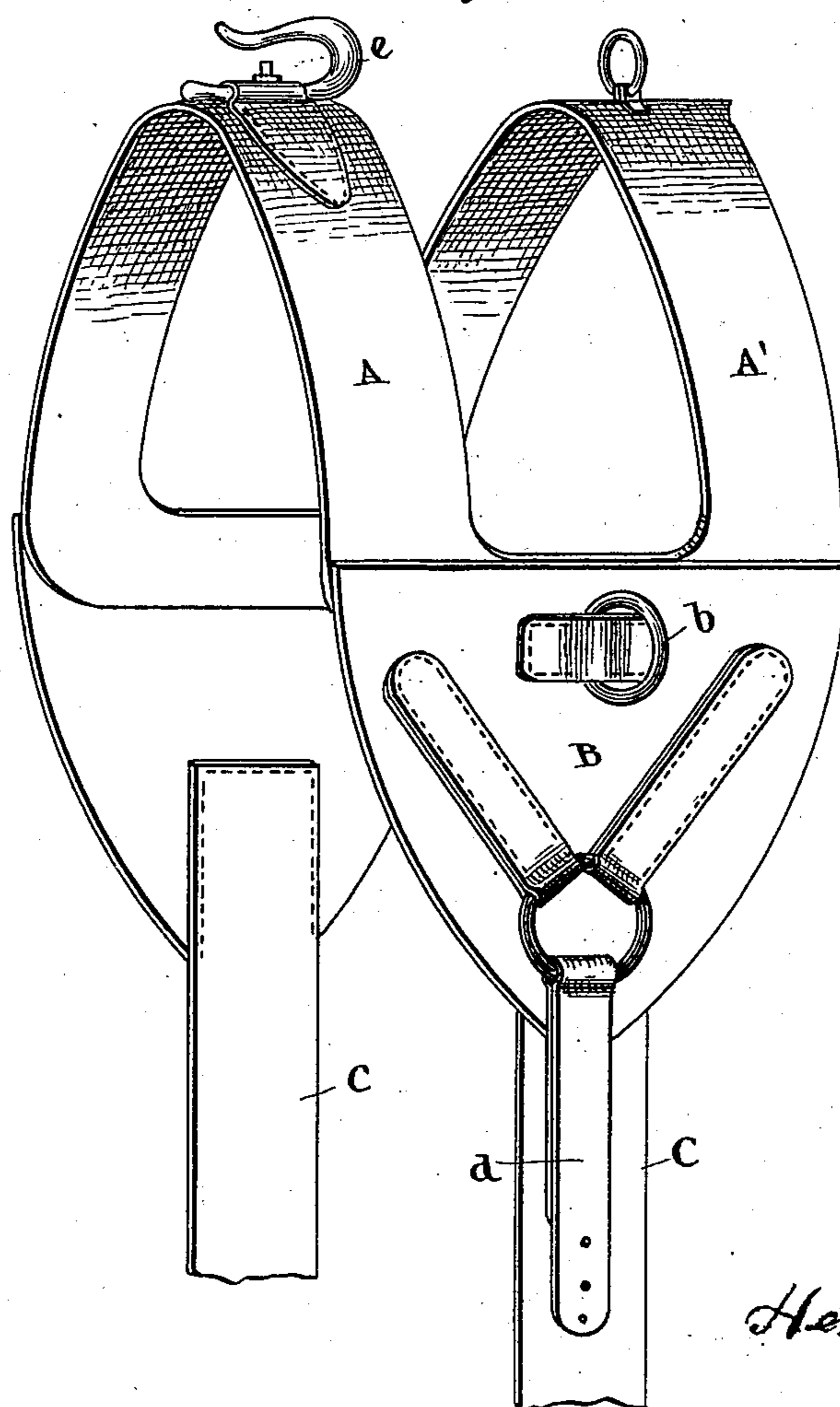
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## HARNESS-SADDLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY BECKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Harness-Saddles; 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 the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to relieve the ridge of the back of a horse on which the harness-saddle sets, especially when the back is sore or chafed; and the invention consists in making the saddle open at that point, as fully hereinafter explained.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan of the saddle flat; Fig. 2, a perspective.

A A' represent two straps or flat pieces of leather or other material, the ends attached to side pieces, B B; or the whole may be cut or made or shaped of a single piece, if desired. Between the straps A A' an open space, *a*, is left, exposing all that part of the horse's back to the air usually covered by a saddle, giving coolness in warm weather, and allowing the flesh to heal, which may have been galled by using the ordinary harness-saddles.

In heavy harness this open saddle will be especially desirable; but it may be used for any harness with equal benefit. If necessary, this open space *a* may have attached to the harness a raised cover sufficiently high to hide the space and yet clear the skin of the horse. It may form a part of the saddle or be removable. The side pieces, B B, are padded and have rein-rings *b b*, as shown; also, girth-straps *c c*, and straps *d d* for the shaft-bearers.

*e* is the check-hook fastened at the apex of the back piece, A, A' being the front. The frame of this device (the open saddle) may be made of metal, if desired, steel or iron.

I disclaim any riding-saddle trees that may have been made open and which have a longitudinal space, and confine myself to driving and draft harness, substantially as described.

I claim—

A driving or draft harness-saddle constructed of the parts A A' B B, and having the opening *a* between the parts A and A', all substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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