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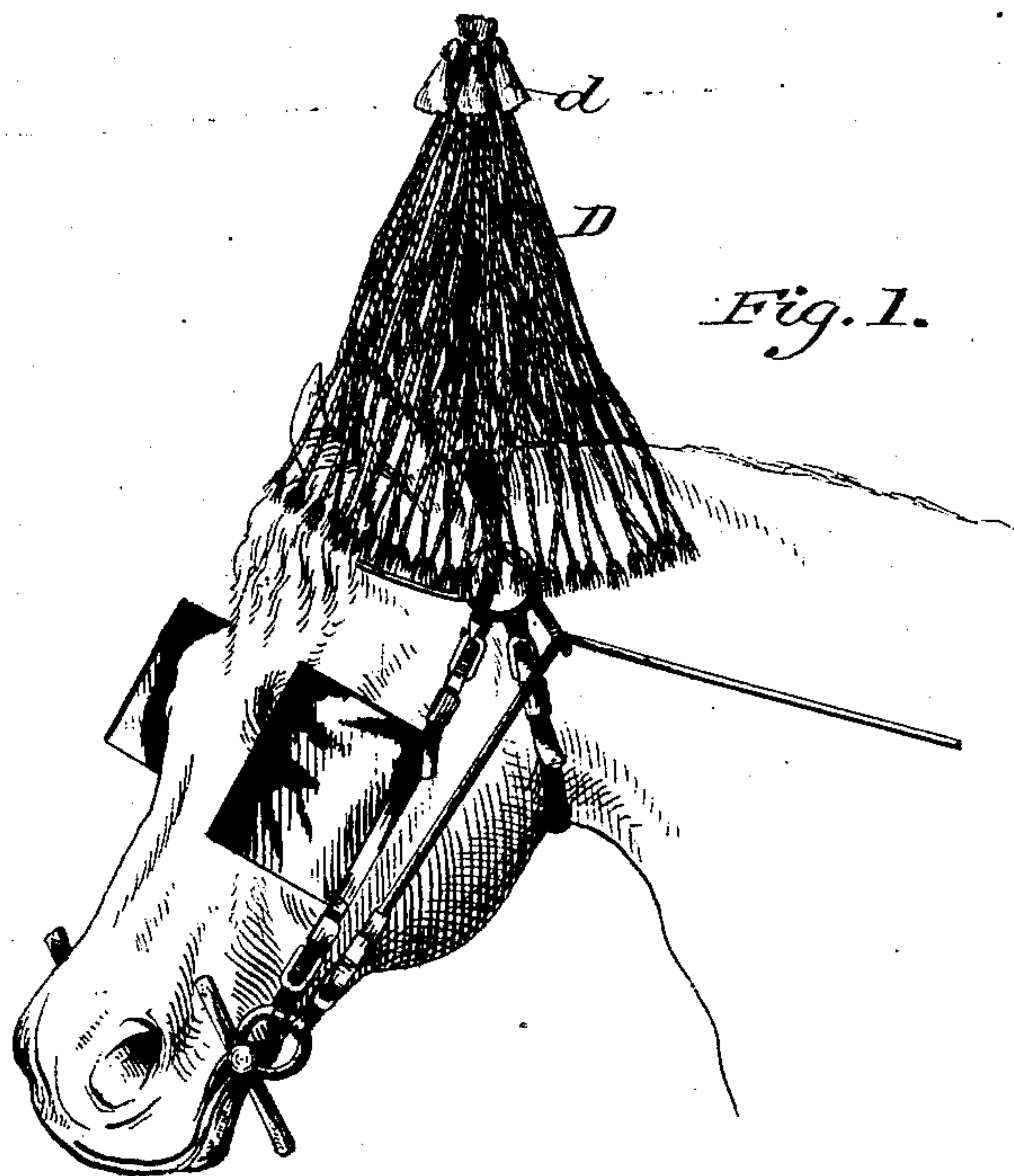


Fig. 1.

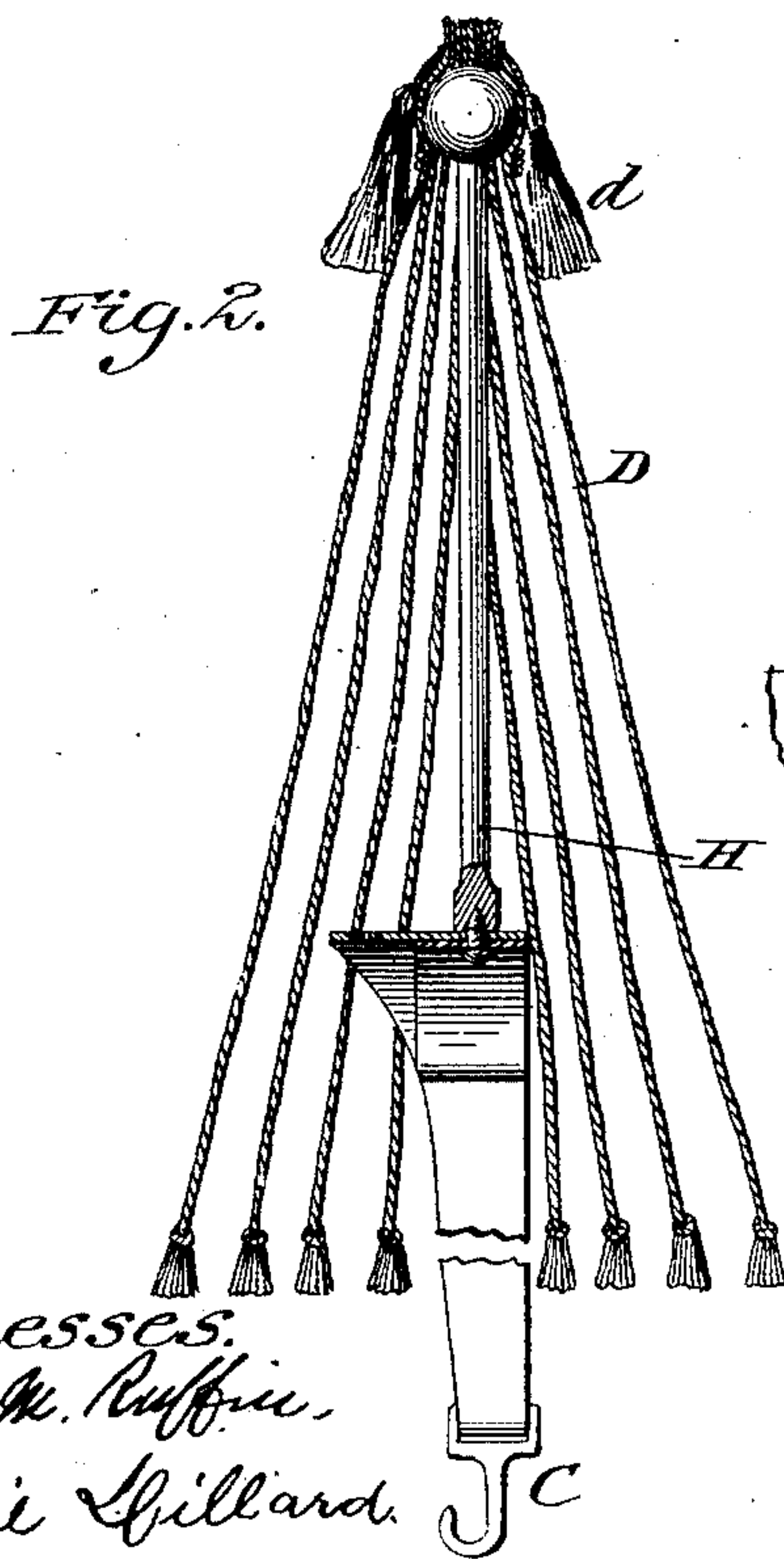


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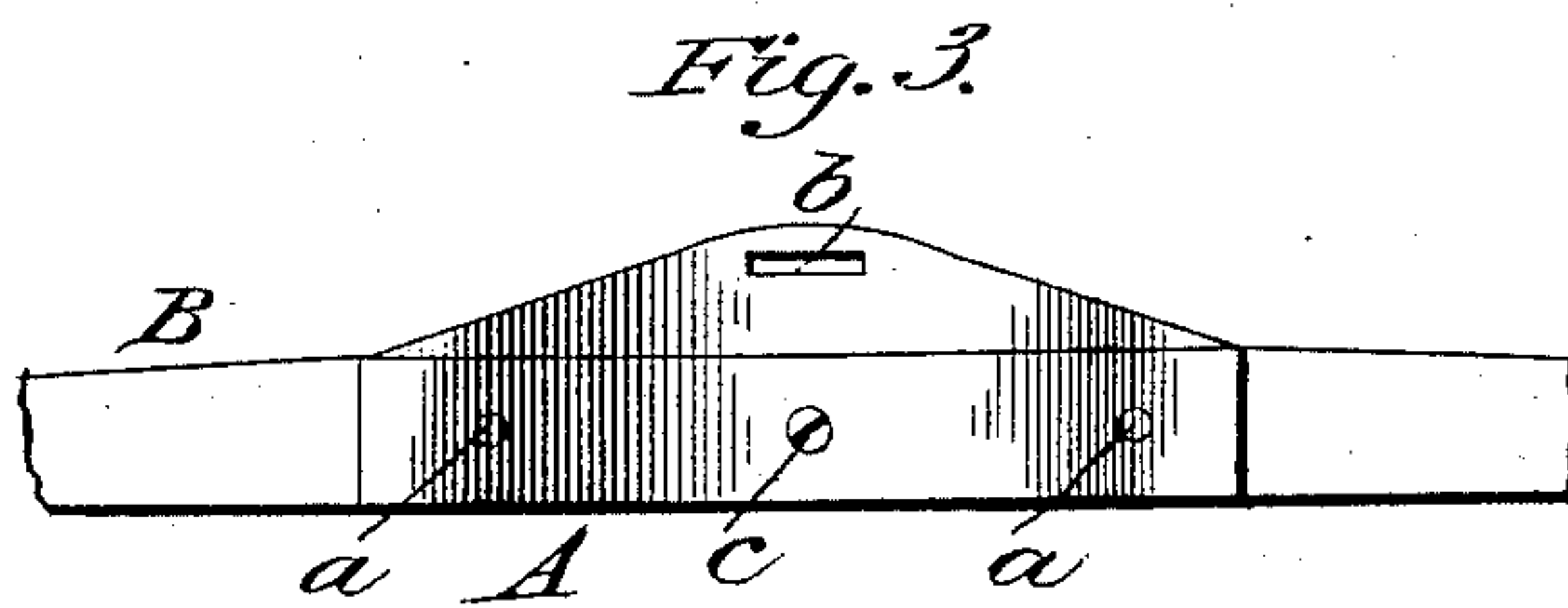


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SEWELL STAVELY HEPBRON, (a minister of the Gospel,) residing at Old Church, in the county of Hanover and State of Virginia, have invented a new and improved head-protector for preventing flies from annoying the upper part of the neck and ears of horses while being driven in harness; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention consists of a drooping tassel made of twisted cords or leather thongs, and means shown and described for supporting the same. It stands upright on top of the horse's head, between the ears, and drops down over the back of the neck. It is secured to its position by being attached to the bridle, as herein below described.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I herein describe its construction and operation.

In the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the protector applied to a horse; Fig. 2, a longitudinal elevation; and Fig. 3, a bottom plan view of the parts composing my invention.

The base A is composed of arched iron or wood, which is covered with a leather strap, B, riveted to the base at *a*, and the ends of this strap run down with the head-piece of the bridle behind the ears, and are provided with hooks, as *c*, to hook into the buckle at the top of the cheek-strap, to which the blind or winker is attached. The center of this leather covering is provided with a slot, *b*, on its front side, into which the upper end of the blind-supporter is made to pass after it has

been buckled and before entering its keeper. By this means the tassel is prevented from going either forward or backward.

In the center of the iron arch forming the base I drill a hole, through which a screw or bolt, *e*, is passed into the foot of an upright standard, H, to secure it to the base A. This standard I make of either wood or iron, finishing at the top with a knob, over which my tassel D is made. This tassel droops down over the neck and head of the horse, acting as a brush with every motion of the animal's head. At its upper end it is finished with small tassels *d*, (of a different color,) which droop down over the large tassel, and are intended to decorate it. The whole forms a neat ornament which decorates the head of the animal.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. As an article of manufacture, the head-protector for horses herein described, which consists of the curved or arched base and the upright standard supported thereon and provided with depending tassels, all arranged and adapted for attachment to a bridle as substantially set forth.

2. As an article of manufacture, the head-protector for horses, which consists of the curved or arched base, the upright standard provided with depending tassels, and the strap attached to said base, provided with means for securing the protector to a bridle, all substantially as set forth.

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