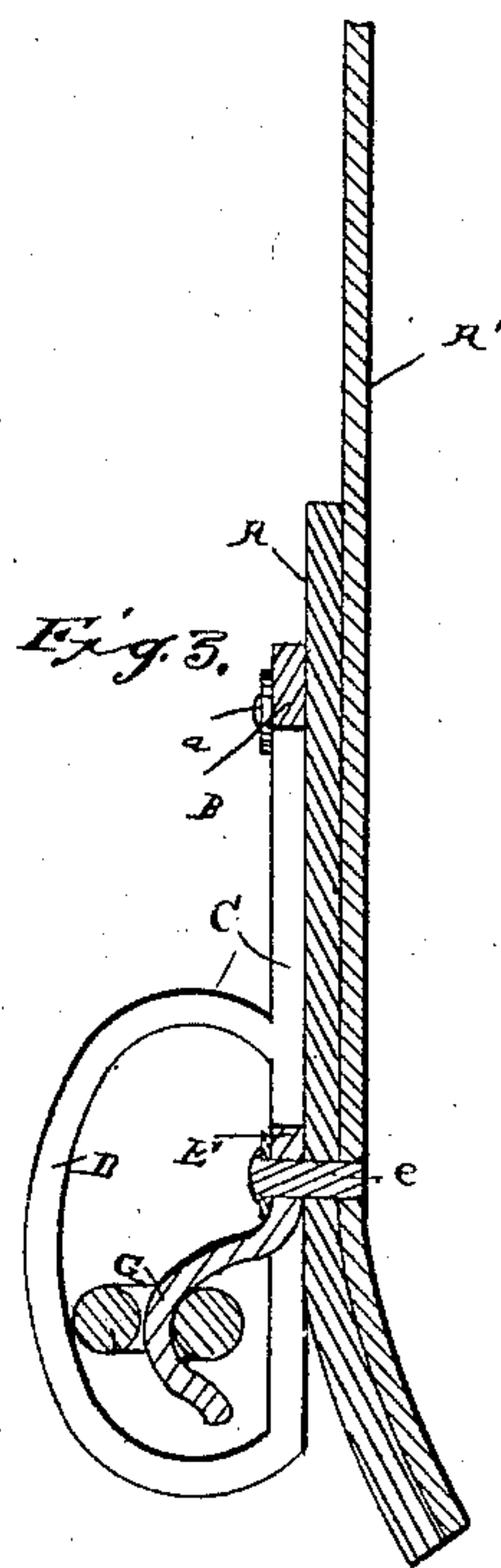
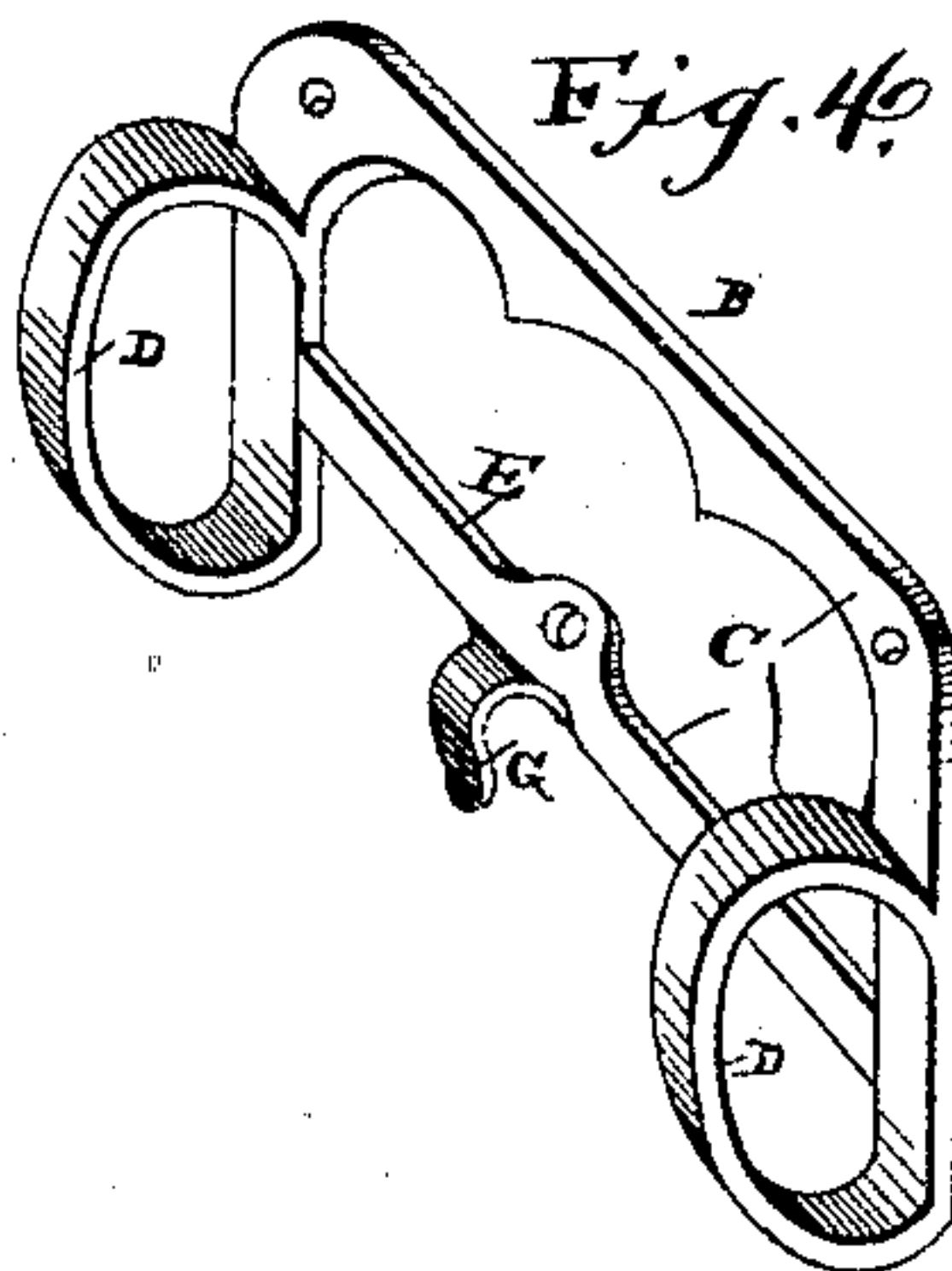
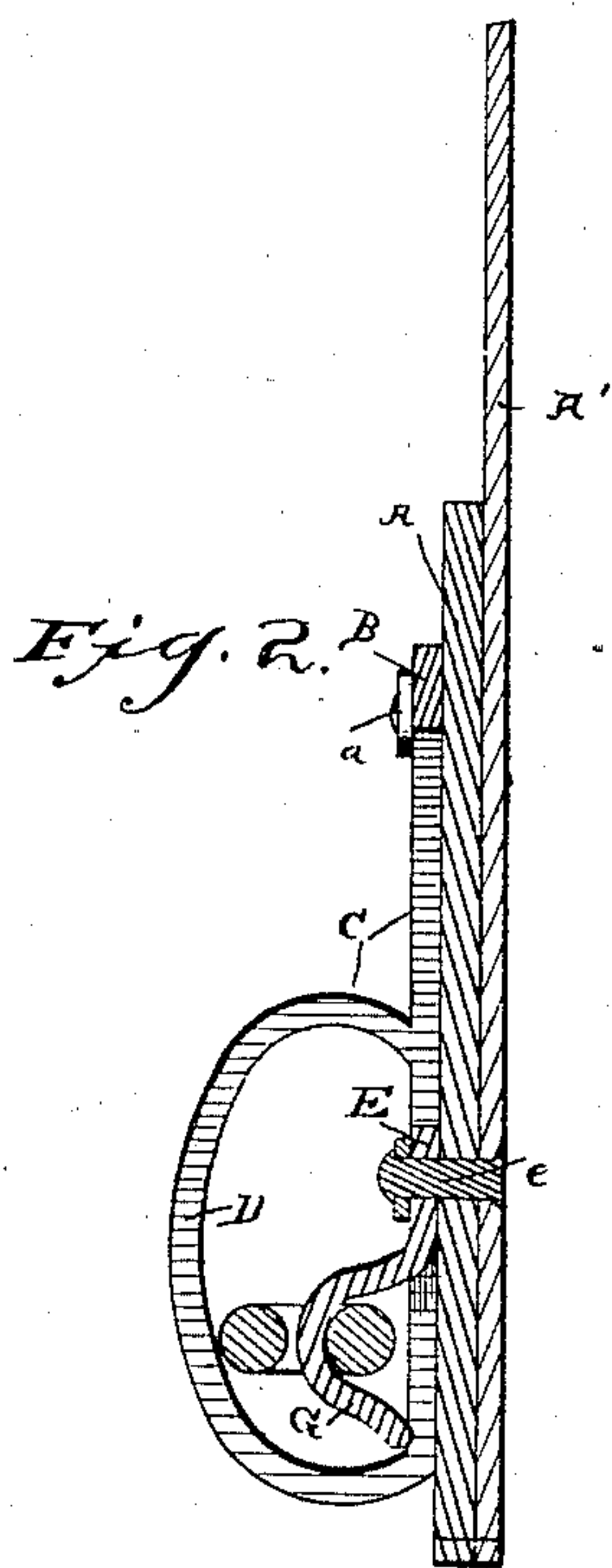
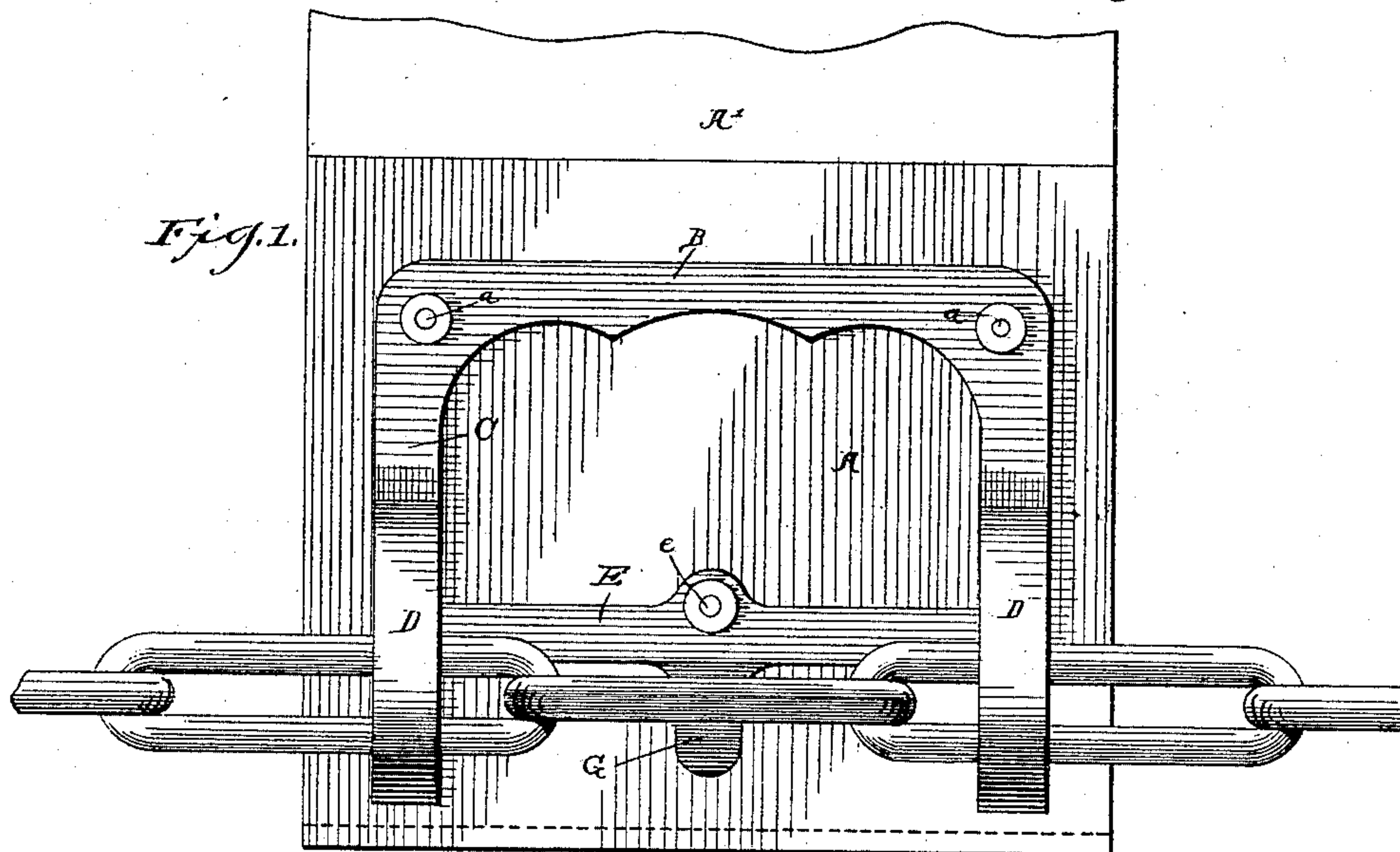


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## TRACE-CARRIER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES BINGLEY WEBB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hopkinsville, in the county of Christian and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Trace-Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in trace-carriers, the novelty of which consists in a certain peculiar construction and arrangement of parts for service, fully set forth hereinafter, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

Heretofore trace-carriers have been made with lateral eyes through which the chain passes, and a hook or tongue between the said eyes to engage the desired link of the chain; but they have been objectionable for certain reasons.

It is my intention to provide a light and neat carrier, which will not be subject to the objections above mentioned in connection with the case cited, and also be cheap, strong, and serviceable.

In the drawings hereto annexed, Figure 1 is a plan view of the carrier attached to the back-band, and having a section of chain secured therein. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same. Fig. 3 is a similar view, with the lower edge of the leather back bent rearwardly to release the link of the chain, to allow the said chain to be drawn through the eyes. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the device detached.

Referring to the drawings, in which similar letters denote corresponding parts in all the figures, A designates a stout leather back, stitched at the lower edge to the lower edge of the back-band A', and secured thereto at the upper edge by the rivets *a*, which also pass through perforations in the cross-piece B of the metal portion of the carrier C, and secure the said portion to the leather back.

D D are depending loops or eyes, formed integrally with the cross-piece B at the ends thereof, the said eyes having a straight rear side to rest against the outer surface of the leather back A.

E is a brace-bar riveted at the ends to the straight portions of the eyes D D, and having a rivet, *e*, passed through the center thereof and the back A, and also through the back-

band A', to secure the three firmly together at that point.

G represents a depending tongue formed integrally with the brace-bar at the center, said tongue being made in hook shape of sufficient size to receive one side of the link, and the mouth or open part of the hook being toward the back A, it will be seen that one side of a link of the chain is inserted in the hook. It cannot be disengaged without pressing or bending the lower edge of the back A rearwardly, to allow sufficient opening between the said back and the end of the hook to allow the chain to pass.

To insert the side of the link in the hook it is only necessary to press the lower edge of the leather back rearwardly, place the side of the link therein, and when the edge of the back A is released it will immediately spring back to its normal position and lock the chain in position. The said tongue being small and situated at a point near or opposite the lower end of the eyes, so as to engage the lower side of the link, and also as the hook is turned downwardly and the end thereof carried close to the surface of the back A it will be readily seen that the chain may be easily drawn through the eyes without the possibility of engaging or catching on the said tongue. When secured in place, this being done by a very simple operation, it will be seen that it is impossible for the chain to become detached or slip from the hook, inasmuch as the side of the link is held in engagement with the said hook or tongue by the spring action of the lower edge of the back.

My carrier being also made in the skeleton manner described is very light; but, as it is braced and firmly riveted to the leather back, it will be readily seen that it is very strong and durable.

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

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a trace-carrier consisting of the frame B, having the loops D, integrally formed with its depending ends, the cross-bar E, rigidly secured to the depending ends of the frame B, and the curved tongue G, integrally formed with the central portion of the bar E and depending therefrom, and adapted to rigidly engage with

a link of the trace-chain, substantially as herein set forth.

2. In a trace-carrier, the combination of the frame B, having the depending arms C at right  
5 angles thereto, the loops D, formed integrally with the lower ends of the arms C, the cross-bar E, rigidly secured to and between the arms C, and the hook G, integrally formed with and depending from the lower edge of the central  
10 part of the bar E, and formed of a curved configuration, and adapted to pass down through

a link of the trace-chain, said frame B and cross-bar E being rigidly secured to the strap or band A, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in  
presence of two witnesses.

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