

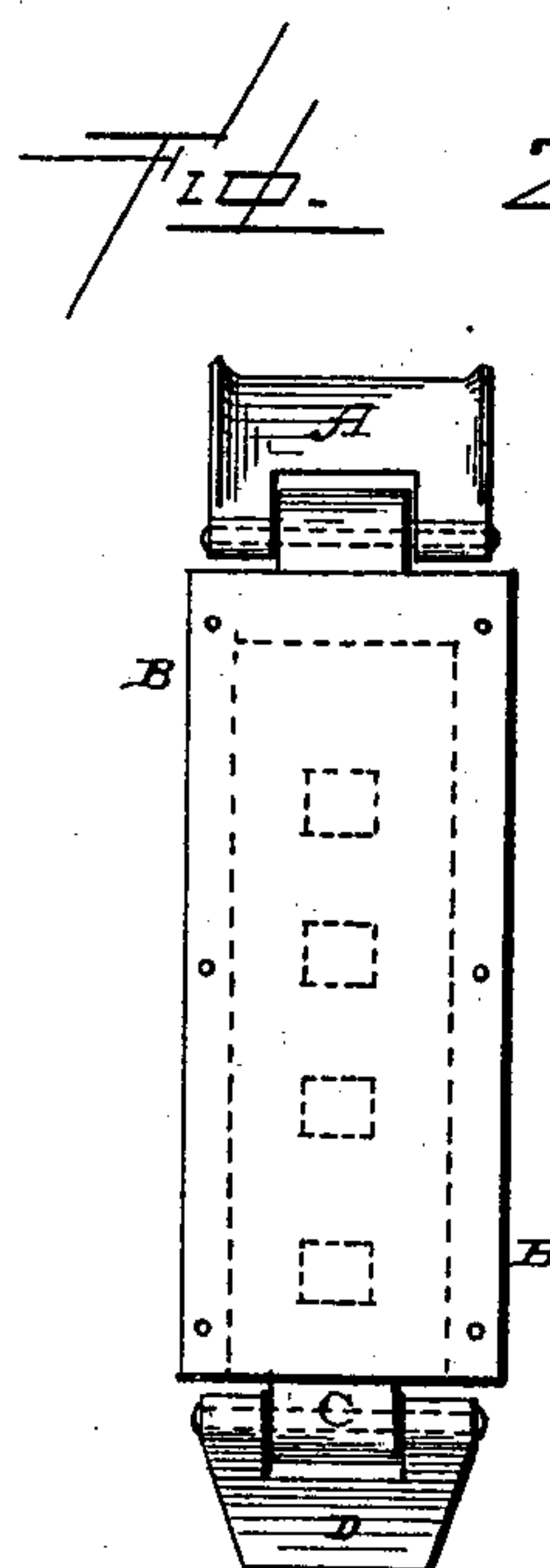
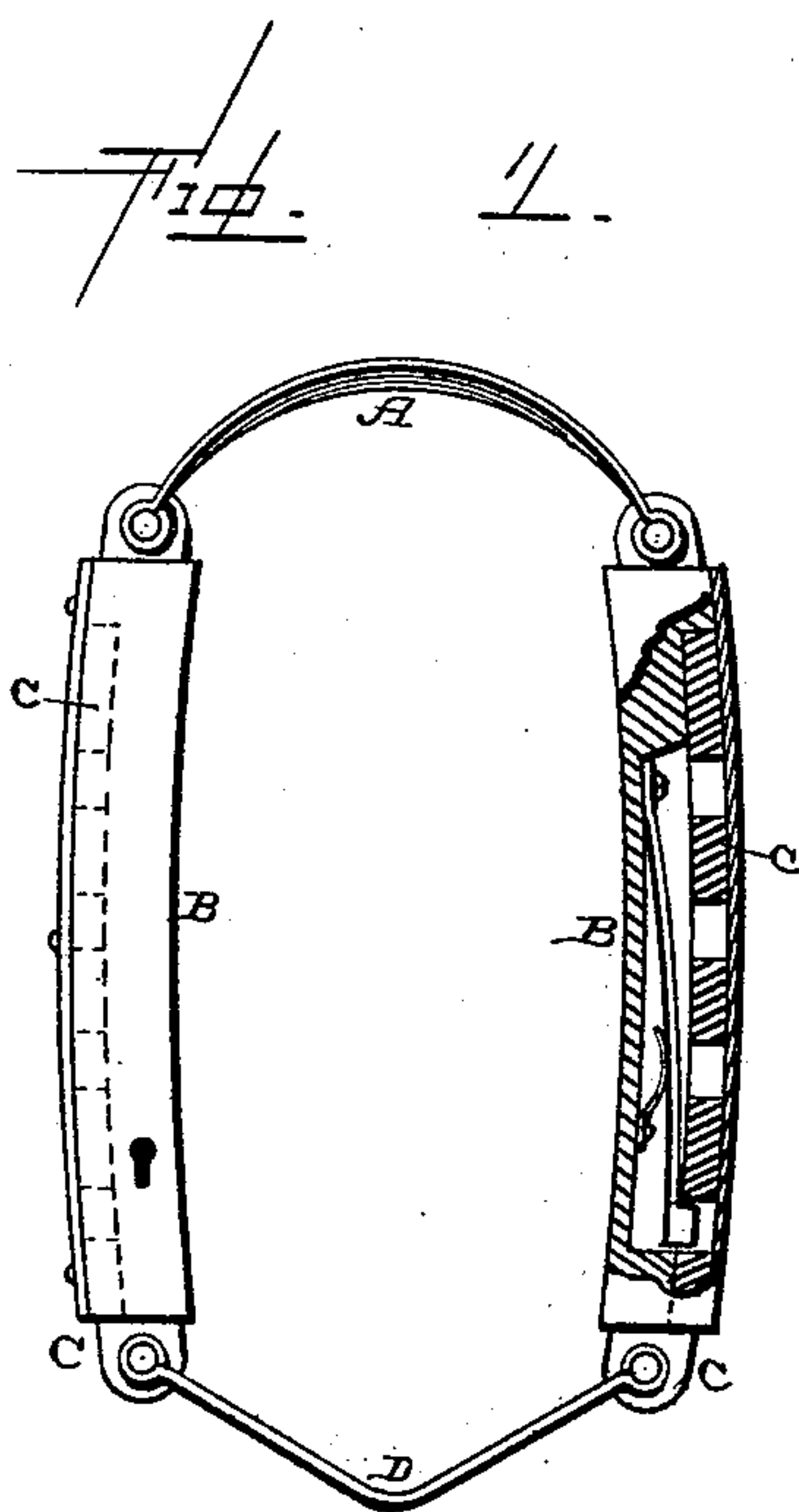
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH J. MARSHBURN, of Boren's Mills, in the county of San Augustine and State of Texas, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Bell-Collars; and I do hereby 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 pertains to make and use it,
10 reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in bell-collars for animals; and it consists in the combination of a flat metallic band, which
15 passes over the top of the neck, two metallic blocks, which extend down opposite sides of the neck and are provided with locks, two perforated slides, which are connected together at their lower ends by a metallic loop, and
20 which have their upper ends passed into the blocks, so as to be locked in any position into which they need to be adjusted, all of which will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to provide a
25 bell-collar for animals, and which is not only adjustable in size, so as to be adapted to necks of different sizes, but which, when placed upon an animal's neck, can only be removed by some one who has a key to one or both of the locks.

30 Figure 1 is a front view of a collar embodying my invention, partly in section. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, also partly in section.

A represents a flat metallic band of any desired width, and which is to pass over the top
35 of the neck of the animal. The edges of this band are turned up, as shown, so as not to hurt or injure the neck of the animal. Pivoted to each end of this band A are the metallic blocks or castings B, which will be made
40 long enough to extend down upon opposite sides of the animal's neck, and which are made hollow, so as to receive the slides C and to con-

tain a locking mechanism of any suitable description, so as to engage with the slides. These slides C are made of any suitable length
45 and provided with perforations, so that they can be adjusted vertically in the blocks or castings, and thus adjust the collar to necks of different sizes. The lower ends of these slides are loosely connected together by the metallic
50 strap D, which is bent, as shown, so as to receive the bell. Each of the lock mechanisms may be operated by a single or a different key, as may be preferred; but neither of the slides
55 can be unlocked except by a key. By this construction persons cannot remove the collar and bell from the neck of an animal unless they have a key to one of the locks. The ends of the slides can be forced freely upward into the
60 castings and automatically engage with the spring bolts or catches, so that they cannot be withdrawn unless the bolt is first operated by a key.

All parts of the collar being made of metal, there is no danger of the collar being cut or re-
65 moved from the animal's neck, and hence the animals can never be stolen without attracting attention by the ringing of the bell attached to the collar.

Having thus described my invention, I
70 claim—

A bell-collar consisting of the metallic band A, the hollow castings B, pivoted thereto, the metallic strip D, the perforated slides C, pivoted to said strip and adapted to fit within the
75 castings, and the locking mechanism within the castings to engage the slides, as set forth.

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

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