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Fig. 1.

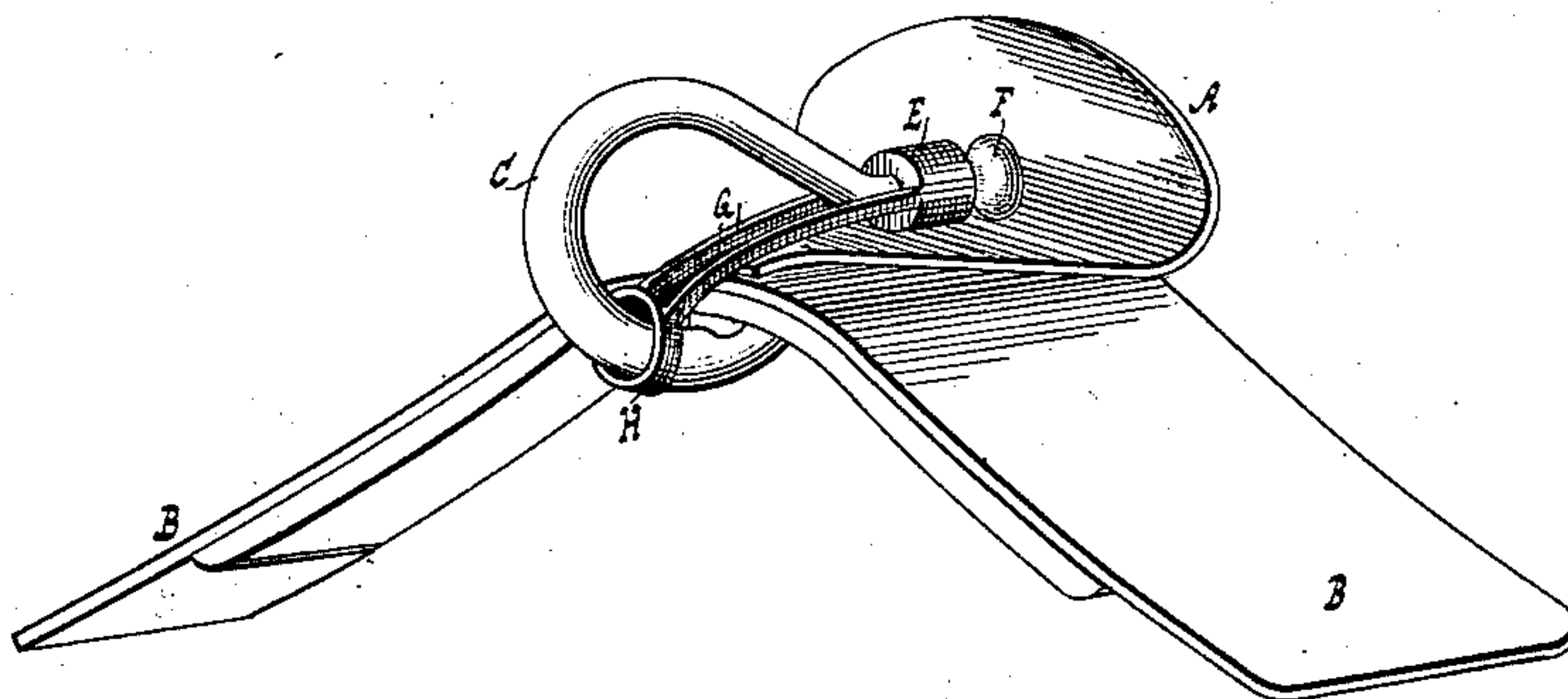


Fig. 2.

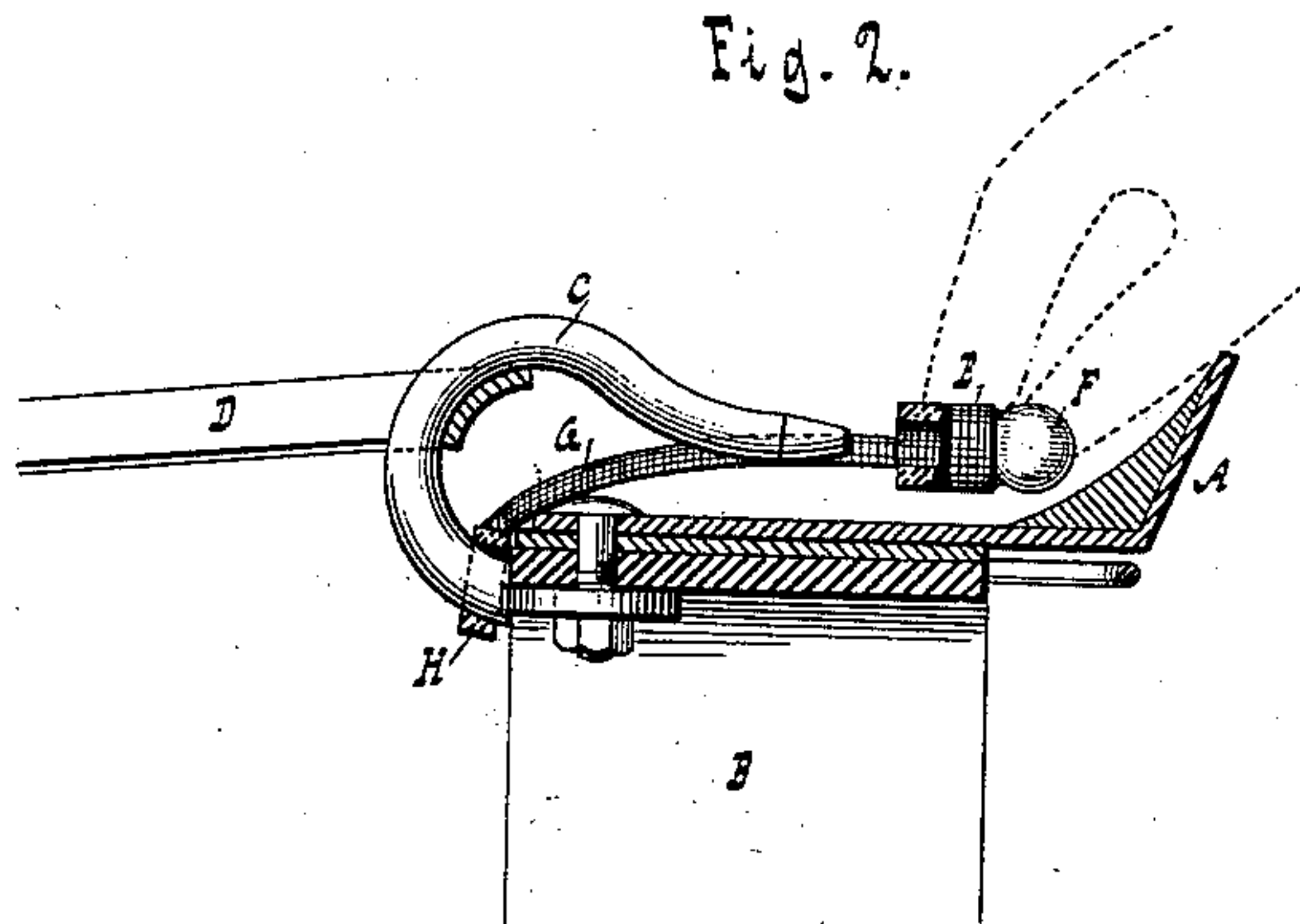
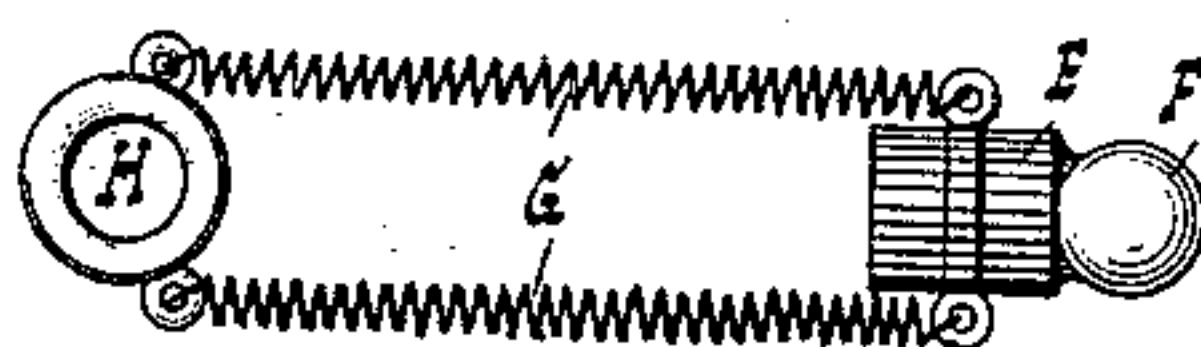


Fig. 3.



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## CHECKREIN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANKLIN T. DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Vernon, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Checkrein-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for holding or retaining checkreins in checkrein-hooks, as set forth in the following specification and claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a modification.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, the letter A indicates a saddle, and B a saddletree or frame.

C is the check-hook, adapted to receive the checkrein D, as seen in Fig. 2.

E is a ring or cap, of rubber, metal, or other suitable material, adapted to sit over the free end of the hook C, as seen in Fig. 1. By having a head or button, F, on the cap E, an ornamental appearance will be given to the cap, and at the same time the cap can be readily grasped by means of said head F and drawn off the hook C when desired.

To the cap E is secured a yielding connection, G. Said connection is made in any suitable form and of suitable material. For example, in Fig. 1 said connection G is shown as consisting of two rubber bands, and in Fig. 3 said connection G is shown as consisting of two springs. A greater or less number of springs or bands may be used, if desired. The free end of the connection G is secured to a suitable part of the harness. In the drawings said connection G is shown as having at its free end an expansible loop, H—such as a rubber ring—which can be readily slipped onto or off the hook C. By having the loop H removable from the hook C, as seen in the drawings, the retaining device can be readily removed when broken or to be dispensed with, while at the same time said loop H, when in

place at or near the base of the hook C, will securely hold the retaining device to the hook. After the checkrein D has been placed on the hook C, as seen in Fig. 2, the cap E is drawn back to the position shown in said Fig. 2, and said cap is then allowed to come toward the free end or point of said hook C until said cap sits over said point, as seen in Fig. 1. The tension of the yielding connection G holds the cap in the position shown in Fig. 1. The checkrein D is then securely held against accidental disengagement from the hook C. To release the checkrein, the cap E is drawn off the hook C to the position shown in Fig. 2, when the checkrein can be disengaged from the hook C. When out of use, the cap E can either be allowed to depend loosely from the connection G or said connection G, with the cap E, can be entirely removed from the harness.

The cap E in the drawings is shown as being closed at one end; but, if desired, said cap may be open at both ends, or made in the form of a tube or ring.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The curved checkrein-hook C, having means at one end to connect with a harness-saddle, in combination with a spring, G, connected at one end with the hook and having at the other end the cap E, for engaging the end of the hook above the saddle to prevent accidental disengagement of the checkrein, substantially as described.

2. A checkrein-guard consisting of a cap, E, having a yielding connection, G, and a loop, H, secured to said connection, said loop being adapted to engage the check-hook, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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