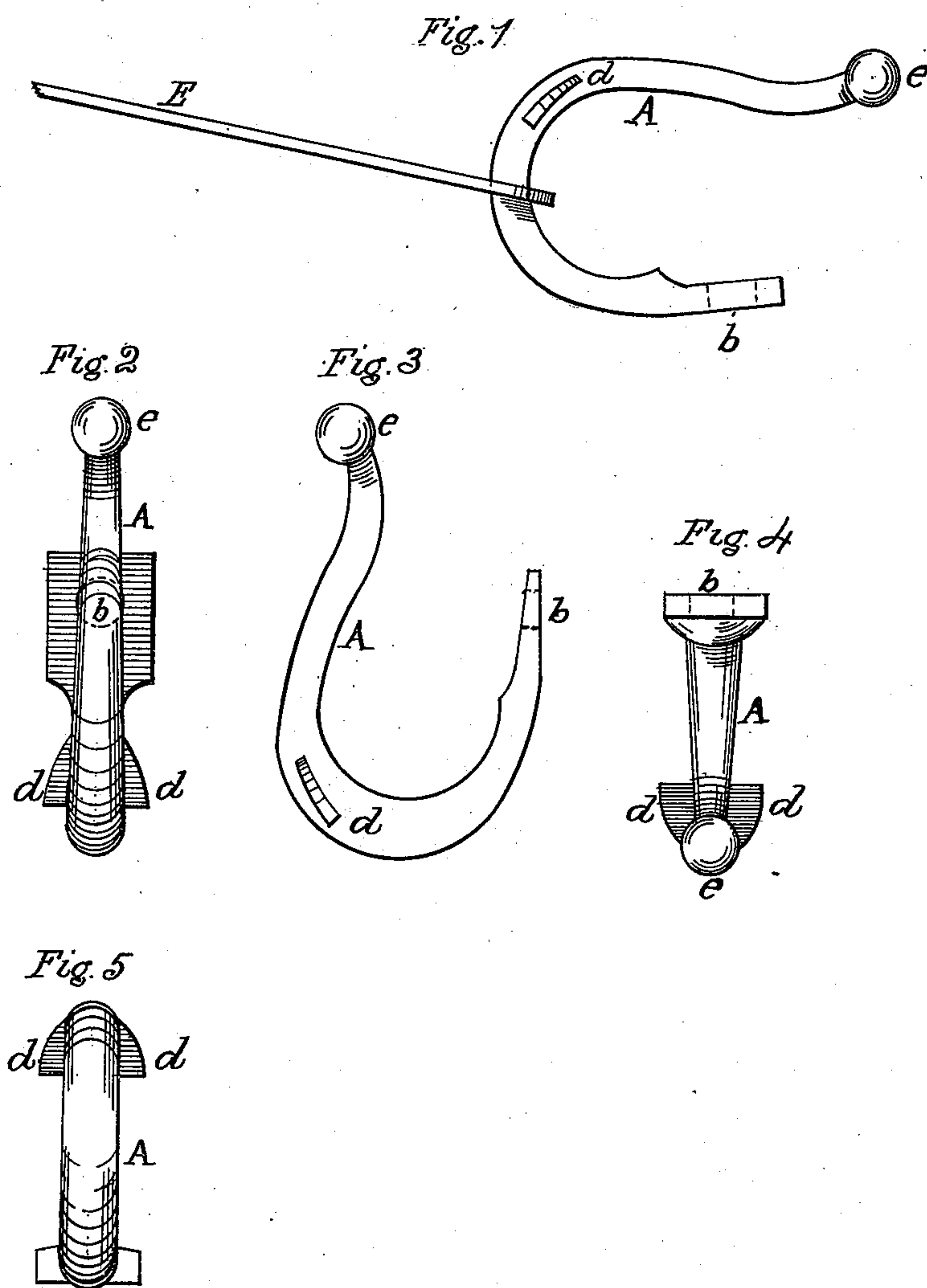


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. CRAWFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Checkrein-Holders for Harness, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is to produce such a device upon a holder as will prevent a horse from releasing the rein therefrom in his movements, and also prevent unlimited freedom of his head; and it consists in a holder having a barb or pair of barbs or anchor-shaped flukes formed upon it in any suitable position in such a manner as will prevent the rein after attachment from being pulled or drawn from connection therewith by the animal, or accidentally, until released, as will be more fully understood from the following description.

In the accompanying drawings, which make a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side view of the holder with the rein connected. Fig. 2 is a front end elevation. Fig. 3 is a side elevation. Fig. 4 is a front end view. Fig. 5 is a reversed front view.

Like letters of reference in all the figures indicate the same parts.

A is the metallic hook having an orifice, *b*, in which a screw or bolt is inserted, by means of which attachment is made to the saddle of a set of harness.

d are the barb or fluke shaped projections that extend laterally from each side of the hook, and *E* the checkrein, which has the customary slit in its end for the purpose of passing it over the ball *e*, upper end of holder, and down and beneath barbs.

The barbs may be formed at any position upon the holder on its surface as may be found to be best adapted by experience, but preferably extending laterally, as shown. However, one barb may be found to answer the purpose, placed where desired above the point of contact of rein on the holder.

I claim as my invention—

The herein-described checkrein-holder, provided with the projections *d*, extending laterally from the body portion of the holder, and adapted to prevent the accidental detachment of the checkrein, substantially as shown and described.

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