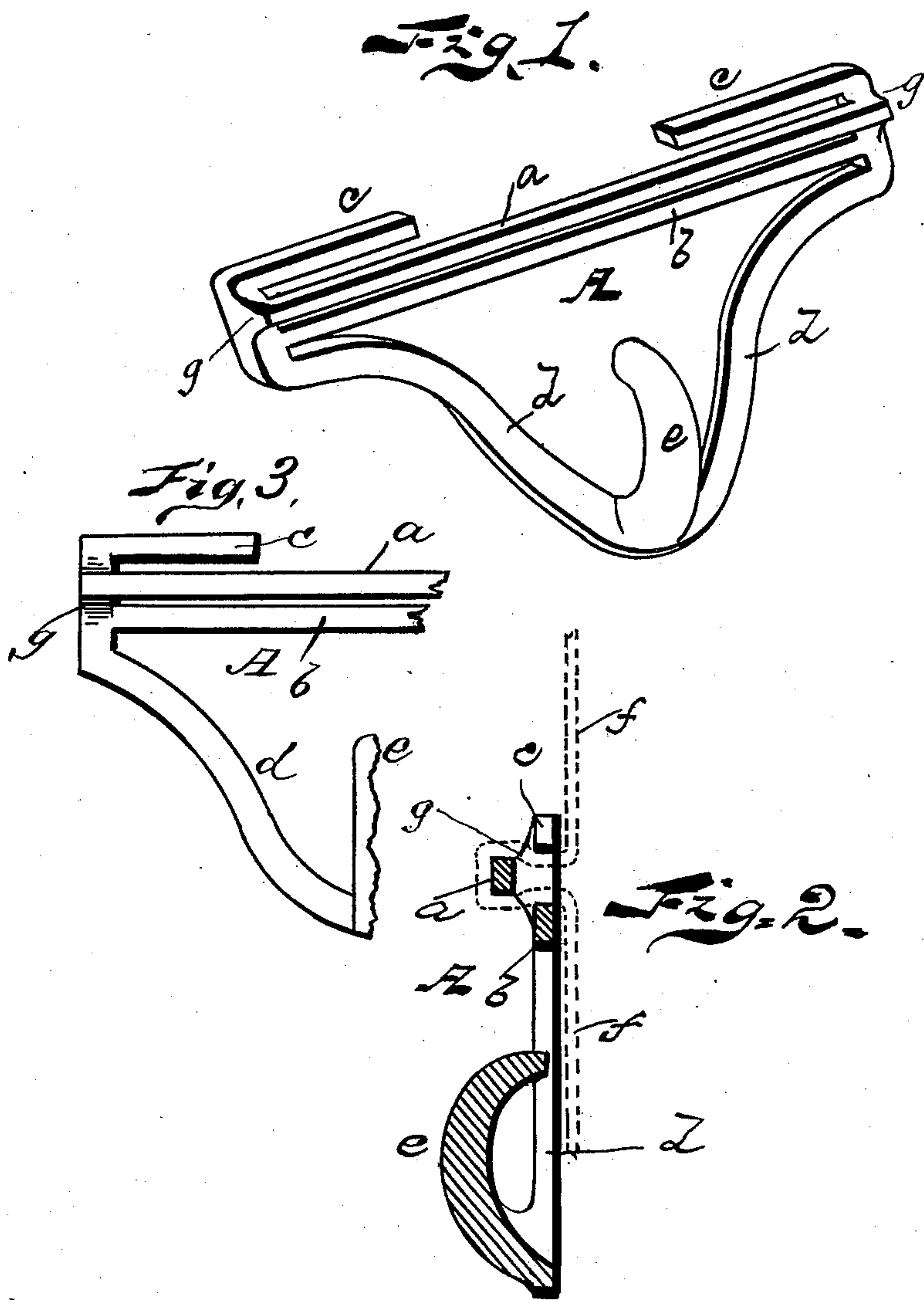


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW JACKSON DENNIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Franklin, in the county of Williamson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Back-Band Hooks; 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 appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in back-band hooks; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the same, all as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

The annexed drawings, to which reference is made, fully illustrate my invention, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved back-band hook, and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a front view of the device, one-half being broken away.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates the back-band hook, consisting of the longitudinal bars *a* and *b*, short bars or fingers *c*, the downwardly-curved bars *d*, and the hook *e*, all of which are formed integral.

It will be seen by reference to Figs. 1 and 2 that the fingers and the bars *b* and *d* are in the same plane, and that I have offsets *g g*, from which springs the bar *a*, which latter, while it is in a plane parallel to the plane of the bar *b* and fingers *c*, is offset therefrom, so as to leave a free space, through which the loop of the back-band passes, as indicated in Fig. 2. I thus prevent the device from casually slipping, but allow it to be freely adjusted up or down on the back-band when the latter is detached from the finger portions *c c*.

The hook *e* is designed to receive the trace

of a harness, and the hook is adjustably attached to a back-band, *f*. (Shown in dotted lines.) In attaching this band to the device the end of said band is passed inwardly between the two horizontal bars *a* and *b*, and the band is then carried over the top of the projecting or top bar, *a*, and passed beneath the two fingers, which grip it and hold the device firmly to the band. This construction of the device provides a zigzag gripping portion, whereby the band is prevented from slipping, and in adjusting the device higher or lower on the band the person simply removes the two sides of said band from beneath the fingers, when the hook can be readily and quickly raised or lowered on the band, and again secured in place by again passing the sides of said band beneath the fingers. Thus it will be seen that I provide a back-band hook which requires no buckles, hooks, or spurs for holding it to the band, and there is nothing attached to it that will either injure the band or the animal, and it is simple in operation, easily and quickly adjusted, and at the same time cheap to manufacture.

What I claim is—

The within-described improved article of manufacture, to wit: a back-band hook or trace-carrier consisting of the bars *b d*, fingers *c c*, arranged in the same plane, the bar *a* and hook *e*, said bar *a* connecting the bars *b d* and fingers *c c* by the intermediate offsets, *g g*, and said hook *e* arranged at the lower portion of the bars *d d*, the whole formed integral, as shown, and for the purpose specified.

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

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