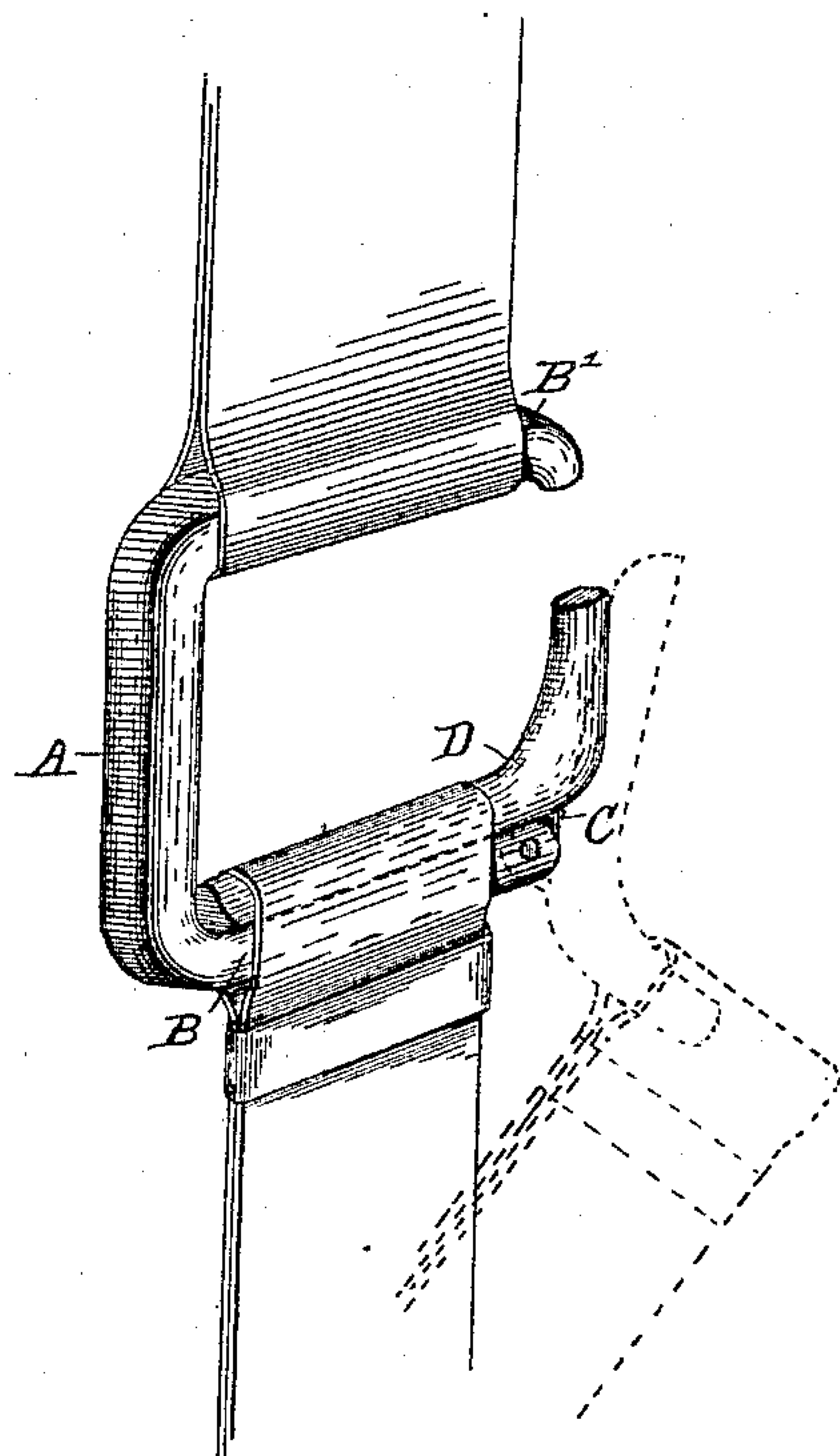


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. YOUNG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bear Wallow, in the county of Barren and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stirrup-Strap Loops; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in loops for stirrup-straps; and it has for its object to improve upon the construction of that class of stirrup-strap loops which are intended to automatically release the stirrup-strap from the saddle in the event of the rider being thrown from the horse, thus guarding against the possibility of the rider being dragged by the foot should the same become caught in the stirrup.

To these ends and to such others as the invention may pertain the same consists in the peculiar construction and in the novel arrangement, combination, and adaptation of parts, all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the drawing, and then specifically defined in the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, forms a part of this specification.

In the drawing I have shown a perspective view of a stirrup-strap loop constructed in accordance with my invention. The position assumed by the parts when the stirrup-strap is released is indicated in dotted lines.

Referring now to the details of the drawing by letter, A designates the main or body portion of the loop. It is constructed of metal, and is substantially rectangular in form, with the rear end broken away or removed, and with the lower horizontal arm B slightly shorter than the upper arm B'. The free end of the arm B is bifurcated vertically, and pivoted within this bifurcated portion is the ear C upon the lower face of the piece D, which piece is substantially shaped like a bell-crank

lever, and is pivoted upon its lower face at a point near the short arm of the lever to the free end of the horizontal arm B of the loop. When in position for use, the long arm of the piece D rests upon the upper face of the horizontal arm B, and the short arm of the piece or lever extends vertically at right angles within the entrance of the loop.

The operation of the device is simple and will be readily understood. The upper horizontal arm B' of the loop is passed through or secured to a loop in the stirrup-strap, or is otherwise attached to the saddle. The stirrup-strap proper is provided with a loop, which is passed over the lever D and bears upon the upper face of the long arm of said lever. By this construction it will be seen that should the stirrup-strap be drawn back, as it must necessarily be in case the rider should fall or be accidentally thrown from his horse, and the rear edge of the strap thus bearing against the vertical short arm of the lever D, the same will be caused to turn upon its pivot, as indicated by dotted lines in the drawing, and will thus be released from the loop.

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

1. As an improved article of manufacture, the herein-described loop for stirrup-straps, the same comprising, in combination, a main or body portion substantially rectangular in form, with the lower horizontal portion slightly shorter than the upper and having its free end vertically bifurcated, and a substantially L-shaped lever provided upon its under side near the angle with a lug or extension adapted to be pivotally secured within the said bifurcated free end of the loop, the long arm of the lever resting normally upon the lower horizontal arm of the body portion and adapted to receive the loop of the stirrup-strap, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a loop for stirrup-straps, consisting of a main body substantially rectangular in contour, with one side open, and a substantially L-shaped lever pivotally secured near its angle to the outer end of the lower horizontal arm

of the body of the loop, with its longer arm
normally resting upon said lower horizontal
arm and adapted to be normally held against
said horizontal arm by the stirrup-strap, and
5 its shorter arm normally extending vertically
and partially closing the open side of the rect-
angle, substantially as shown and described.

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

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