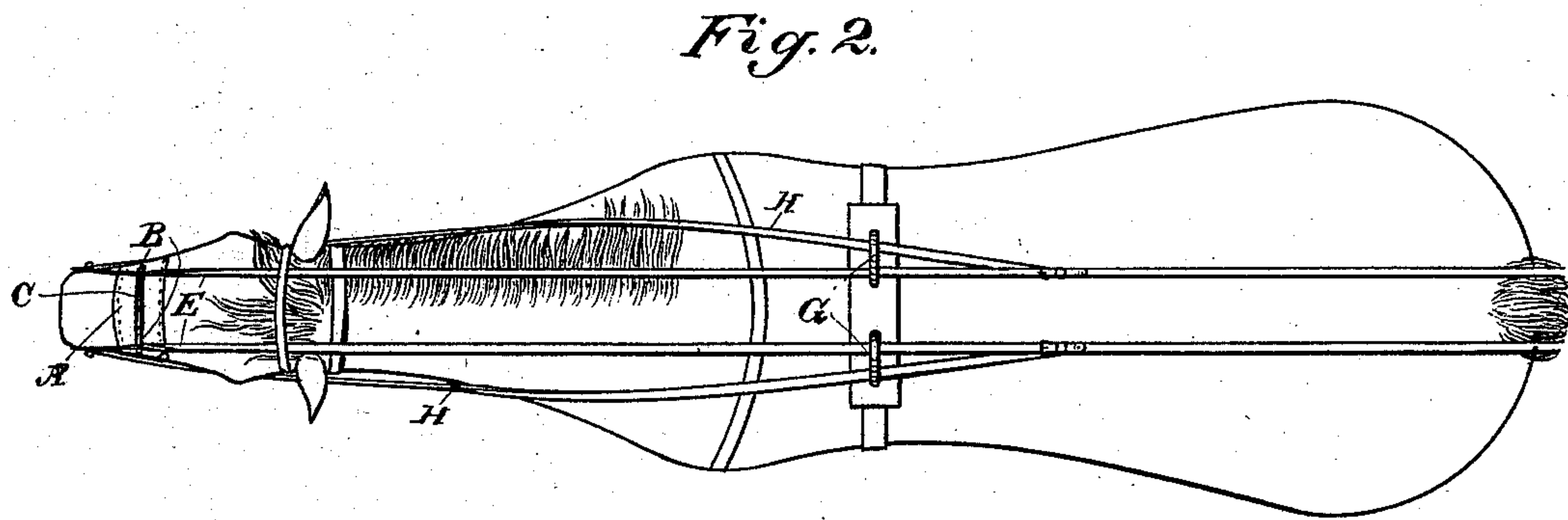
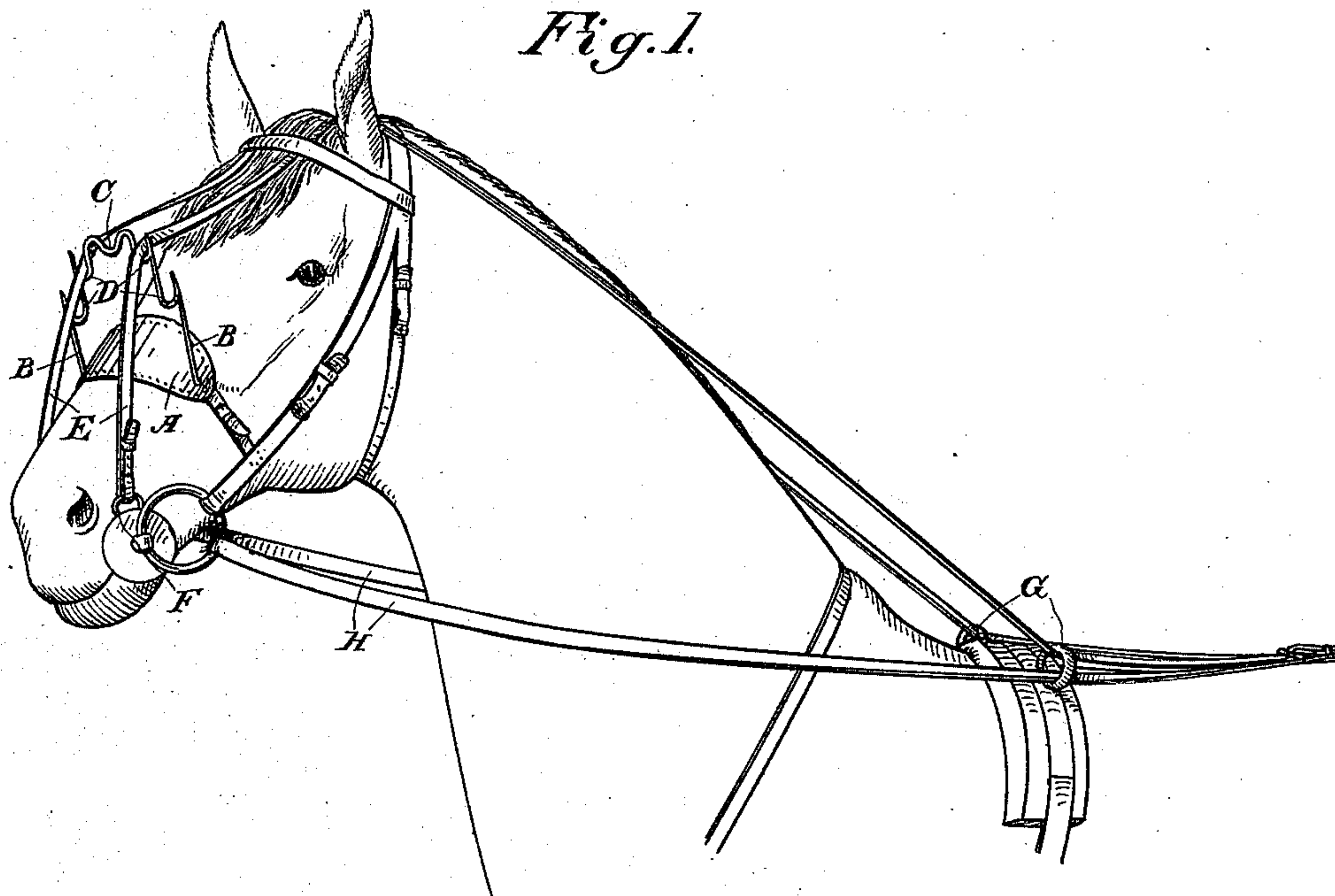


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PONTALBA L. NASH, of Hollister, in the county of San Benito, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Overdraws and Checks for Horses; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a device which I term a "check and overdraw for horses." It consists of a padded base or bridge supported upon the face of the horse below the eyes, and having standards or posts upon each side extending outwardly from the horse's face, and provided with guides or runners, through which the checkrein from the bit may pass, these reins leading backwardly through the terrets and being connected with the driving-reins.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a view showing the application of my device to a horse. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the reins and a sufficient portion of the harness to show the application and connection of the parts.

A is a plate of metal, curved to fit the face of the horse at a point about midway between the eyes and nostrils, and this plate is suitably padded, so as to prevent its pressing uncomfortably upon the bony portion of the face. From the sides of this plate two standards B arise, extending approximately at right angles outward from the horse's face, and they are united at the top by an inverted arch, as shown at C. Upon each of these standards are formed the guides or runners D, so arranged that the checkreins E, having their ends attached to the bit-ring, as shown at F, pass over the guides D, thence over the top of the horse's head through the usual guides at this point, and thence they are carried downward and backward through the terrets G to the point where they are attached to the ordinary driving-reins H, which also pass through these terrets.

It will be manifest that the check might be permanently connected with the check-hook; but I prefer to connect it with the reins in such a manner that the check may be made

to operate in conjunction with the pull upon the reins.

By means of the standards or guides any pull upon the checkrein tends to draw the horse's nose forward and upward, which enables me to give the animal a proper carriage of the head for the purpose of fully opening the throat, and I am able to prevent any trick of holding the nose upon the chest, and thus closing up the windpipe and impeding the passage of air to the lungs.

As many guides D may be employed as may be found desirable for various adjustments to suit different horses which are to be trained; or, in case the particular point desired for any horse is ascertained, the device may be made with a single guide for the checkrein, the object being to enable such adjustment as will cause the horse to hold his head in the position desired.

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

1. A bridle having a standard adapted to be supported upon the face of the horse so as to project outwardly therefrom, said standard having guides for the checkrein, substantially as described.

2. A bridle having standards provided with the rein-guides D and the curved padded face-plate adapted to fit upon the face of the horse below the eyes, substantially as described.

3. A bridle having the padded face-plate and standards projecting therefrom, guides upon said standards, through which the checkreins may pass between the attachment at the bit and the top of the horse's head, said checkrein having its opposite ends attached to the driving-reins, so as to be operated in connection therewith, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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