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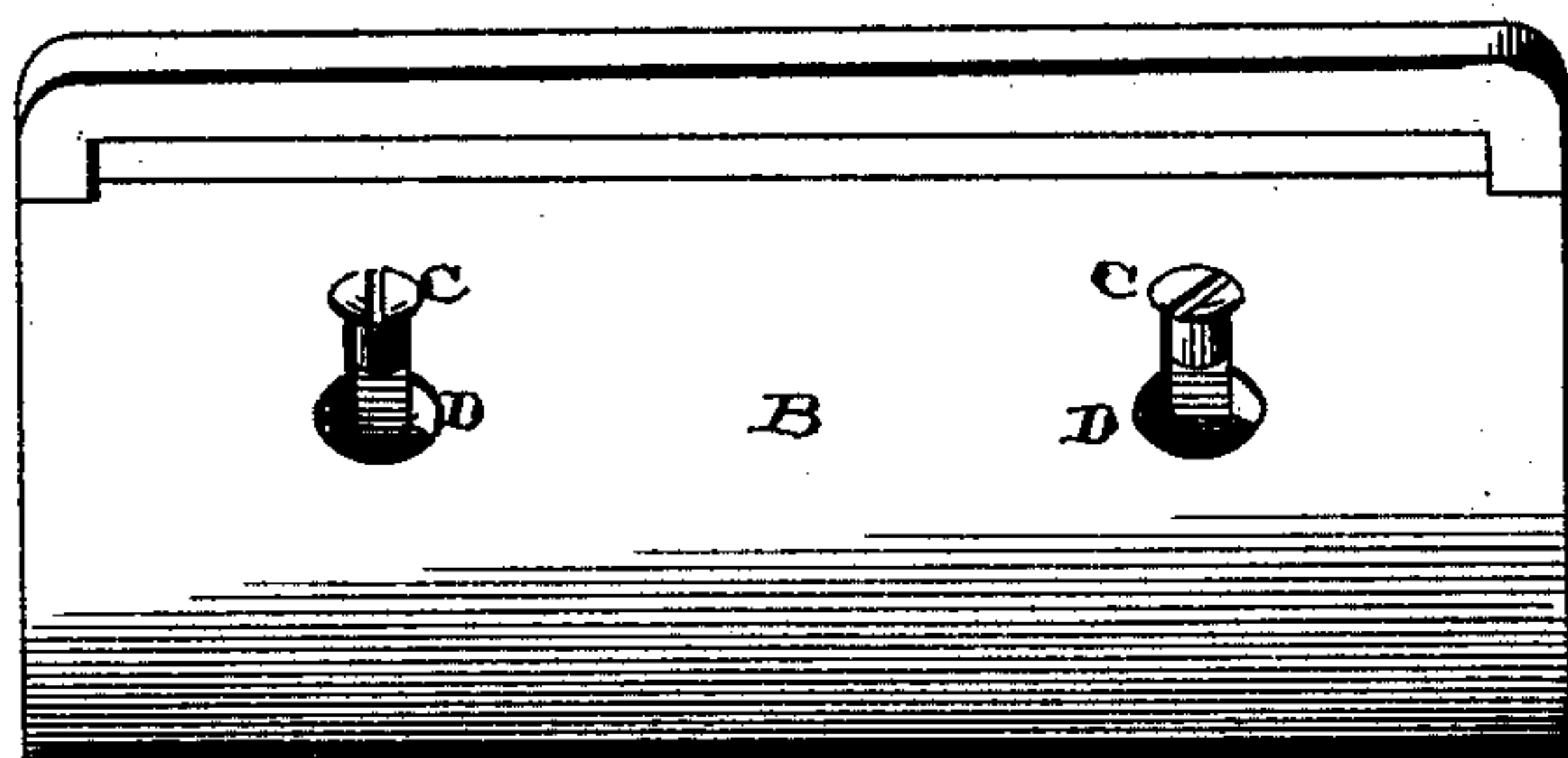
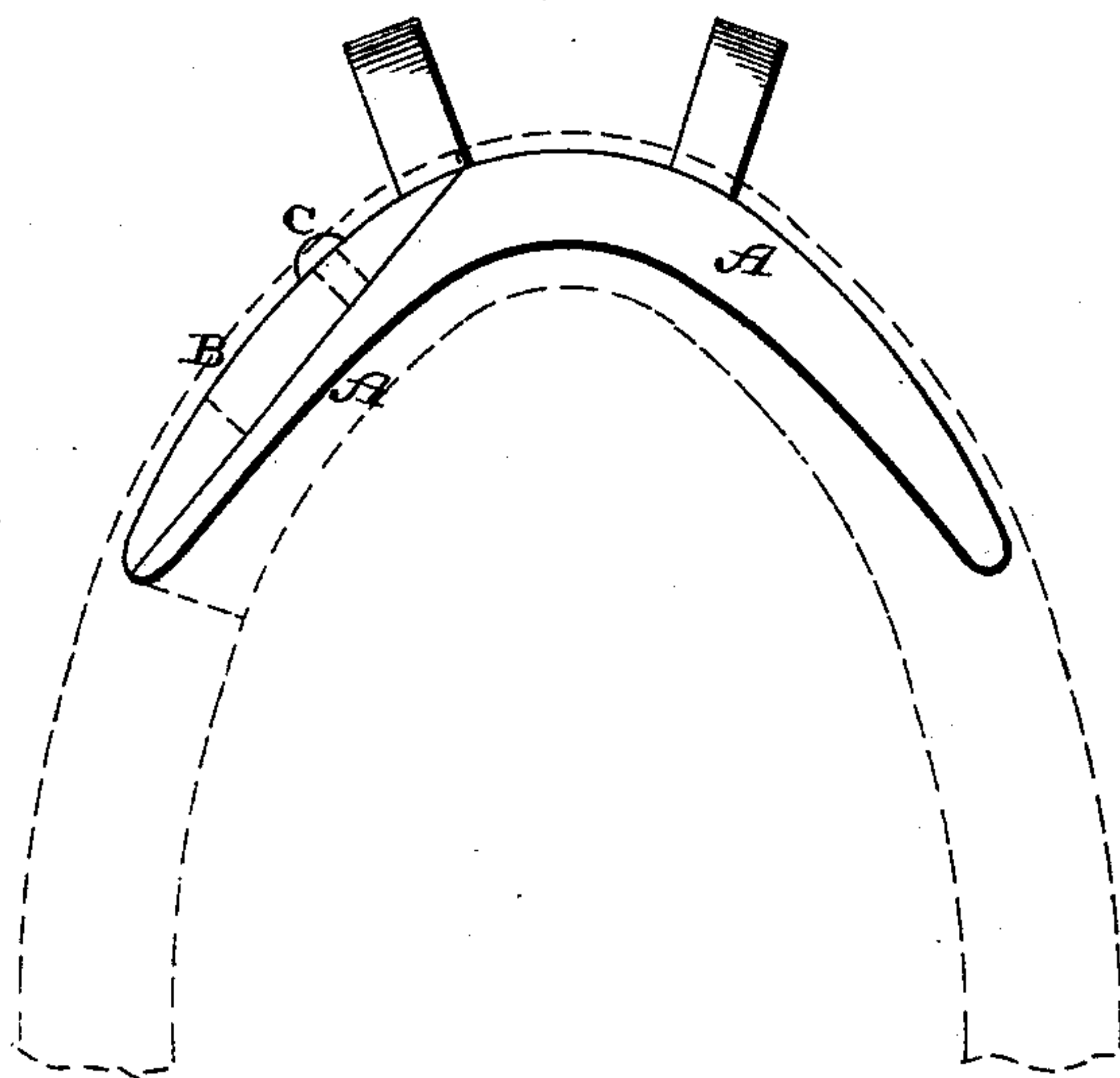


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## HORSE-COLLAR PAD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS FITZGERALD, of Ceres, in the county of Allegany and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Horse-Collar Pads; 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in horse-collar pads; and it consists in a pad which is formed in two parts, the one which rests upon the neck of the horse being provided with buttons, while the one which is attached to the other end of the collar is provided with slots through which the buttons pass for the purpose of fastening the two ends of the collar together, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to provide the ends of a horse-collar with pads which are easily fastened and unfastened, and thus dispense with the straps and buckles which have heretofore been used for this purpose.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a pad which embodies my invention. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same.

The pad is used in connection with collars which open at their upper end, and is here represented by dotted lines. To one of the upper ends of the collar the part A of the pad is secured and the part B to the other end.

The part A of the pad is made concave on its under side, so as to fit the top of the horse's neck, and has that outer side to which the part B is applied made perfectly flat, so that the part B will rest and move smoothly thereon. Projecting from this outer flat-

tened side are two headed projections or buttons C, which pass through the slots D, which are made larger at their lower than their upper ends. When the part B is applied to the one A, the two studs or projections pass through the slots at their lower ends, and then the weight upon the part B causes it to slide down upon the one A as far as the buttons and slots will allow.

The part A of the pad having been secured in any suitable manner to one end of the horse-collar and the part B to the other, it is only necessary to open the end of the collar, raise it up around the horse's neck, and pass the buttons through the slots, when the weight of the collar will cause the part B of the pad to slip down into position. By this construction a more secure and safer fastening is provided for the collar than the old form of straps and buckles, and the collar can be applied to and detached from the horse much more quickly than can be done where straps and buckles are used.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A pad for horse-collars, consisting of the part A, which fits over the top of the horse's neck, is flattened upon one side or end, and is provided with projections or buttons C, in combination with the part B, which is flattened upon its inner side, so as to rest against the flattened portion of the part A, and is provided with the slots D, through which the projections or buttons pass, substantially as shown.

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

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