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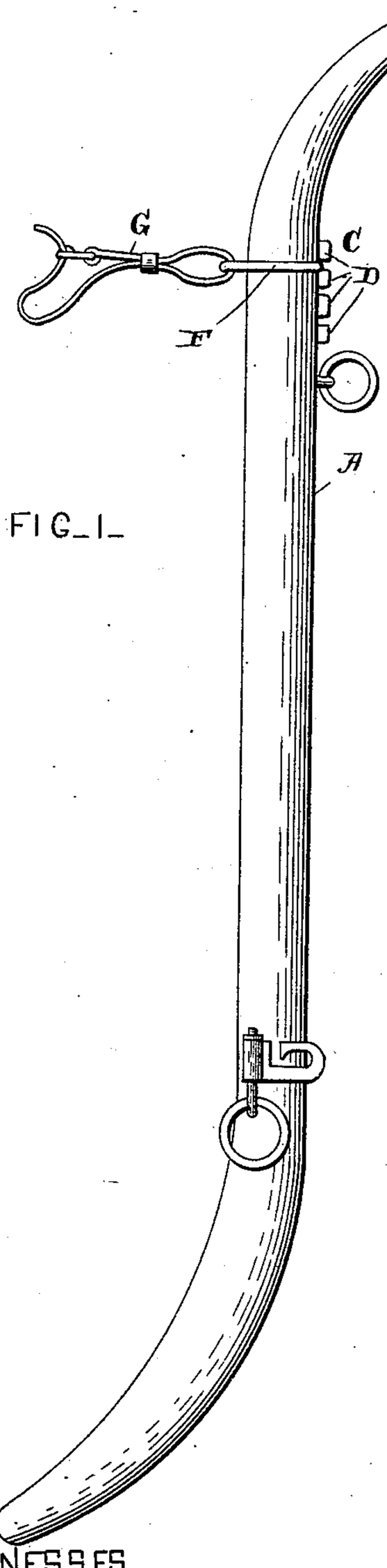

FIG_1_

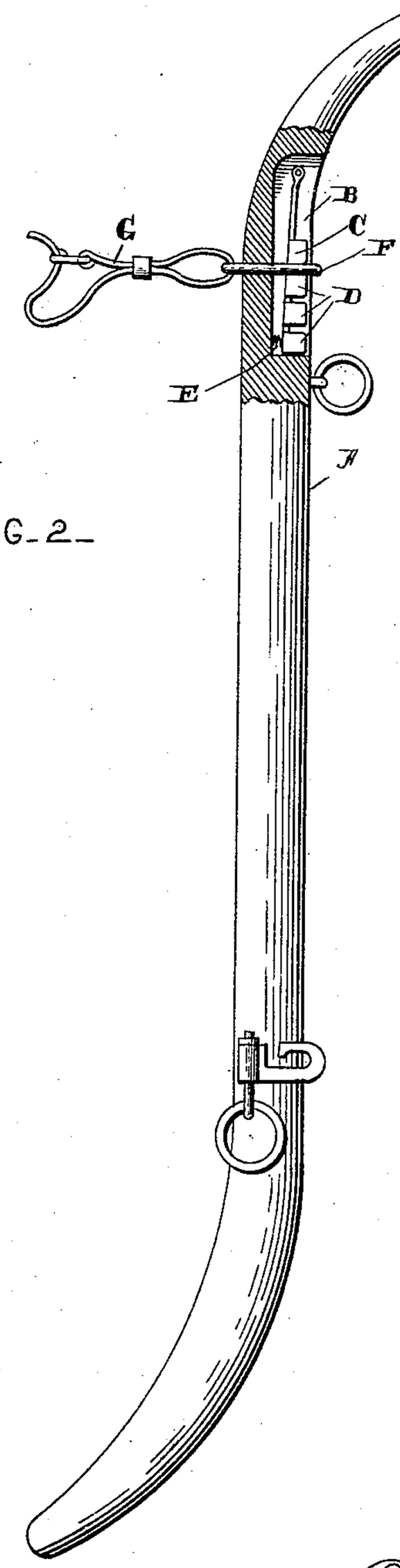

FIG_2_

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORIAN DEVOLL, of St. Clere, in the county of Pottawatomie and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hames; 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 hames; and it consists in certain novel features of construction, which will be fully described hereinafter, and more particularly referred to in the claim hereto annexed.

The object of my invention is to construct a convenient means for vertically adjusting the connecting-strap of the hames and holding it in the adjusted position.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a hame provided with my improvement. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same.

A represents a hame, which is provided with a recess B at its upper end, which extends inward from the outer edge. Pivoted in the upper end of this recess is the plate C, which has a suitable number of projections D on its outer side. Secured within the recess B at its lower end is the coiled spring E, against which the plate C bears when pushed inward. F represents a ring or band to which the hame-strap G is secured. This ring or band surrounds the hame, and as the normal position of the plate C is that shown in Fig. 1 the said ring rests between the projections D and is held in that position. When it is desired to vertically adjust the hame-strap, the plate C is pushed inward against the coiled spring, when the ring F is free to move vertically to the desired point when the plate is released, causing the projections D to project outward from the edge of the hame, and between two of these projections the ring is firmly held, as above described. A hame constructed with the improvement herein described is much more conveniently adjusted than those of the ordinary construction, where it is necessary to unbuckle the strap and remove the same from the hame in order to change its position.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The combination, with a hame constructed with a recess in its outer edge and near its upper end, of a plate pivoted at one end in the said recess, outwardly-extending projections on the said plate, and a spring interposed between the plate and the wall of the recess, substantially as shown and described.

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

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