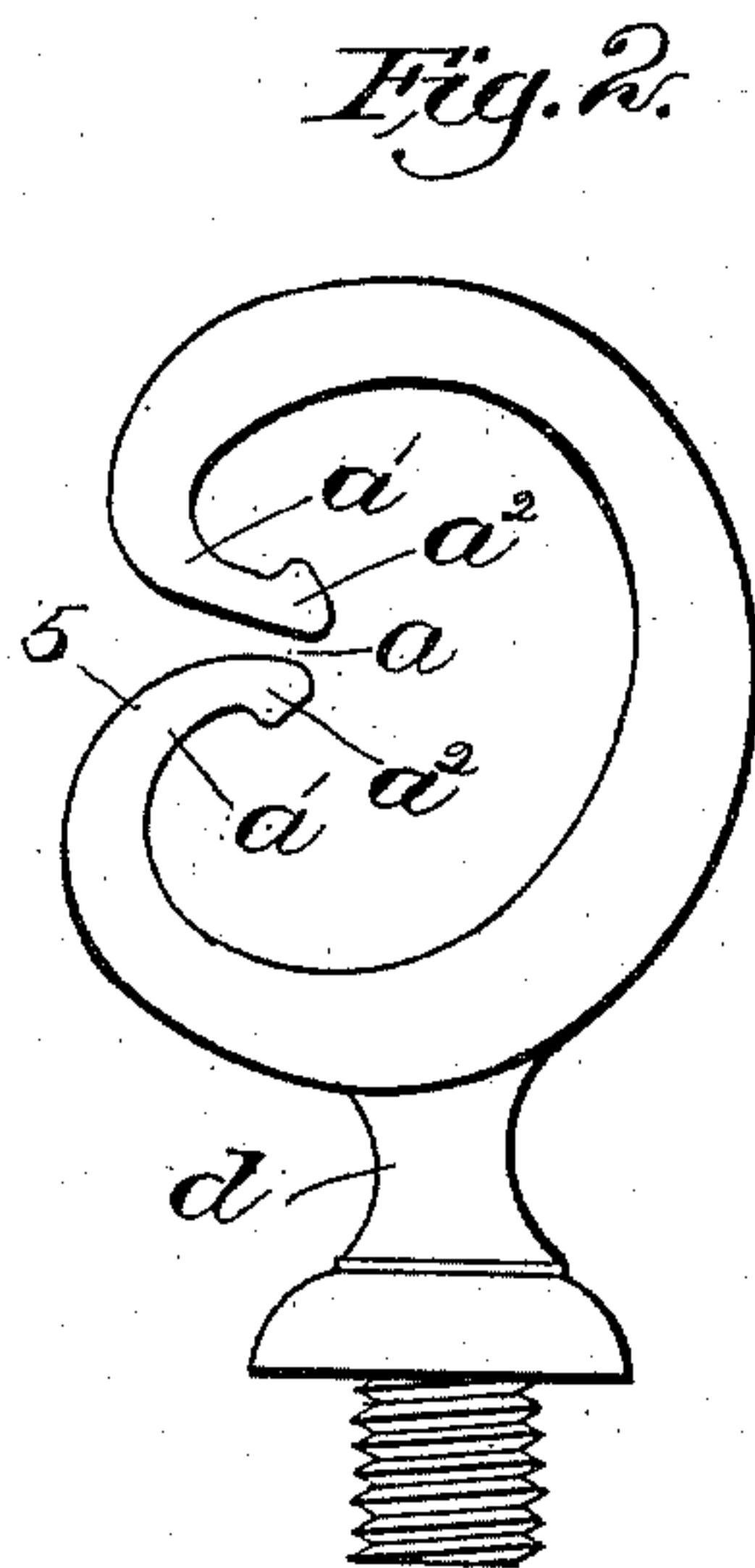
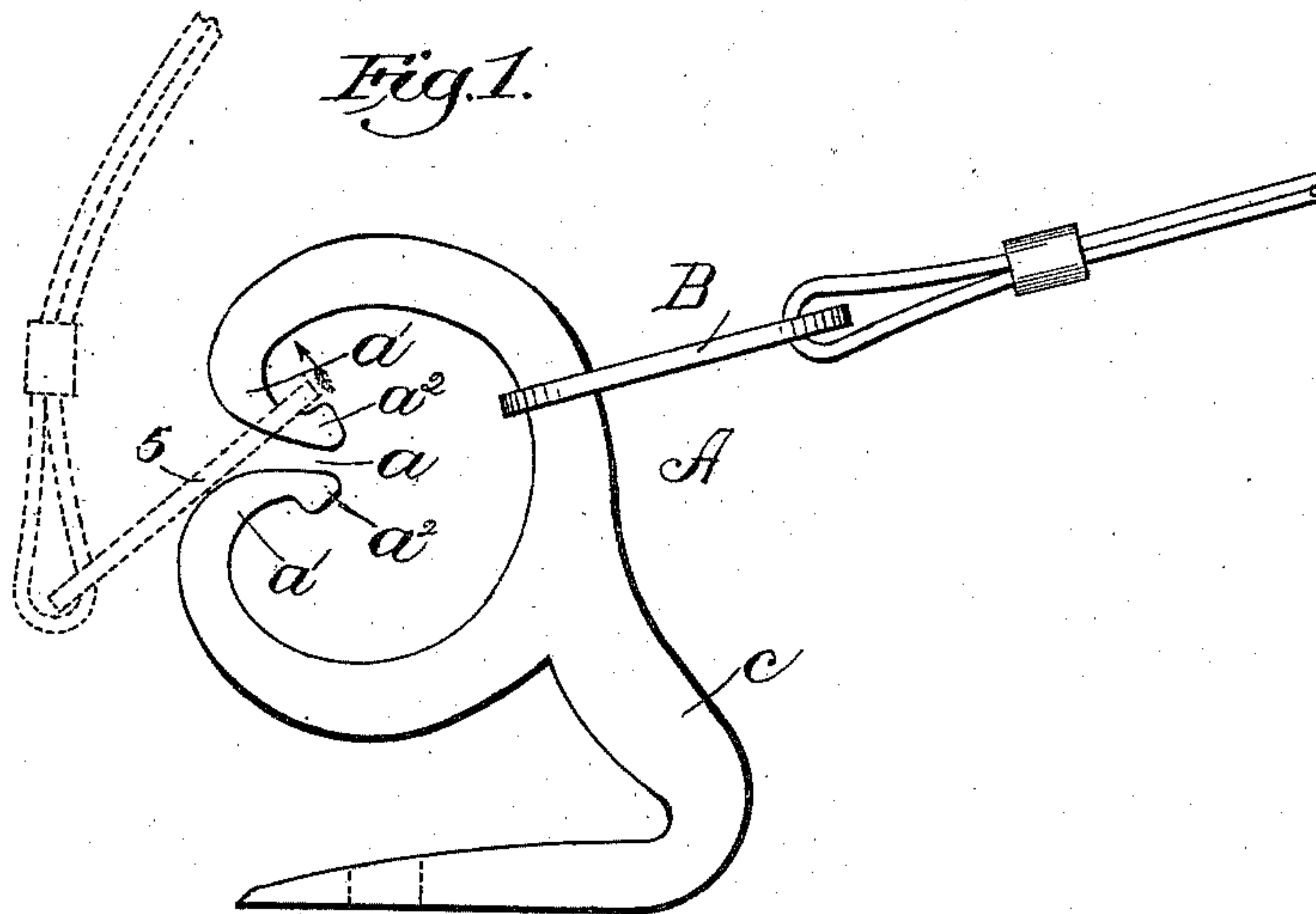


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. SQUIRE, of Bradford, county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Checkrein-Hooks, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object to provide an improved checkrein-hook.

A hook constructed in accordance with this invention has its entrance located, preferably, between two inturned points, one of which presents a wall which acts to lift the end of the rein away from the other point to prevent accidental unhooking.

Figure 1 represents a hook embodying this invention, and Fig. 2 a modified form of hook to be described.

A represents the body of the hook, to which the checkrein B may be attached, the entrance a to the hook being represented as lying between the two inturned points a' , preferably fitted with suitably-shaped oppositely-turned knobs a^2 upon their inner faces. The space between the points presents a perfectly-clear opening for the free admission of the checkrein. The rein B in hooking or unhooking is passed between the points a' and over the upper point, as indicated. Accidental unhooking is generally caused by the horse throwing his head back and slacking the rein, as indi-

cated in dotted lines, Fig. 1; but such accidental unhooking is rendered practically impossible by my improved hook, for the wall 5 not only prevents the rein from moving bodily to the right from its dotted-line position, but rather acts as a fulcrum when the rein is slackened and tends to lift the end of the rein away from the upper point a' in the direction 40 of the arrow, thus effectually preventing accidental unhooking.

In Fig. 1 the hook is represented as provided with an angle-support c , adapted to be inserted from the front edge of the saddle, and in 45 Fig. 2 the hook is provided with a central threaded stud d ; but the means for support forms no essential part of this invention.

I claim—

A checkrein-hook consisting of a body portion having two inturned points with a clear opening between them to freely admit the checkrein and oppositely-turned knobs on the inside of the said points and a wall on the outer side of the points at the entrance of the 55 opening, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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