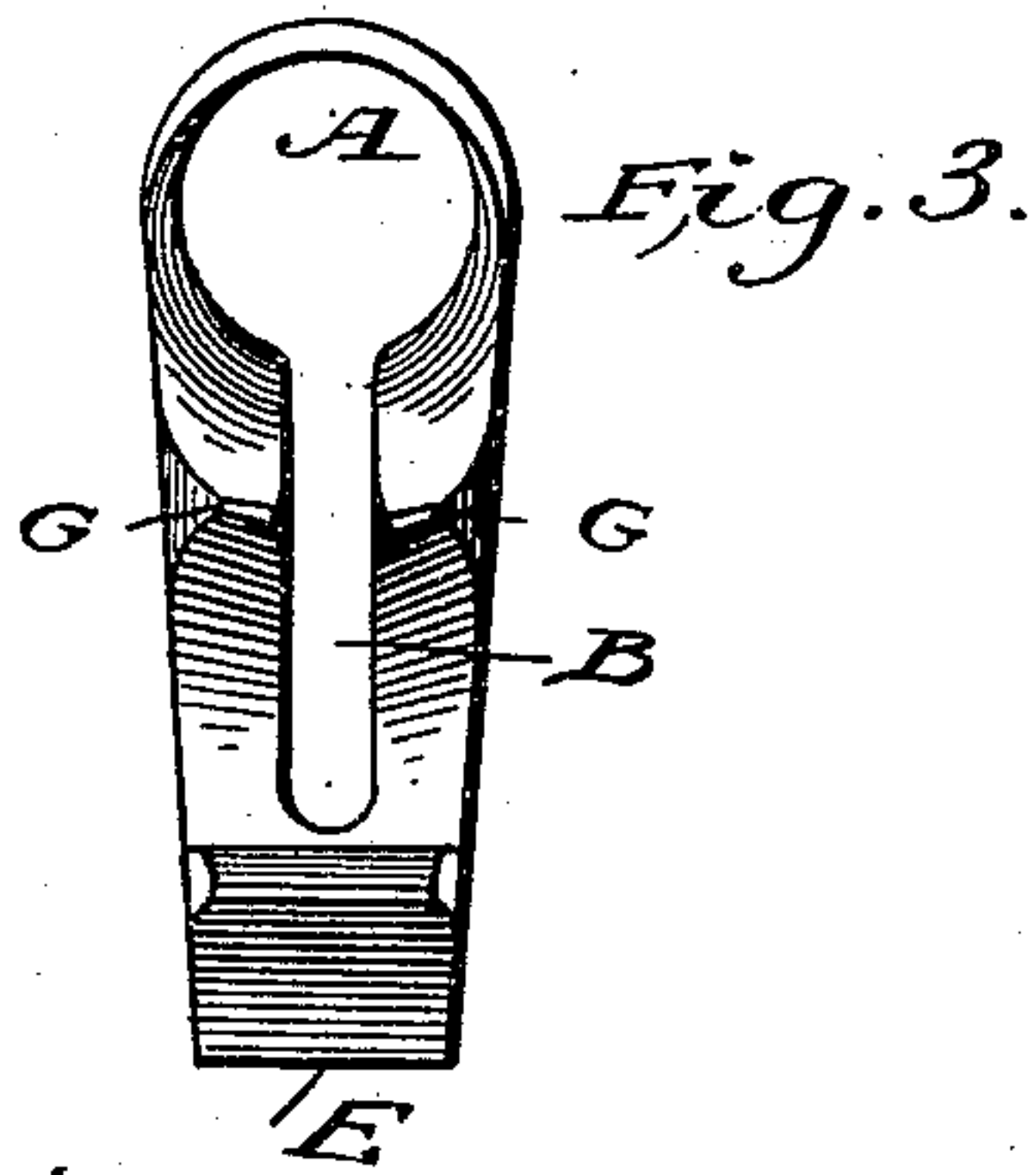
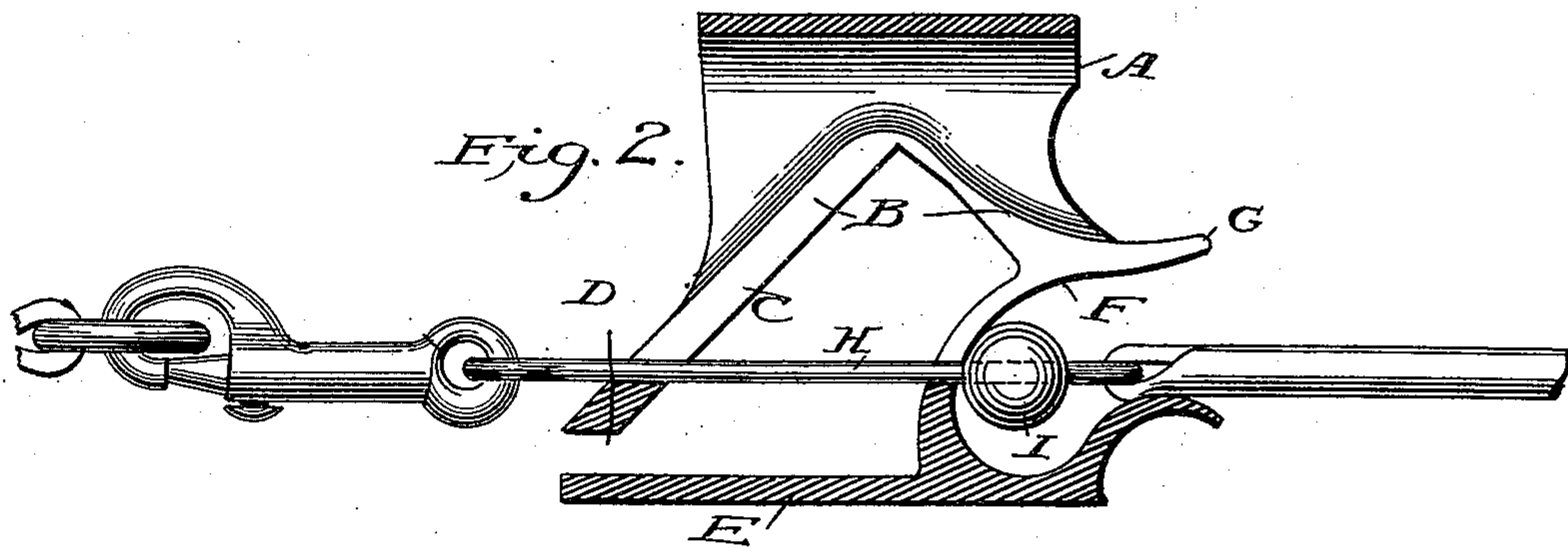
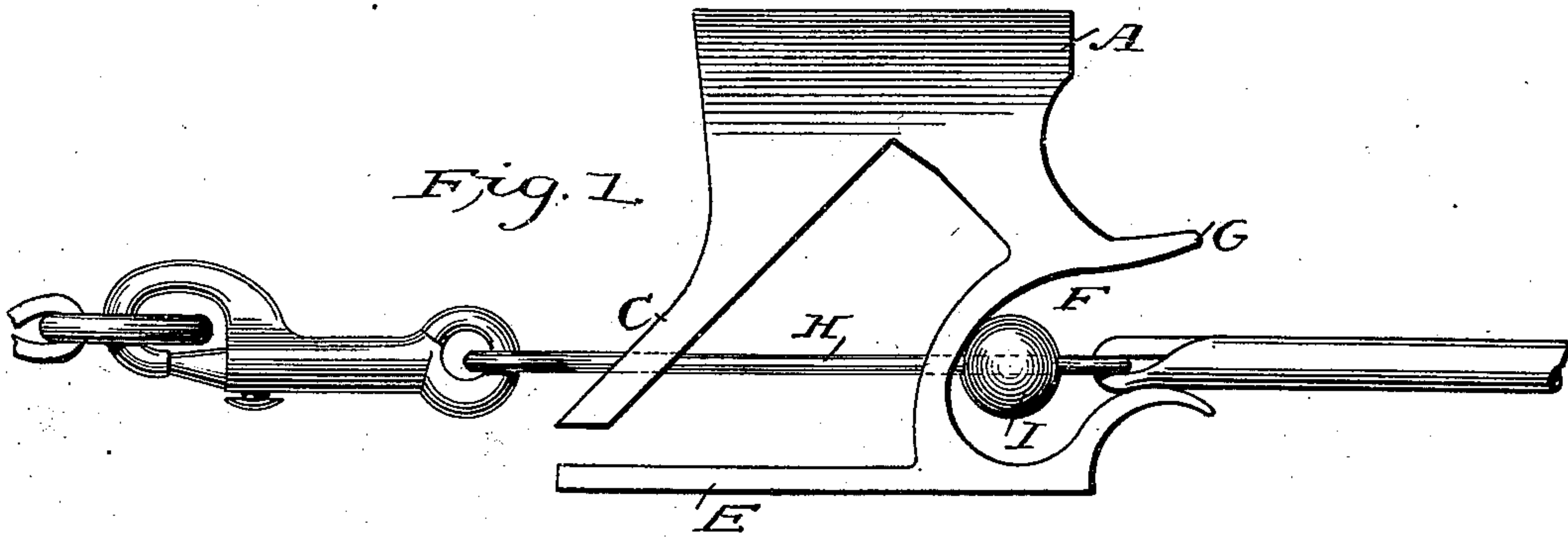


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN PRESTON WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Red Bluff, in the county of Tehama and State of California, have invented a new and useful Appliance to Driving-Harness called a Check-rein-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide means for unchecking and checking a horse without the necessity of the driver moving from his seat in the conveyance.

In the drawings,—Figure 1 is a side view of my improved device; Fig. 2, a longitudinal vertical sectional view; and Fig. 3, an end view, looking at the rear of the hook.

A designates a tube, from the bottom of which there extends a slot B, much narrower or smaller than the tube but large enough to admit an ordinary sized wire. This slot extends down through the body of the hook to within a short distance of the base plate E. The lower faces of the tube A flare outwardly and downwardly from the center toward both ends.

At the front end the inclined wall C extends downwardly to within a short distance of the base plate, leaving an opening D to facilitate the admittance of a strap or band which passes over the saddle of the harness. At the rear of the hook or holder are two points or spurs G G, and these, with the rearward extension of the base plate, form a curved arm or section F, the parts C, F and G constituting a vertically slotted standard connecting tube A with the base plate.

H indicates a wire provided with loops at each end; while near the rear end it is provided with a metallic ball I, the ball being of a diameter to allow its passing easily through the tube A. To the rear loop there is attached a cord or rein of a thickness greater than the width of the slot B, the rein passing back to within reach of the driver. To the forward

loop is attached the check rein proper, which is also of a width in excess of slot B.

When it is desired to uncheck the horse, the small rein is pulled backward and slightly upward, the ball I riding up the curved portion F until it is clear of the points or spurs G G, when the strain on the rein is relaxed and the ball is free to move through the tubular opening A, and the horse's head is set at liberty.

To check the horse, a slight pull on the rein will cause the ball I to ride up the incline C into and through the tubular section A, over the points G, at which point the rein is lowered and slackened, and the ball finds its seat in the curved portion F, and the wire H enters the slot B.

The flaring formation of the tubular section A facilitates the entrance of the ball, while the rearward extension G of the hook prevents the ball from being easily thrown out of position.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A harness check-rein hook, comprising a base E; a tube A above said base, its lower faces flaring outwardly and downwardly from the center toward both ends; a concave seat or recess F formed in the rear of the hook; and a slot B extending from the tube nearly to the base of the hook.

2. A harness check-rein hook, comprising a base E; a tube A above said base, and connected thereto at one end only, the lower side faces of the tube flaring outwardly and downwardly from the center; points or prongs G extending in rear of the hook; concave recess F below said prongs, and a slot passing between the prongs and connecting the tube and the concave recess.

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