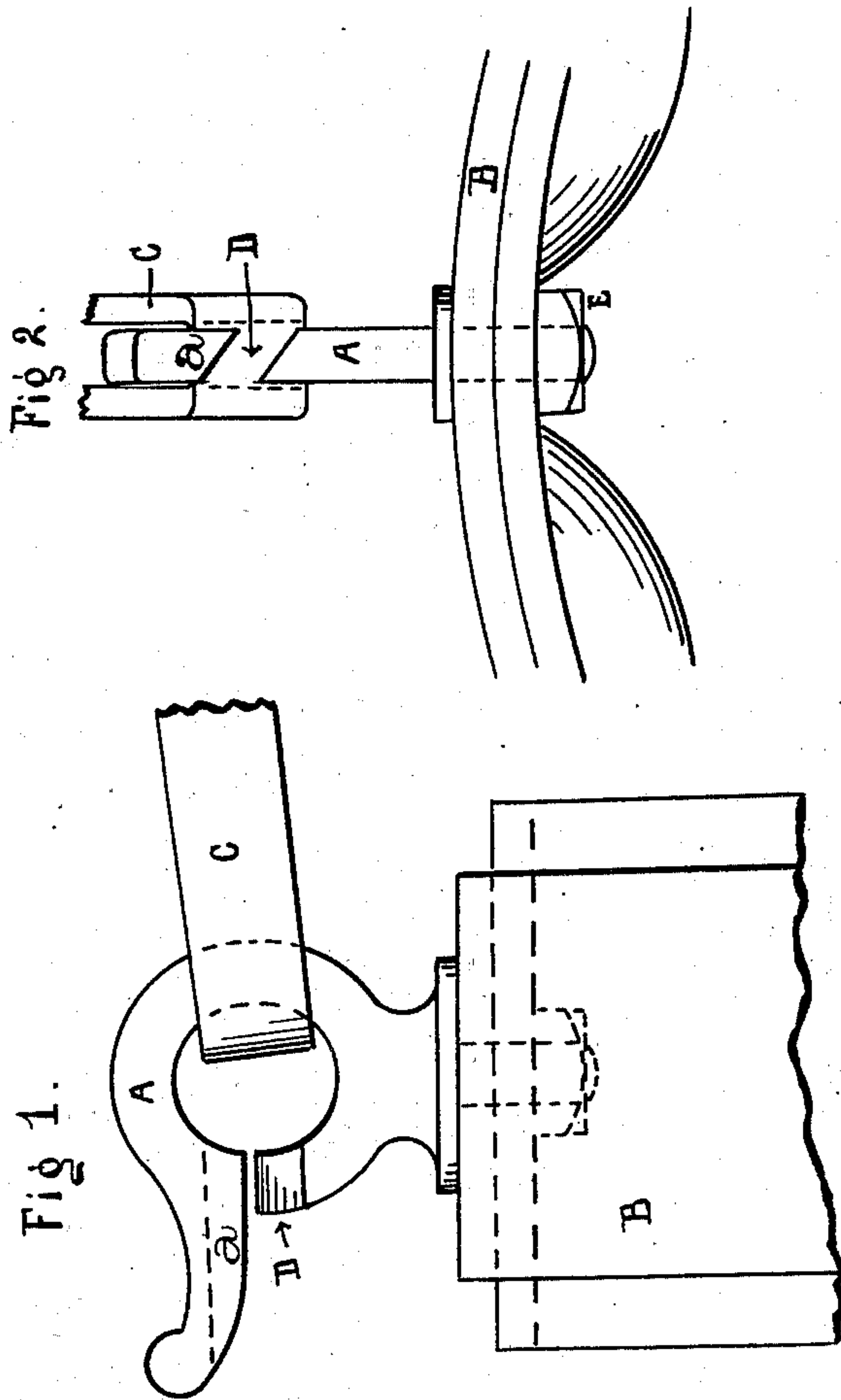


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## CHECKREIN-HOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUST HENRY ARP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Moline, in the county of Rock Island and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Checkrein-Hooks; 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 appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in check-hooks; and it consists in making a diagonal slot through the rear portion of the hook and extending the end of the hook backward a considerable distance beyond the slot, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to so construct the hook that the rein is not likely to become detached therefrom, and even should the rein accidentally work loose it will be caught by the projecting end of the hook.

In the accompanying drawings, which represent my invention, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a hook embodying my invention attached to a saddle and showing the rein caught therein. Fig. 2 is a rear edge view of the same.

A represents the checkrein-hook, which is bolted or otherwise secured to the saddle B by means of the nut E, which is screwed upon the lower screw-threaded portion of the hook where it passes through the saddle. Cut through the rear side of the hook, just below the projecting upper end *a*, is the diagonal slot D, through which the checkrein C is passed. This slot is cut diagonally, so that before the checkrein can be detached from the hook it must be turned up at such an angle that force

must be employed to push the rein through the slot. The rein will never accidentally assume the position necessary to enable it to pass through this slot; but even should, under some extraordinary occasion, such a thing happen the rein would be caught under the projecting end of the hook, which extends rearwardly a suitable distance from just above this slot. As shown in Fig. 1, this end projects rearwardly only about an inch; but it may be made to project any distance desired and given any shape that may be found best adapted for the purpose. Even should the checkrein not be made to catch inside of the hook itself, if made to catch under this projecting end it will be securely held in most instances; but where the slot and the projecting end are used together it is almost impossible for the rein to ever become detached so that the horse would have his head.

As will be seen, the hook is as cheap and simple in construction as those ordinarily used, while it is many times more safe.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A checkrein-holder comprising a split ring having one of its ends bent radially, the opposite end being beveled from side to side, said end and said ring being rectangular in cross-section and of the same radial thickness in cross-section the under face of said extension being beveled to correspond to said end, substantially as described.

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

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