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Fig. 1.

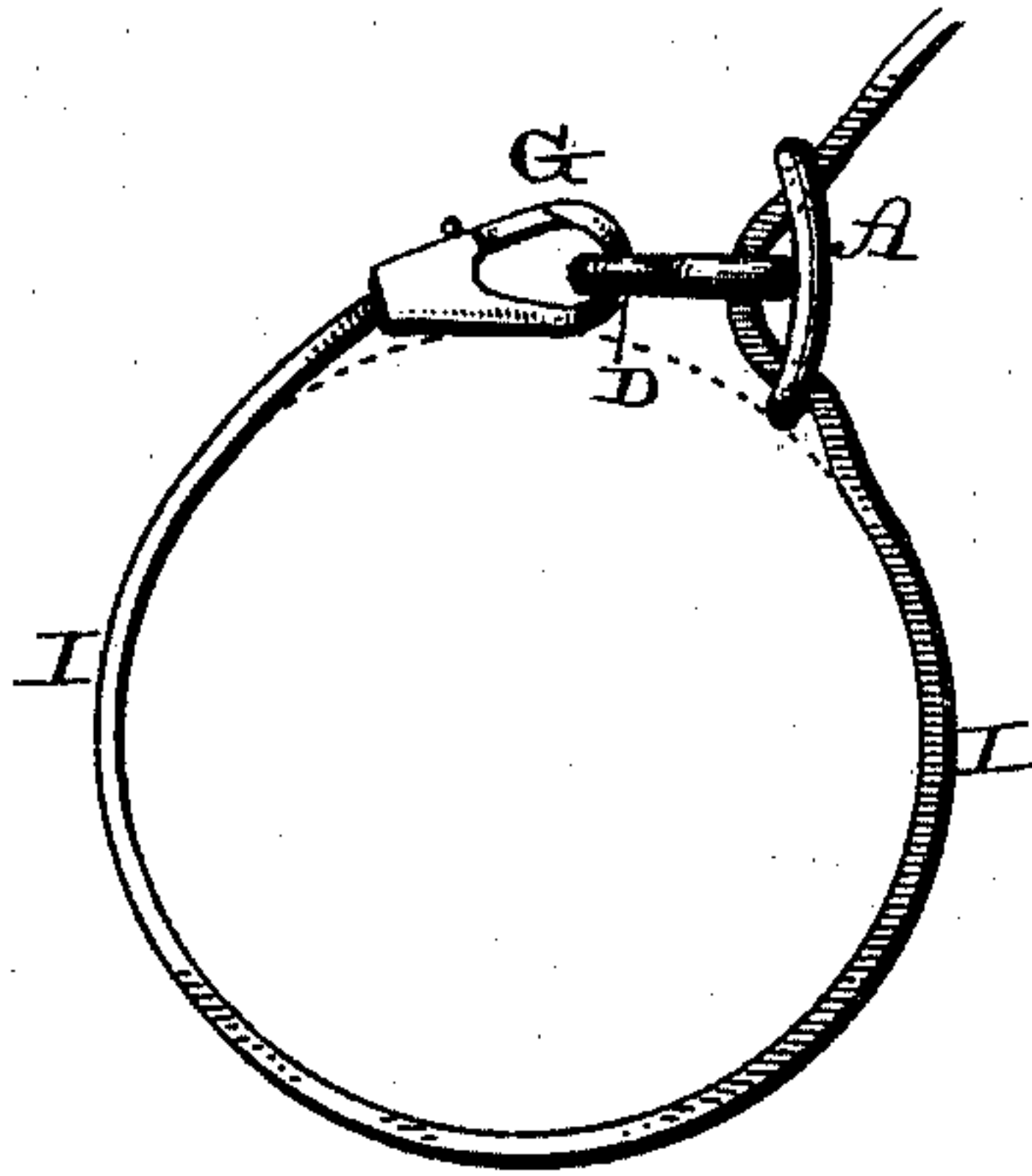
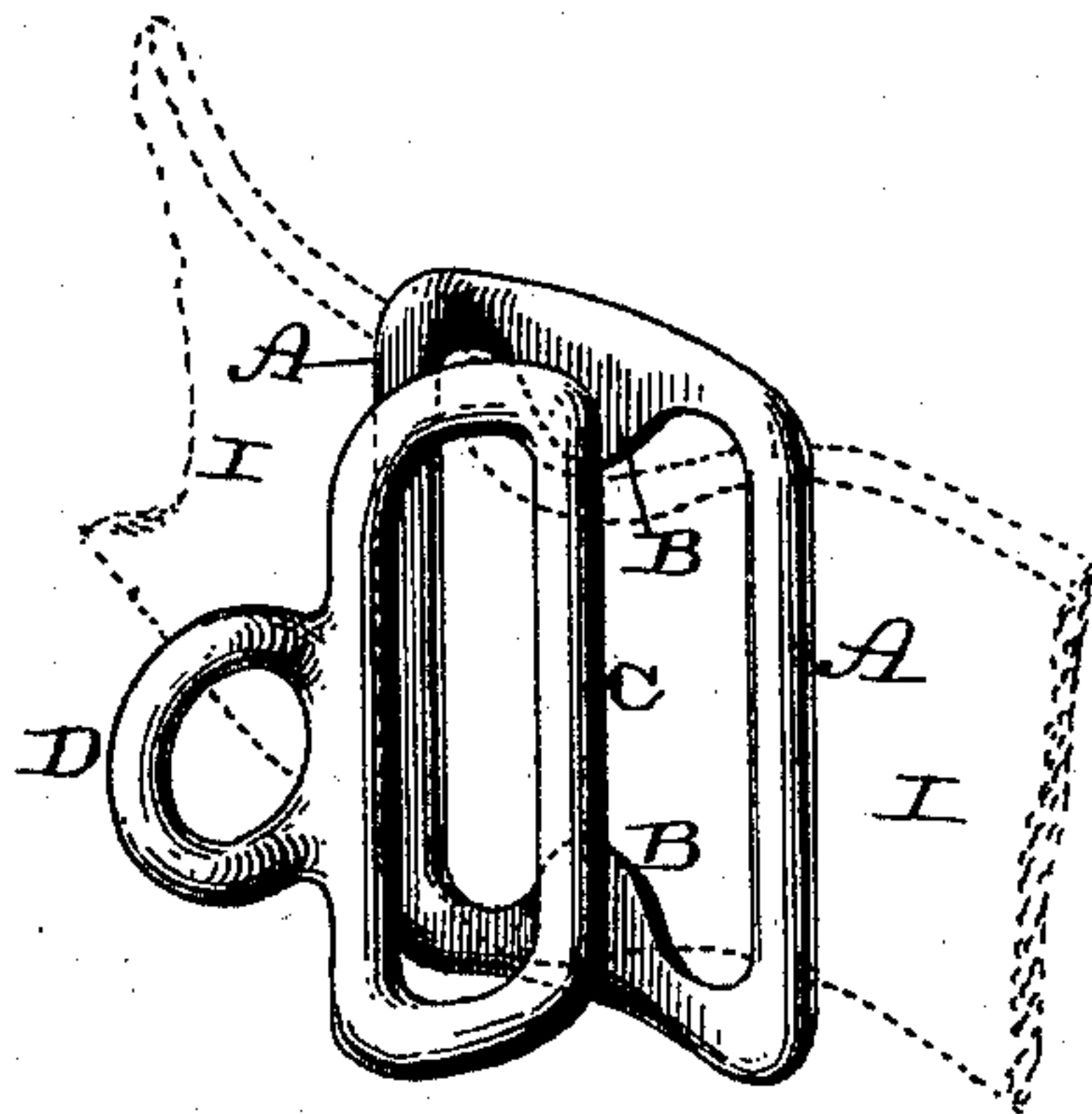


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, SANDY KING and MARSHALL MYERS, citizens of the United States, residing at Mexia, in the county of Limestone and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hitching Devices; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Our invention relates to an improvement in hitching devices; and it consists in a buckle or device which is composed of two entirely separate and distinct parts which are only connected by means of the strap to which they are applied, the body portion being provided with inwardly-projecting bearing-surfaces at its ends, upon which the loop bears, all of which will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of our invention is to provide a hitching device which can be applied to a strap between its ends and which is freely adjustable back and forth upon the strap without wearing or injuring the strap in any manner and to form a hitching device which consists of two entirely separate and distinct pieces, thus doing away with all joints, pivots, or other connections and the necessity for forming holes or perforations of any kind in the strap.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a hitching device which embodies our invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the two parts which constitute the hitching device, the strap being shown in dotted lines.

A represents the body of the buckle or hitching device, which is preferably made of the form shown in Fig. 2 and slightly curved from edge to edge, so as to conform to the curve of the strap which is passed through it, and which body has inwardly-projecting bearing-surfaces B at its ends. These bearing-surfaces are inwardly-projecting extensions, which are placed upon the same plane and extend toward each other any desired distance.

The second part of the buckle or hitching device consists of the elongated loop C, which is provided upon its outer edge with the ring

D, in which the snap G upon one end of the strap I catches. The loop C is made straight at its inner edge where it bears upon the bearing B, as shown in Fig. 2, and these two parts of the device or buckle are only connected by means of the strap I, which is passed up first through one side of the frame A, through the loop C, and down through the other side of the frame A, as shown. The loop is in direct contact with the frame A and turns freely thereon, the two parts of the device or buckle being held in position upon the strap by frictional contact only. As these two parts of the hitching device slide freely upon the strap, they are moved back and forth thereon according to the size of the post or other device around which the strap is to be passed, and then the snap upon the end of the strap I is made to catch in the ring D. As no holes have to be made in the strap and as neither the body A nor loop C is provided with sharp points or projections to catch in or against the strap, these two parts can be freely adjusted back and forth upon the strap without any wear thereon. Sliding freely back and forth upon the strap they can be quickly adjusted into any desired position by merely pushing against them with the fingers in the desired direction.

In devices of this kind heretofore the parts have been connected, one part being fastened to the other, and the body A has generally been provided with a central bar over which the strap is passed. Our invention differs from these in having the two parts of the device entirely separate and distinct and only connected by means of the strap I and in doing away entirely with the central bar and forming instead thereof the two short bearing-surfaces B, one at each end of the body. The two parts being entirely disconnected, there is no joint, pivot, or tongue to break or get out of order, and hence the device is cheapened to the greatest possible extent, and the parts can be more readily applied to a strap and adjusted back and forth thereon than has heretofore been possible.

Having thus described our invention, we claim—

In a hitching device, a rectangular body A, provided with an inwardly-extending bearing

B at each end, combined with a loop C D, which is supported upon the body and which extends at right angles thereto, the loop forming a support for the strap upon the body after the strap has been passed back and forth through the body; the bearings upon the body allowing the loop a slight endwise play, substantially as shown.

In testimony that we claim the above we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of two witnesses.

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