

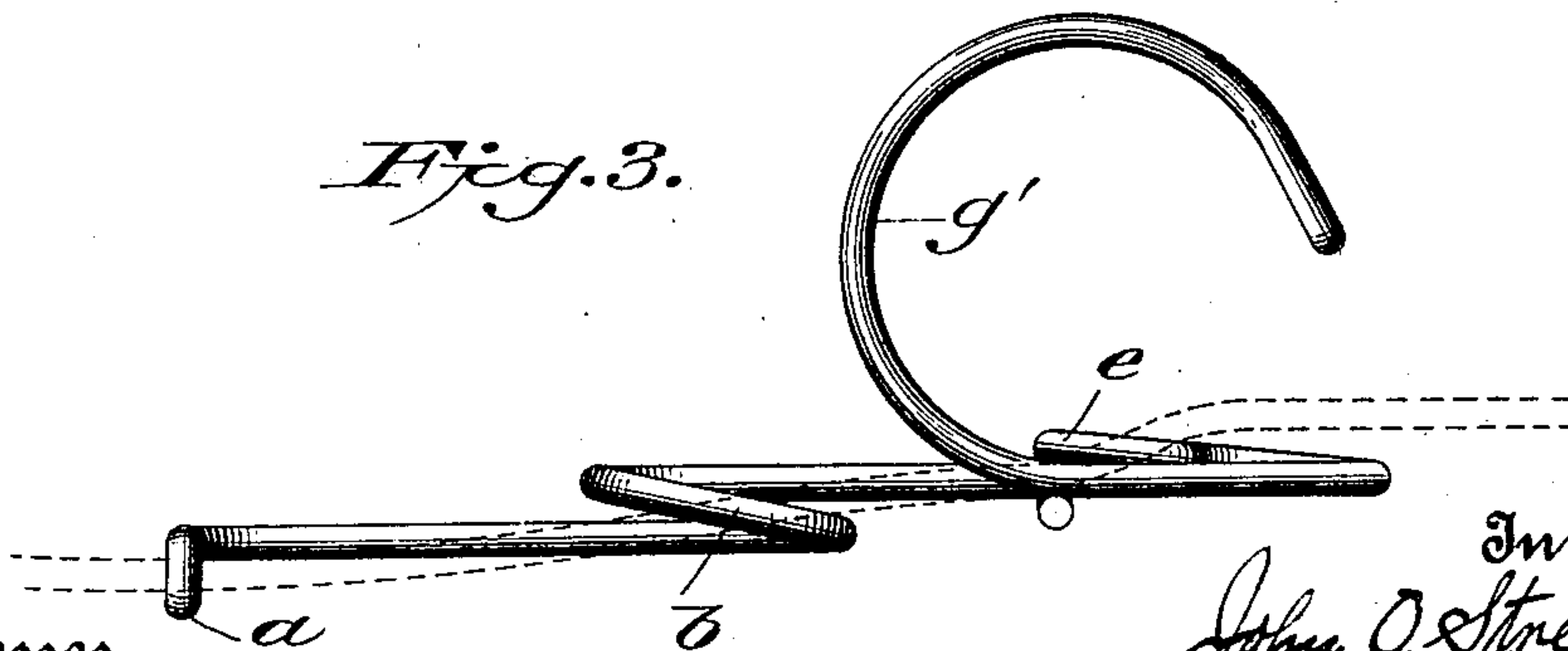
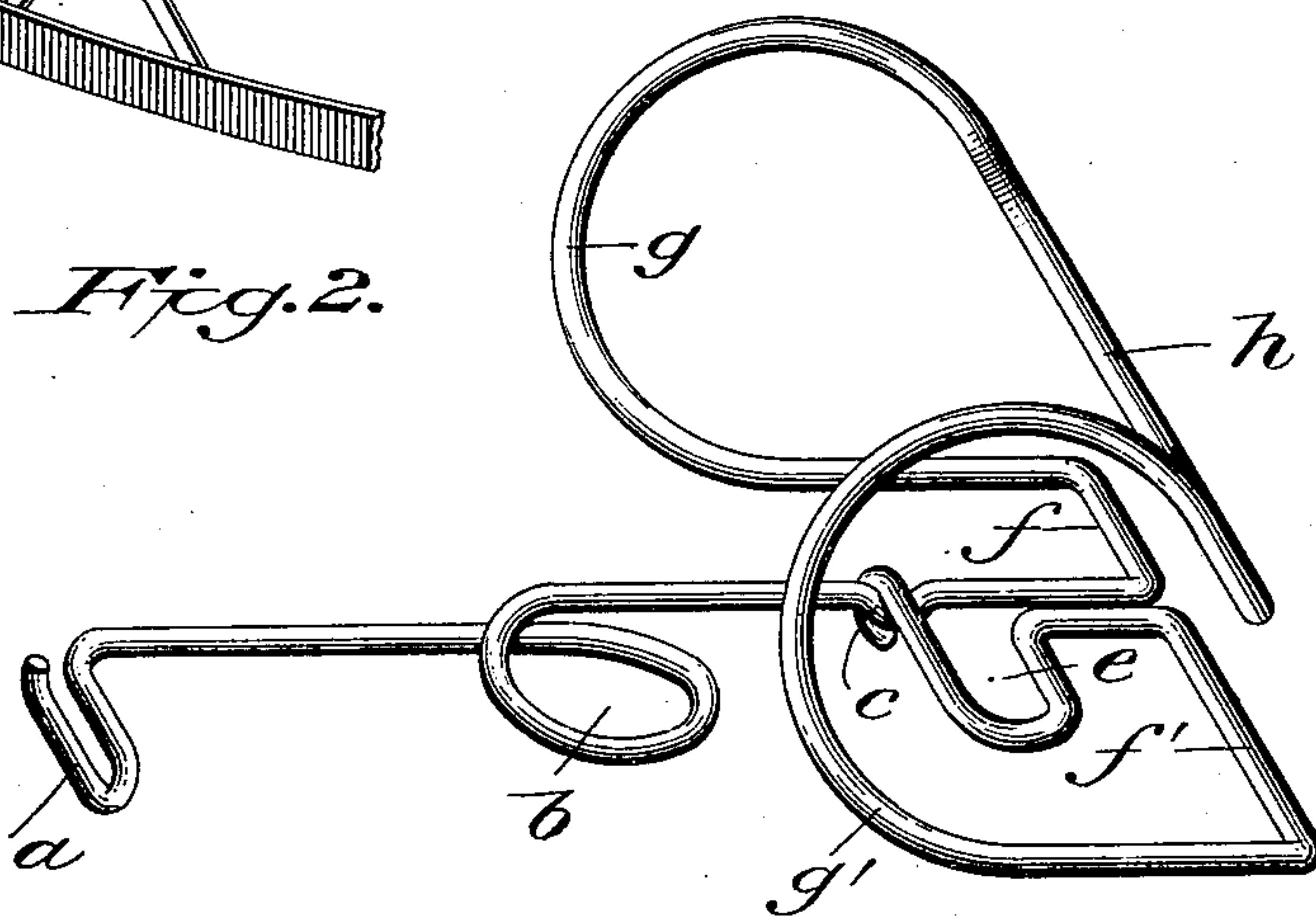
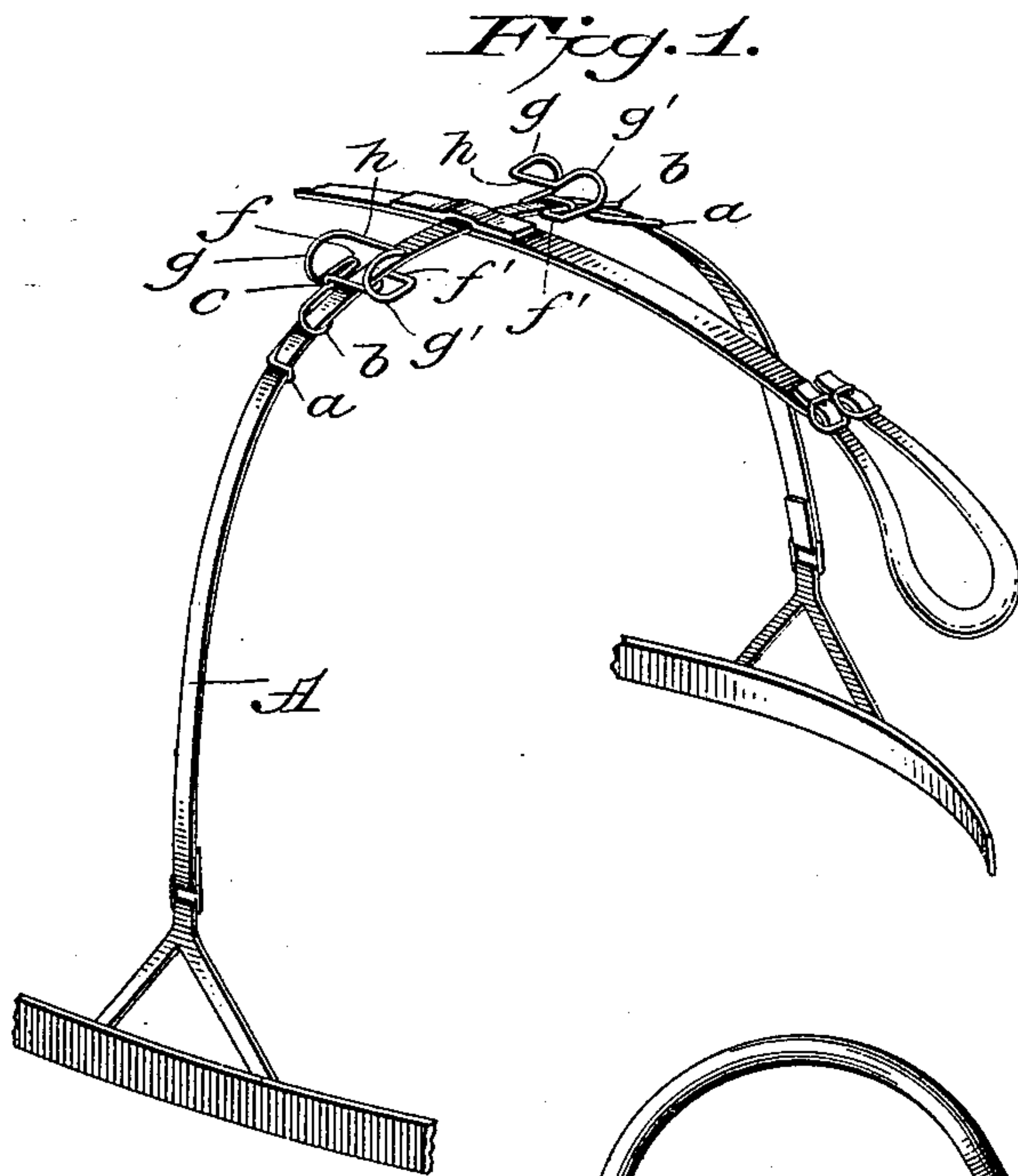
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REIN-GUARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN O. STREETER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Octavia, in the county of Butler and State of Nebraska, have invented new and useful Improvements in Rein Guards or Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in rein guards or holders, such as are adapted to hold the reins of harness in such a manner that the horse cannot easily throw his tail over the reins.

The object of my invention is to produce a simple, cheap, and effective rein guard or holder which can be readily applied and detached, the same being made up from a single piece or bar, as wire of the proper gage, which is bent in shape to provide a plurality of clamps for engagement with the hip-straps, and curved members or connected hooks which project from a cross-piece and extend laterally from the part which engages with the hip-strap, each guard being made up of a single piece.

The invention consists in the construction of the guard or rein-holder, as will be hereinafter set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a pair of rein-guards attached to the hip-strap in position for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the rein guards or holders detached; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation, the hip-strap being shown in dotted lines.

Each rein guard or holder when made up in accord with my invention is formed from a single piece of wire of proper size and resiliency, which wire is bent near one end so as to form a spring loop or clamp *a*, the extreme end of which may be slightly upturned, so as to lie over the edge of the hip-strap *A*. From the loop or clamp *a* and projecting at substantially right angles from the same an

intermediate portion of the wire is bent to form a coil *b*, and beyond said coil I provide the wire with a slight indentation *c*, about which is passed or bent the opposite end of the wire from the loop. Adjacent to the indentation and in line with the loop or clamp *a* and the coil *b* I provide an eye *e*, one end of which extends parallel with the member on the other side. The wire is bent to provide a laterally-extended cross-piece *f f'*, from which spring the curved members *g g'*, which are connected by a cross-piece *h*. The curved members *g g'* form the rein guard or holder when the reins are passed beneath the cross-bar *h*. To apply the device to the hip-strap *A* without unbuckling said strap, the parallel members adjacent to the cross-pieces *f f'* are separated sufficiently to admit of the entrance of the hip-strap to the eye *e*. The hip-strap is then passed laterally into the coil *b* and beneath the loop *a*, into which it is passed laterally. It will be observed that such structure and arrangement allows the rein-guard to be placed where desired upon the hip-strap, and when desired the same may be readily removed. To adjust the rein guard or holder, it is only necessary to force the strap out of the end loop or clamp *a*, when it may be slid upon the hip-strap.

This device can be cheaply manufactured and furnished at small cost.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

A rein-guard made up of a single piece of wire which is bent to provide connected curved members which are carried by a central portion having a loop, a resilient coil and an eye, substantially as shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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