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Fig. 1.

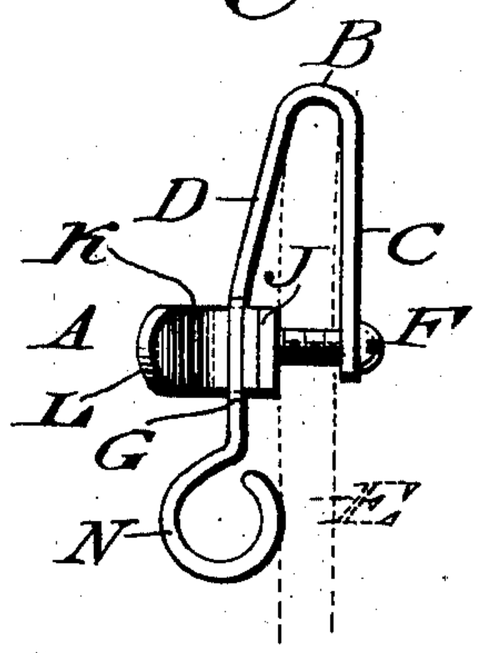


Fig. 2.

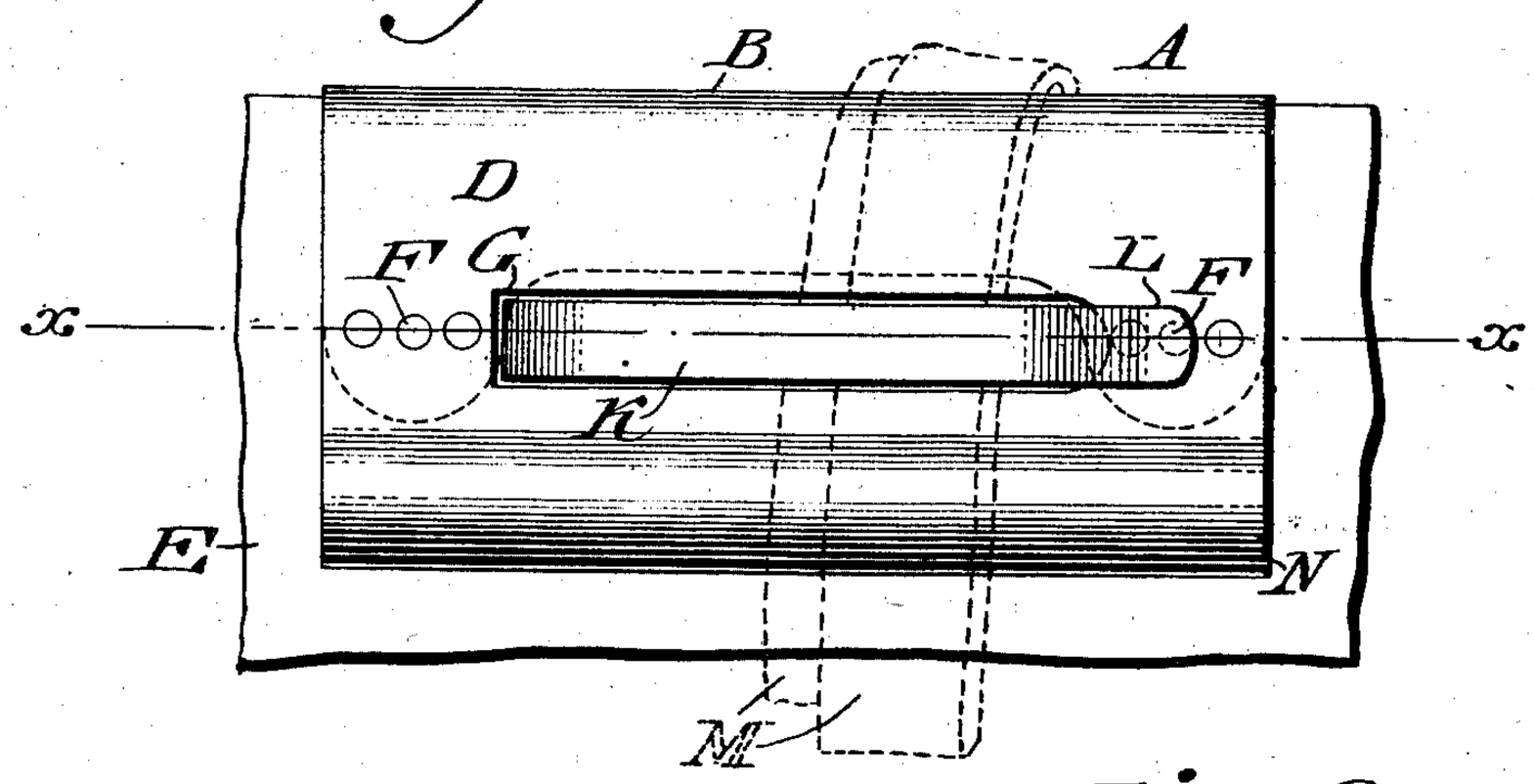
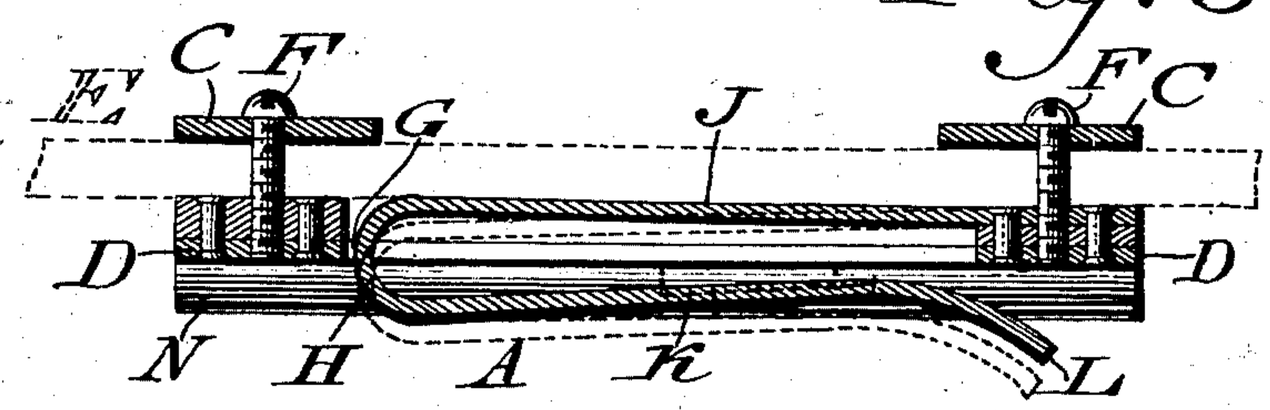


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS KEEPFER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Rein-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a rein-holder of simple and inexpensive construction and adapted to hold reins in a firm and easily-applied manner, provision being also made for holding reins of varying thicknesses, the reins being easily removed from the holder when so required.

It further consists of novel details of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 represents an end view of a rein-holder embodying my invention, showing also the preferred manner of supporting the same upon the dashboard of a vehicle. Fig. 2 represents a front elevation of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents a section on line *x x*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the rein-holder, the same comprising a plate B, composed of the members C and D, which are held in position with respect to the dashboard E by means of the studs, screws, or other fastening devices F.

G designates a slot located in the member D of the plate B, said slot having the rein-holder proper, H, located therein, said rein-holder consisting of a clip composed of the members J and K, the latter having the outwardly-flared extremity L, preferably projecting beyond the adjacent terminal of the slot G, whereby a flaring mouth is formed, so that the reins M can readily be inserted in position, as will be understood from Fig. 2.

If desired, I may provide the lower portion of the member D with a bead or enlarged portion N, whereby a resilient point of contact may be afforded between the dashboard E and said member D.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that when the reins are to be retained in the holder they are pushed in between the limbs or members K and J, the limb K yielding while exerting its pressure against the rein. If a particular rein or reins are introduced into position, the limb K will yield or move outwardly to a greater extent, and the limb J will follow the same, owing to the extent of the slot G, which permits the extreme play of the two limbs J and K, as will be understood from Figs. 2 and 3.

It will be apparent that changes may be made by those skilled in the art which will come within the scope of my invention, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited in every instance to the exact construction herein shown and described.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A rein-holder consisting of a plate adapted to be attached to the dashboard of a vehicle, a slot in said plate, and a clip consisting of a plurality of yielding members which are on opposite sides of said slot.

2. A rein-holder consisting of a plate adapted to be secured to the dashboard of a vehicle, a longitudinally-extending slot in said plate, a clip composed of two members located in said slot, one of said members having an outwardly-flaring end projecting beyond the extremity of said slot.

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