

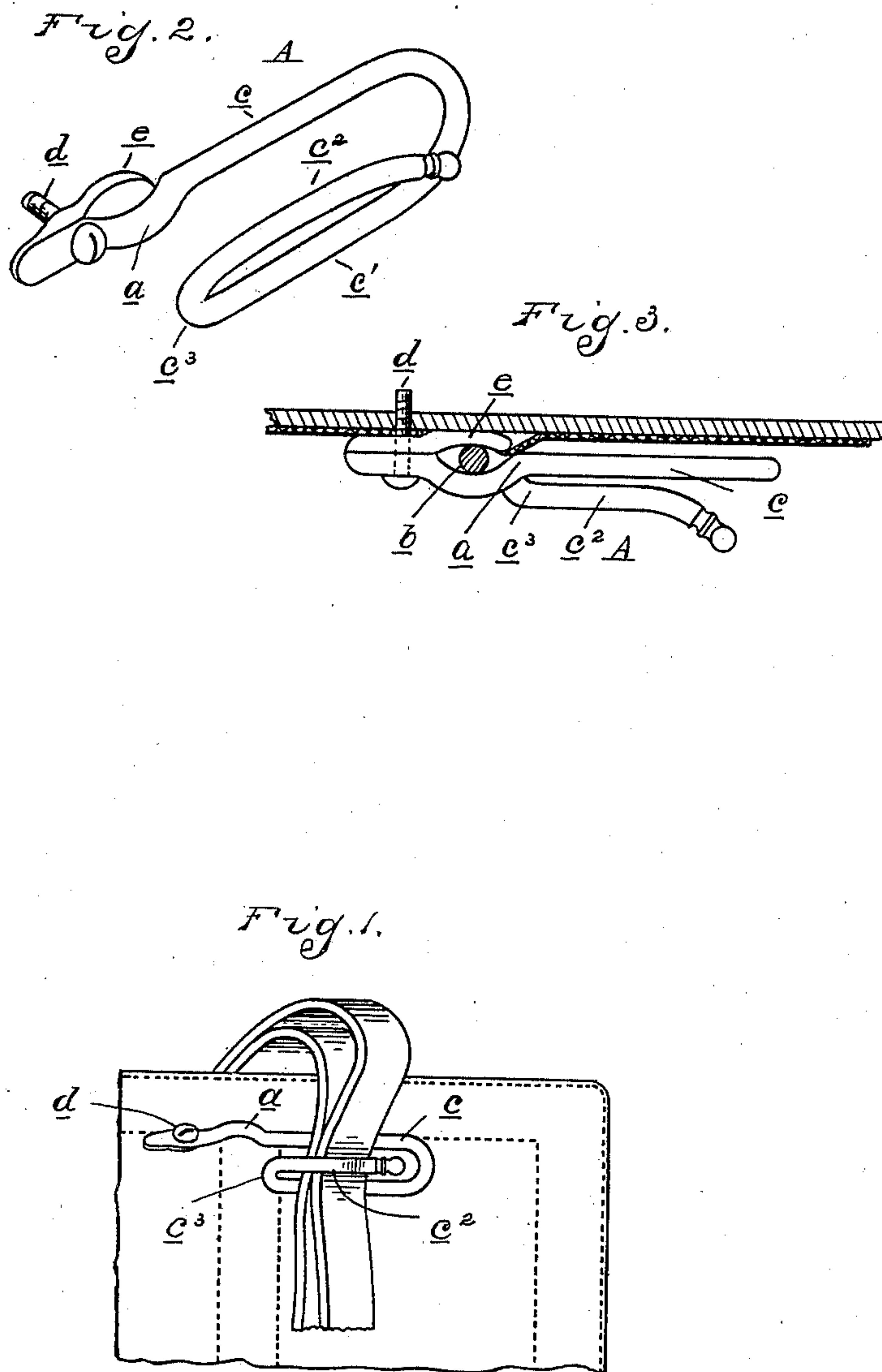
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. CHAMBERLIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rein-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates to rein-holders to be applied to dashboards of vehicles for securing the lines when the team is left unattended, the objects being, first, to provide a device of this character of simple construction, and, second, to provide a device which can be attached and detached without the necessity of a separable part being permanently secured to the dashboard. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a general view of the dashboard, rein-holder, and reins. Fig. 2 is a perspective and Fig. 3 is a side view of the holder.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the drawings the dashboard, as shown, is composed of the outer frame-rods and inner braces of metal, all covered in the usual manner. The positions of these rods are indicated by the seams. While the cross-sections of the brace *b* is shown circular in cross-section in Fig. 3, any other desired shape may be employed. The rein-holder *A* is composed of the flat substantially U-shaped part *c c'*, one end of which is sharply bent, as at *a*, to form a seat for the brace *b*. Beyond this bend it is preferably flattened and has a hole to receive the screw *d*. This screw engages the jaw *e*, which when the holder is to be attached is slipped through a small hole cut into the covering of the dashboard under the brace *b*, where it is rigidly held upon the screw being tightened. The extension of both the lug and the main part *c* of the holder beyond the screw is allowed to rest against the covering, thus forcing the whole upper part of the holder to lie flat against the dashboard, and so be out of the way. This overcomes a serious objection to many of the present rein-holders, which

catch the clothing of the person getting into and out of the vehicle. The part *c'* extends down so far that the bend *C³*, formed by turning up the end, is pressed against the covering over the brace *b*. The part *C²* extends upward from this bend, the free end being bent outward from the dashboard, so as to allow the reins to be pressed down between it and the other two members. As will be seen in Fig. 3, the part *C²* does not lie in the same plane as the main part of the holder, but is raised a short distance from them. When the reins are placed in the holder, as shown in Fig. 1, the part *C²* presses the reins into the space between the other two parts of the holder, giving the reins a sharp bend, and the resulting friction between the reins and the three parts of the holder will prevent the release of the reins by an end pull. The only manner in which they can be released is by lifting them out of the holder.

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

1. A rein-holder comprising two members connected together at one end, and a third member connected at one end to the opposite end of one of the first-named members and intermediate the same, the other end of said third member being free and disposed toward the juncture of said first two mentioned members.

2. A rein-holder comprising two members connected together at one end, and a third member connected at one end to the opposite end of one of the first-named members and intermediate the same, the other end of said third member being free and projecting outwardly beyond the plane of the two first-mentioned members and disposed toward the juncture of said first two mentioned members.

3. In a rein-holder, the combination of a dashboard provided with an inner cross-brace and covering, a rod bent to form an inverted U, a clamp attached to one end of the rod and engaging said cross-brace beneath said covering, a bend in the other leg of the U positioned to engage the covering over the brace, said

leg being extended beyond the bend to form a prong lying between the two legs of the U.

4. In a rein-holder the combination of a dashboard provided with an inner brace, a rod
5 bent so as to form three members, and having a sharp bend in one of the outer members for fitting over the inner brace of the dashboard, a jaw associated with said part adapted to fit beneath said brace, and the inner face

of the dashboard, and tightening means between said part and jaw.

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

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