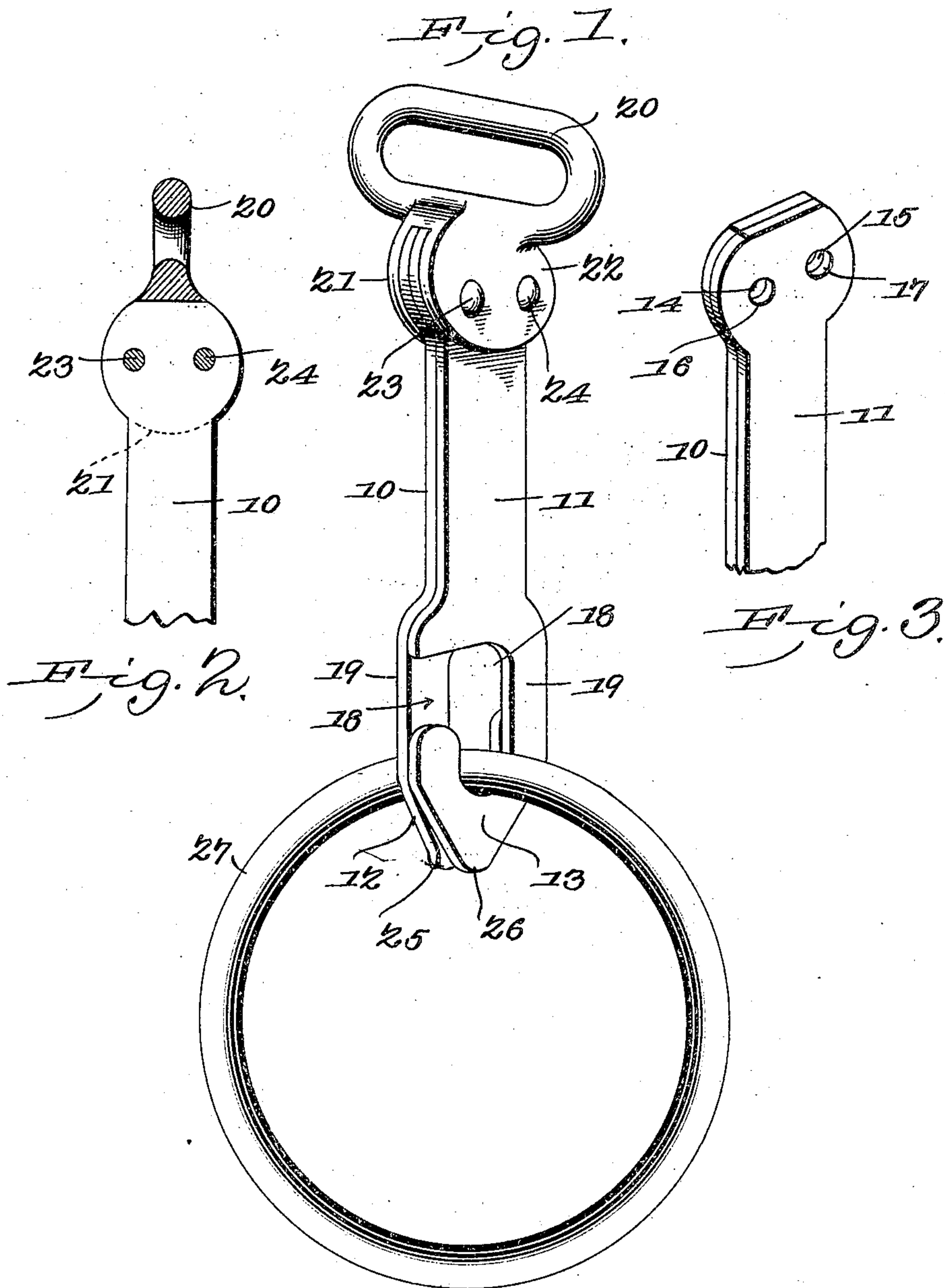


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM R. LAPSLEY and WALTER S. SALLEE, citizens of the United States, residing at McAfee, in the county of Mercer and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Snap-Hook, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to snap-hooks employed more generally upon various portions of harness, and has for its object to produce a device of this character of improved construction, increased strength, and decreased cost of manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the invention is not necessarily limited thereto, as various changes in the shape, proportions, and general assemblage of the parts may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

In the drawings thus employed, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved device. Fig. 2 is a transverse section through the combined strap-loop and binding element. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the resilient clamping-plates.

The improved device comprises two plates 10 11 of resilient metal, such as steel, having at one end open hooks 12 13 and with the other ends enlarged and provided with spaced apertures 14, 15, 16, and 17. The plates are pre-

cisely alike and struck from the same die and when placed side by side will exactly conform; but when reversed in position the open side 18 of one hook will come opposite the closed side 19 of the other hook, as shown in Fig. 1.

A strap-engaging loop 20 forms a part of the device and is provided with integral spaced perforated ears 21 22, between which the perforated ends of the plates 10 11 are secured by transverse rivets 23 24.

By this means a very simply-constructed and strong and durable "snap" is produced which may be cheaply constructed and employed effectually wherever devices of this character are required.

The hook portions 10 and 11 are formed into rounded points 25 and 26, which are laterally deflected to present a throat to facilitate combining the hook with the ring or loop 27 with which it is to coöperate.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

A snap-hook comprising two resilient plates of like contour and provided at one end with a hook, the plates from the hooks being flat throughout their entire extent, a strap-engaging loop having integral ears between which one end of each of the plates is disposed and a plurality of rivets passing through the ears and through the said ends of the plates thereby to prevent any rocking movement between the hook and the loop.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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