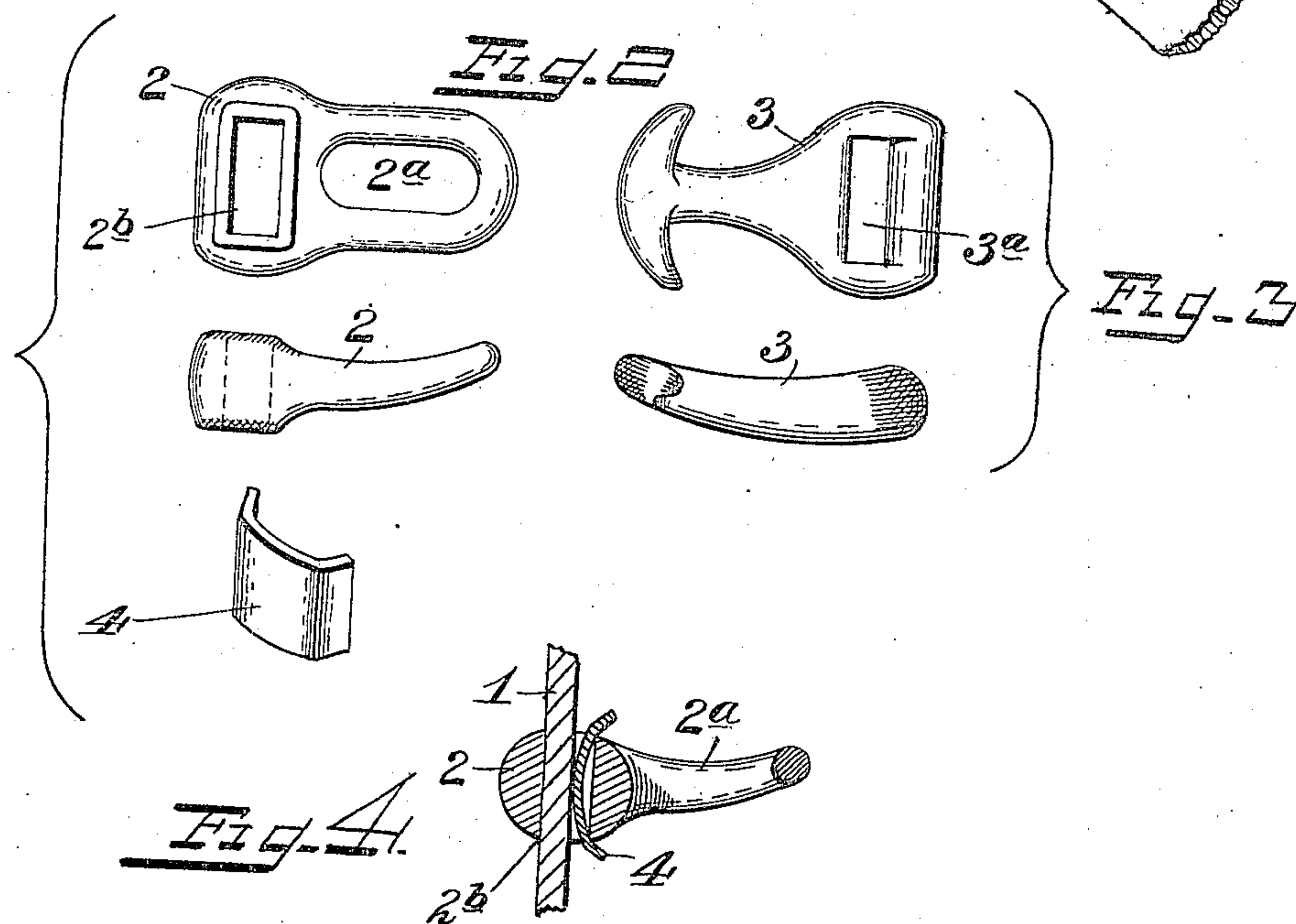
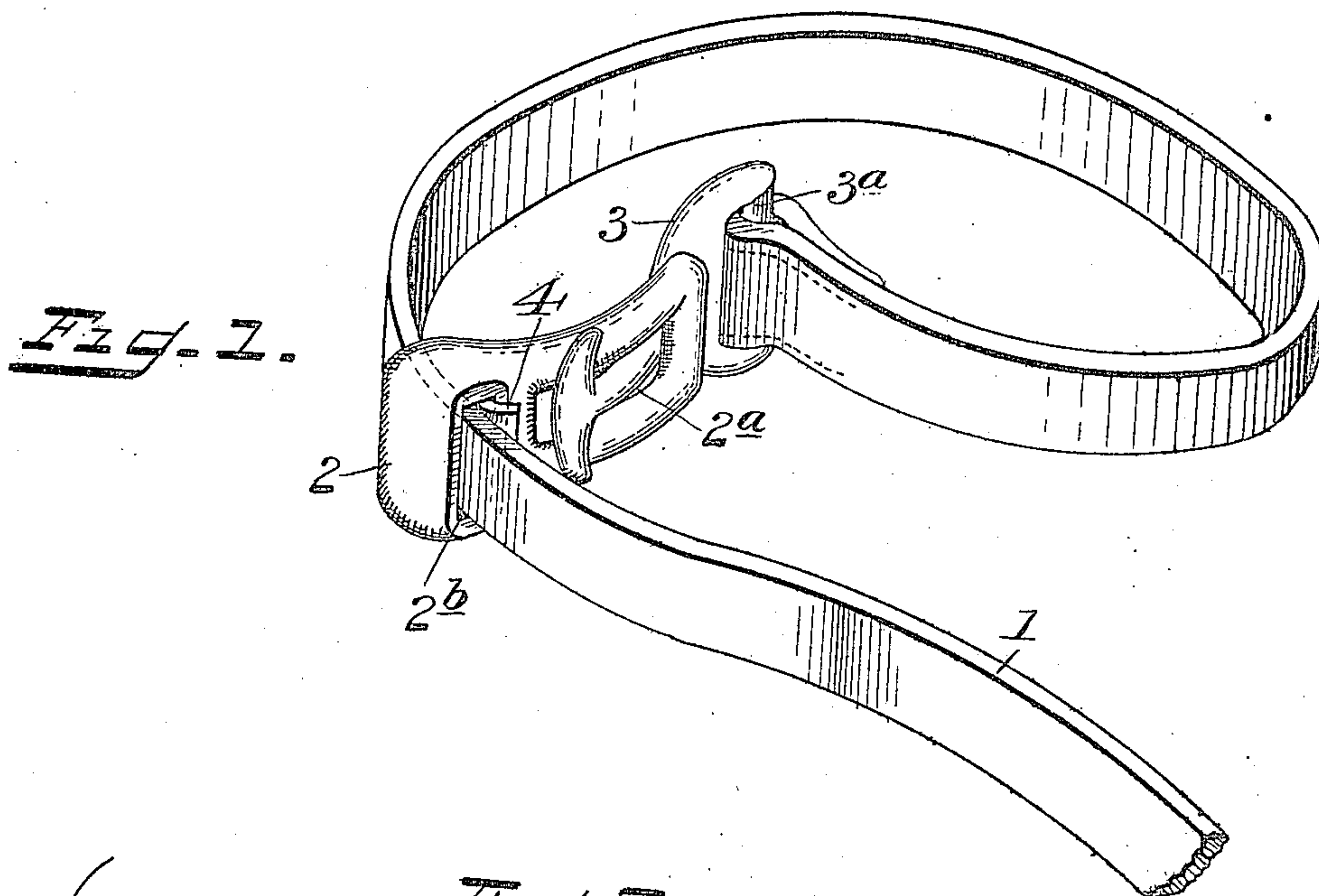


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. AMES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chillicothe, in the county of Ross and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hitching-Post Straps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in what may be termed "hitching-post straps." It has for its object to provide for readily, easily, and effectively hitching a horse or animal to a post or other like fixture and to do this in a very simple and inexpensive manner.

Said invention consists, primarily, of interlocking parts or members connected to a hitching-strap, so as to effect automatically the clasp of the strap upon a fixture or post as said strap is looped thereover, and also of a spring for aiding the suitable impingement or holding of the sliding clasp member at the required point of adjustment along said strap.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating the preferred embodiment of my invention, Figure 1 is a hitching-strap with the clasp members applied thereto. Figs. 2 and 3 are detached perspective views of said clasp members; and Fig. 4 is a cross-section produced through said strap and the clasp member whose retention is aided by a spring, more clearly disclosing the operative position of the last-named.

In the carrying out of my invention I employ in connection with a hitching-strap 1 or like means two clasp members 2 and 3, respectively. One clasp member 2 consists of a loop or stirrup, preferably approximately rectangular in general outline, having a longitudinally-extended slot 2<sup>a</sup>, the purpose of which will be described presently, and in addition a second opening or slot 2<sup>b</sup> for the reception and through which is passed the strap 1 or like means. Within said slot or opening 2<sup>b</sup> is loosely arranged a bowed flat spring-plate 4, whose retention in place is aided by its elongation at the ends, enabling the same to bear laterally upon the edges of the inner wall of said slot, as the convex surface of said spring-plate engages or bears upon said strap 1. Said loop or stirrup clasp member 2 is preferably somewhat curved toward its outer end, with the con-

vexity thereof forming its effective surface, as presently seen. The other clasp member 3, suitably applied to one end of the hitching-strap, being provided with an eye or opening 3<sup>a</sup> at its inner end or shank to receive and permit the securing of said end of strap thereto, is in general outline of T shape, having the stem of the T adapted to be received by and passed through the opening of the clasp member 2, it being inserted with the cross or top of the T presented edgewise in the plane of said opening, the arms formed by the top of the T then assuming a position transversely to the lateral portions of the clasp member 2, whereby the two clasp members will become interlocked. Said arms are beveled or inclined upon their inner surfaces, so as to more effectively engage the convex surface of the clasp member 2 as a pulling action is exerted thereon.

It is noted that in practical application the strap is passed at the end equipped with the clasp member 3 around a hitching-post or other suitable fixture and the other clasp member 2 suitably slid along said strap and the first-named clasp member engaged therewith, as above indicated, when by vigorously pulling upon said strap the latter will be tightly looped or secured to said post, the two clasp members firmly interlocking with each other and the spring 4 holding the sliding clasp member 2 effectively against slipping along said strap. The operation of releasing or detaching the strap from said post is apparent without elaboration.

Latitude is allowed as to details herein, as they may be changed without departing from the spirit of my invention and the latter still be protected.

I claim—

A device of the character described, comprising two interlocking members of arcuate or curved outline and thereby effective to conform to the outline of the hitching-post and to directly clasp or bind thereon, and having strap-receiving eye-ended terminals, whose axes are in relatively parallel lines, one member having an elongated opening whose axis is at a right angle to the axis of its strap-receiving eye-ended terminal, both of the openings in said member, however, being arranged in a common plane extending longitudinally or axially through said mem-

ber, and the other member having also a  
practically T-formed terminal, the stem there-  
of being effective to pass through the elon-  
gated opening of the opposite member, and  
5 the arms of the cross-head thereof to engage  
the latter member.

In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification in the presence of  
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