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FIG. 1.

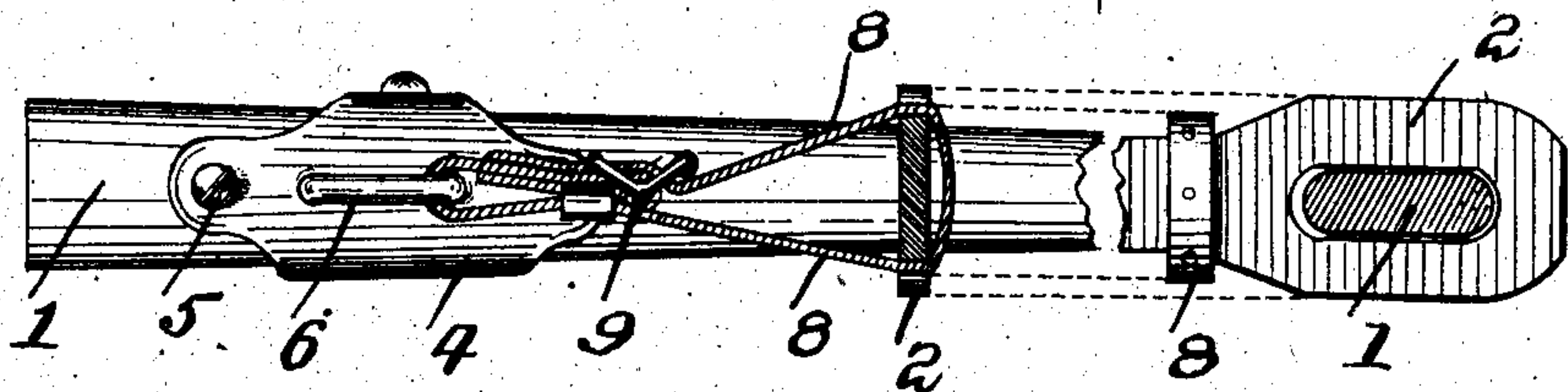
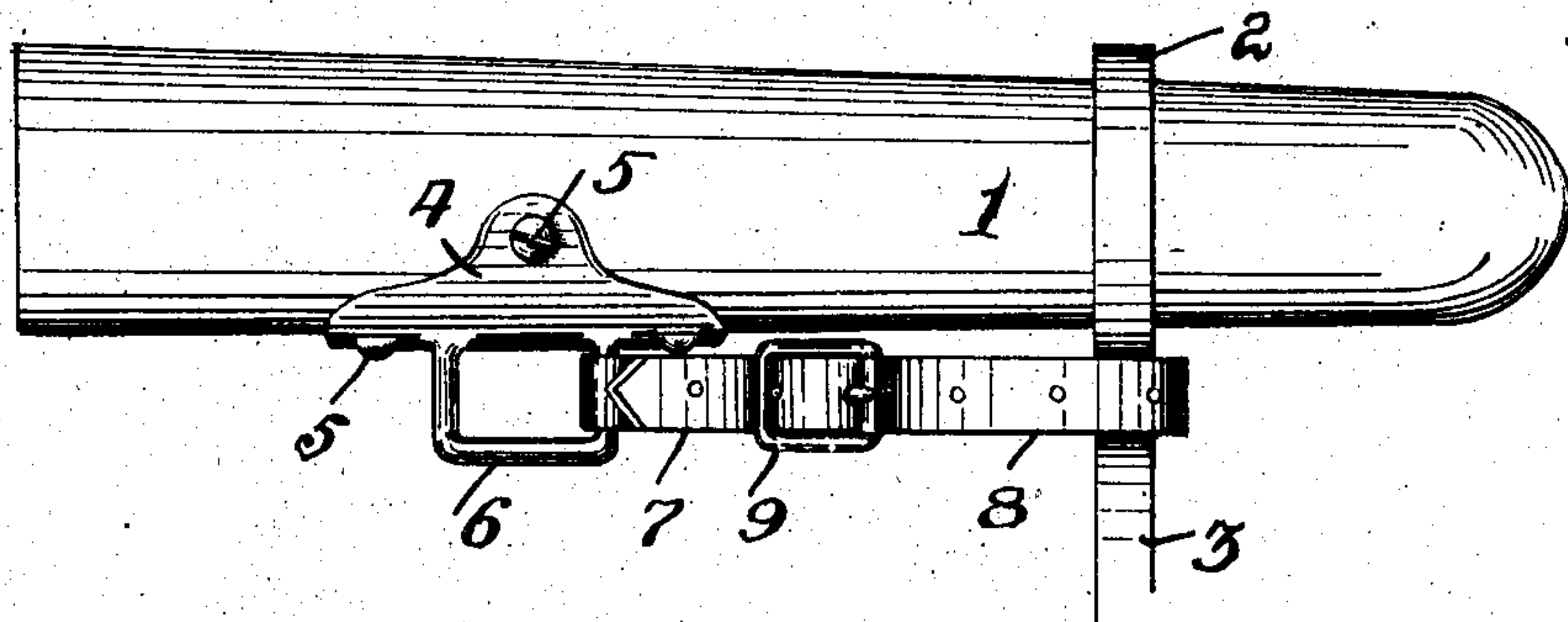


FIG. 2.

FIG. 3.

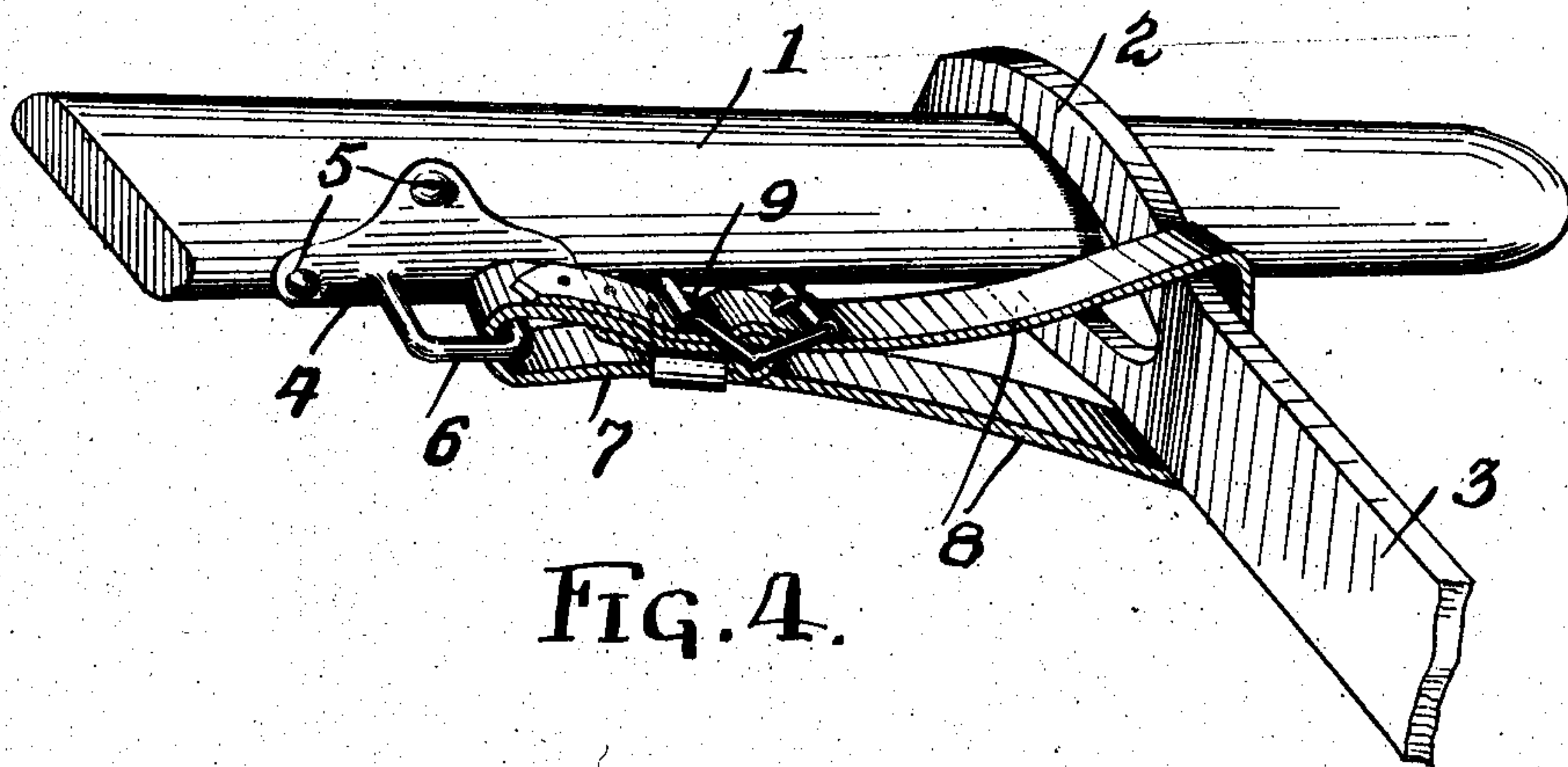


FIG. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GODFRIED LAUBE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Santa Monica, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trace-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in trace-holders; and the invention has for its primary object the provision of novel means for temporarily holding the end of a trace or tug upon the end of a swingletree.

Another object of this invention is to provide an extremely simple trace-holder which will be strong and durable, comparatively inexpensive to manufacture, and highly efficient for the purposes for which it is used.

The further object of this invention is to provide a trace-holder that can be easily and quickly manipulated to hold the end of a trace or tug upon the end of a swingletree.

With the above and other objects in view, which will more readily appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

Referring to the drawings accompanying this application, like numerals of reference designate similar parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan of the end of a swingletree equipped with my improved trace-holder. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same, partly in side elevation. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary end view thereof, partly in section; and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of my improved trace-holder.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated the end of a swingletree 1, upon which is adapted to fit the slotted end 2 of a trace or tug 3. My invention resides in providing the one edge of the swingletree 1 with a plate 4, said plate being secured to the swingletree 1 by screws 5 or similar fastening means. The plate 4 is provided with an

outwardly-extending staple or eyelet 6, to which is secured an adjustable strap 7, forming a loop 8, the size of said loop being governed and adjusted by the conventional form of buckle 9, carried by the strap 7.

To secure the end of the trace or tug upon the end of the swingletree, the trace or tug is passed through the loop 8 of the strap 7, this being accomplished by swinging the strap 7 outwardly until the slotted end 2 of the trace has passed through the loop 8. The slotted end 2 of the trace is then placed over the end of the swingletree 1 and the loop 8 moved in close proximity to the swingletree, thereby preventing the trace or tug from becoming displaced or slipping from the end of the swingletree.

My invention entirely resides in the plate 4 and the use of the strap 7 in combination with a swingletree and trace. By the simple construction and arrangement of the parts of my invention it will be observed that I have devised an extremely simple and inexpensive trace-holder.

On account of the strap 7 being made of leather or similar resilient material the noise and rattle heretofore incurred by trace-holders is dispensed with, and to this feature alone I attach considerable importance.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is—

In a trace-holder, the combination with a swingletree and a trace adapted to fit upon the end of said swingletree, of a plate secured to the swingletree, a staple carried by said plate, and a flexible strap detachably and loosely connected at its one end to said staple, and having its other end formed with a loop adapted to receive said trace, the said strap being adjustable to increase and decrease the distance between the loop and the staple.

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

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