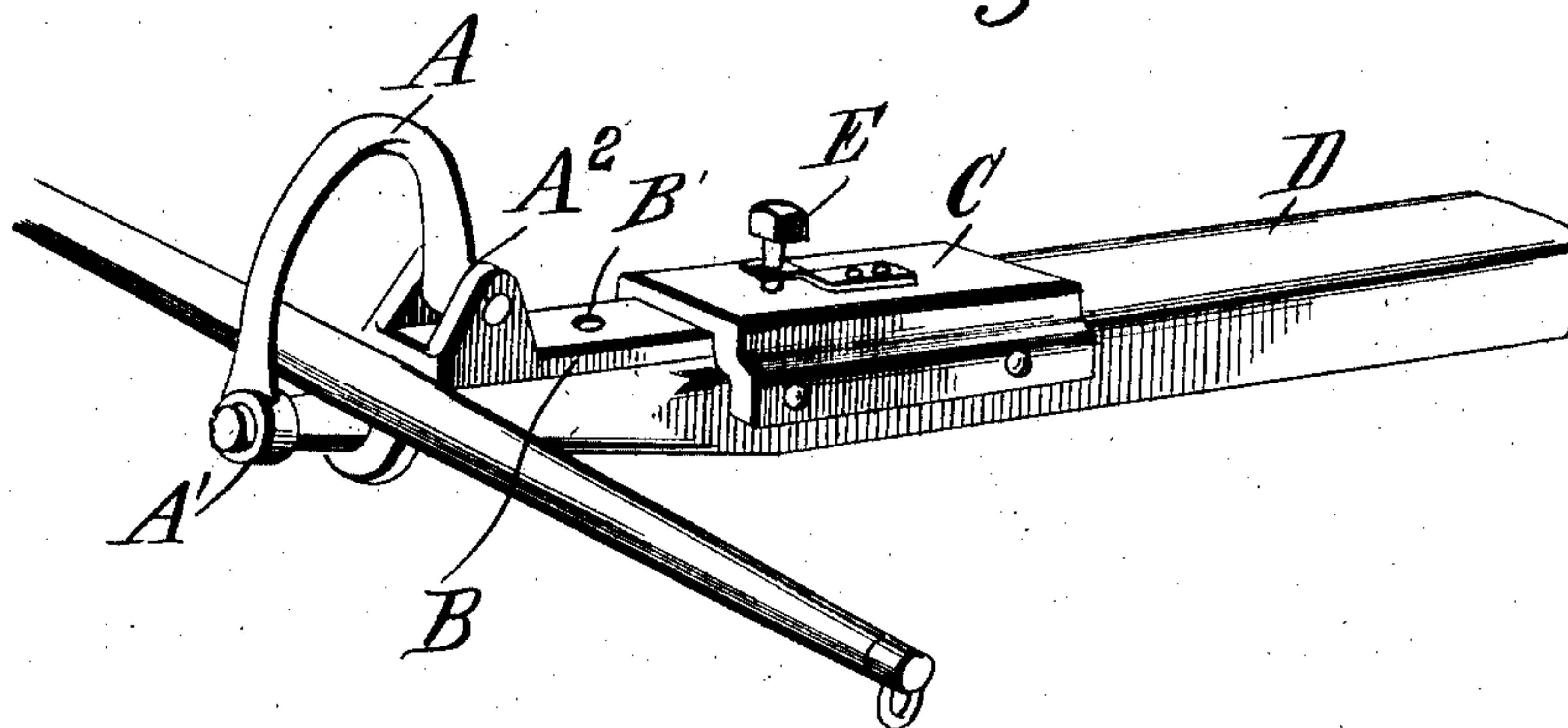


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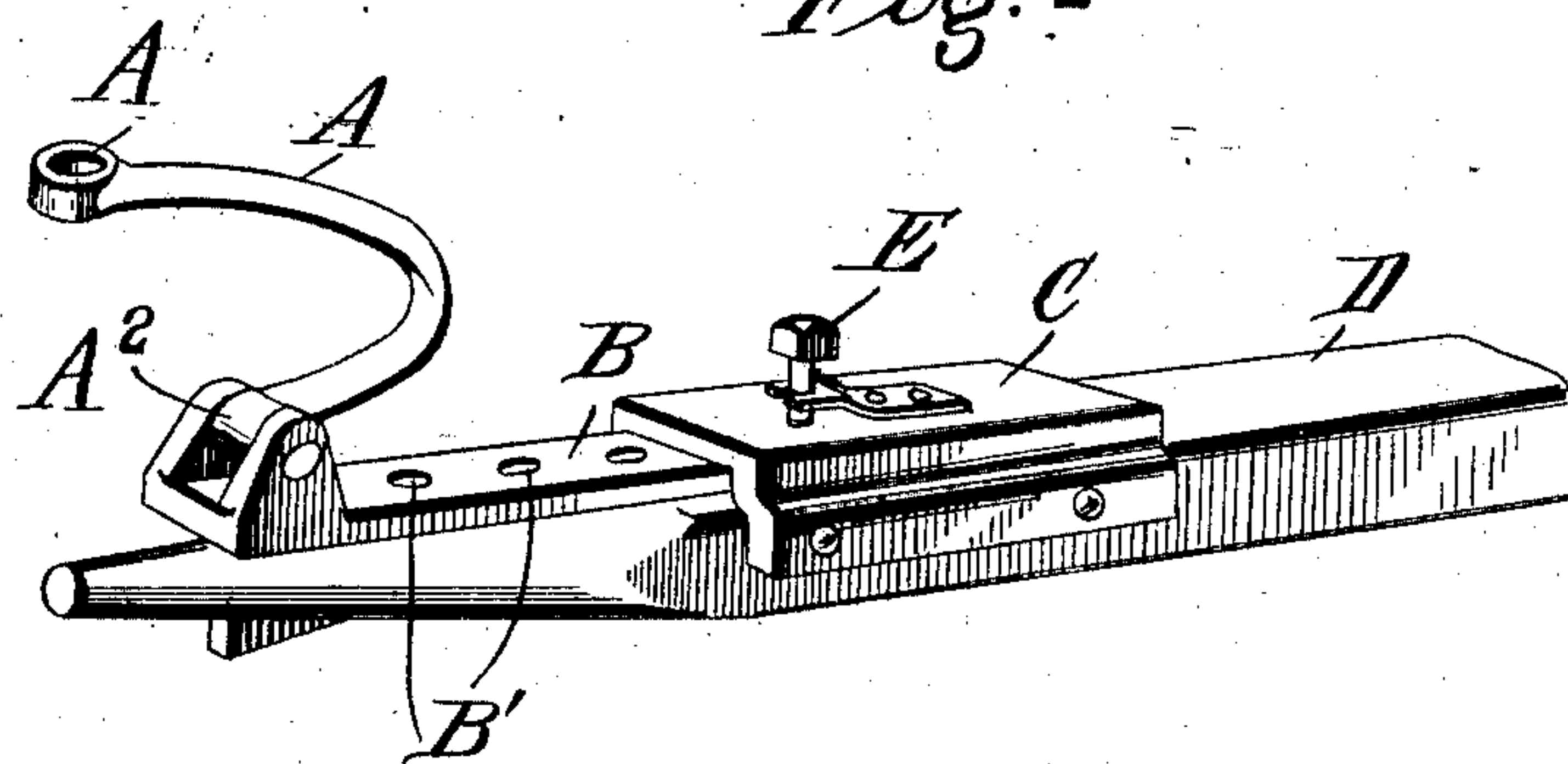
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM W. LONG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Coulee City, in the county of Douglas and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Neck-Yoke Fastenings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in devices for securing neck yokes on the ends of the poles of vehicles, such as buggies or wagons; and consists in certain novel constructions and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the invention as in use with the retaining device extending over the yoke and secured in front and rear thereof, to the pole, and Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the front end of a pole with the improvements applied and the retaining means detached at its front end from engagement with the pole.

The purpose of the invention is to provide a retaining device to prevent the yoke from going off the pole in case the fastening of the yoke should break or in case the traces or double-tree should break or become detached.

As shown the device comprises a retaining device A to overlie a yoke and means for securing the opposite ends of the retaining device in connection with the pole so that when the parts are applied, as shown in Fig. 1, the retaining device will hold the yoke in connection with the pole should an accident occur which would otherwise permit the yoke to become detached from the pole and the front end of the pole be therefore permitted to fall.

As shown, the retaining device A is in the form of a bar deflected or arched between its ends whereby it may fit over the yoke and provided at its front end with a collar A' to embrace the front end of the pole in the position of parts shown in Fig. 1 and having its rear end jointed at A<sup>2</sup> by a swinging connection or hinge with the front end of a slide B which is provided with a series of perforations B' and is movable longitudinally in a keeper C mounted on the pole D and having a fastening E in the form of a spring pin to engage with any suitable one of the holes B' in order to secure the slide B in any desired adjustment within the keeper C in the use of the invention.

The parts may be adjusted to the position shown in Fig. 2 and the yoke applied and the retaining device in the form of a deflected bar A be swung over the yoke bringing its collar A' into alinement with the pole and the slide and retaining device may then be adjusted rearwardly along the pole to bring the parts to the position shown in Fig. 1 and the pin E be adjusted into the proper hole B' when the retaining device will operate to prevent any displacement of the yoke should the traces or double-tree become broken or unfastened, or should the fastening of the yoke break from any reason.

The construction is simple, inexpensive, can be easily applied to new work, or to poles already in use and will be found efficient for the purpose for which it is designed.

I claim—

1. A neck yoke holder, substantially as herein described, comprising a keeper for application to a pole, a sliding bar movable longitudinally in said keeper, means for securing the sliding bar in any desired adjustment within the keeper, a retaining bar deflected between its ends and having a hinge connection at its rear end with the front end of the slide bar, and a collar at the front free end of the retaining bar and adapted to be adjusted to embrace the front end of a vehicle pole, substantially as set forth.

2. A pole, a retaining device to overlie a yoke, and provided with a collar to embrace the front end of the pole, and means for securing the opposite ends of the said device in connection with the pole, said means including a slide bar hinged at its front end to the rear end of the retaining device.

3. A pole, a yoke retaining device, means securing the rear end of the retaining device to the pole, and including a slide bar movable along the pole the retaining device being pivotally jointed to the slide bar, and means at the free front end of the retaining device for securing such end in connection with the pole, substantially as set forth.

4. A yoke holder for vehicle poles comprising a retaining device to overlie a yoke, a collar at the front end of said device for slidable connection with the vehicle pole, and means including a slide bar connected with said device for securing the rear end of the retaining device in any desired adjustment



relative to the vehicle pole, substantially as set forth.

5 5. A yoke holder for vehicle poles, comprising a retaining bar free at its front end and deflected between its ends to overlie a yoke, means at the front end of said device for connection with a pole, a slide bar pivot-

ally connected with the rear end of the retaining device, and a keeper for said slide bar, substantially as set forth.

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