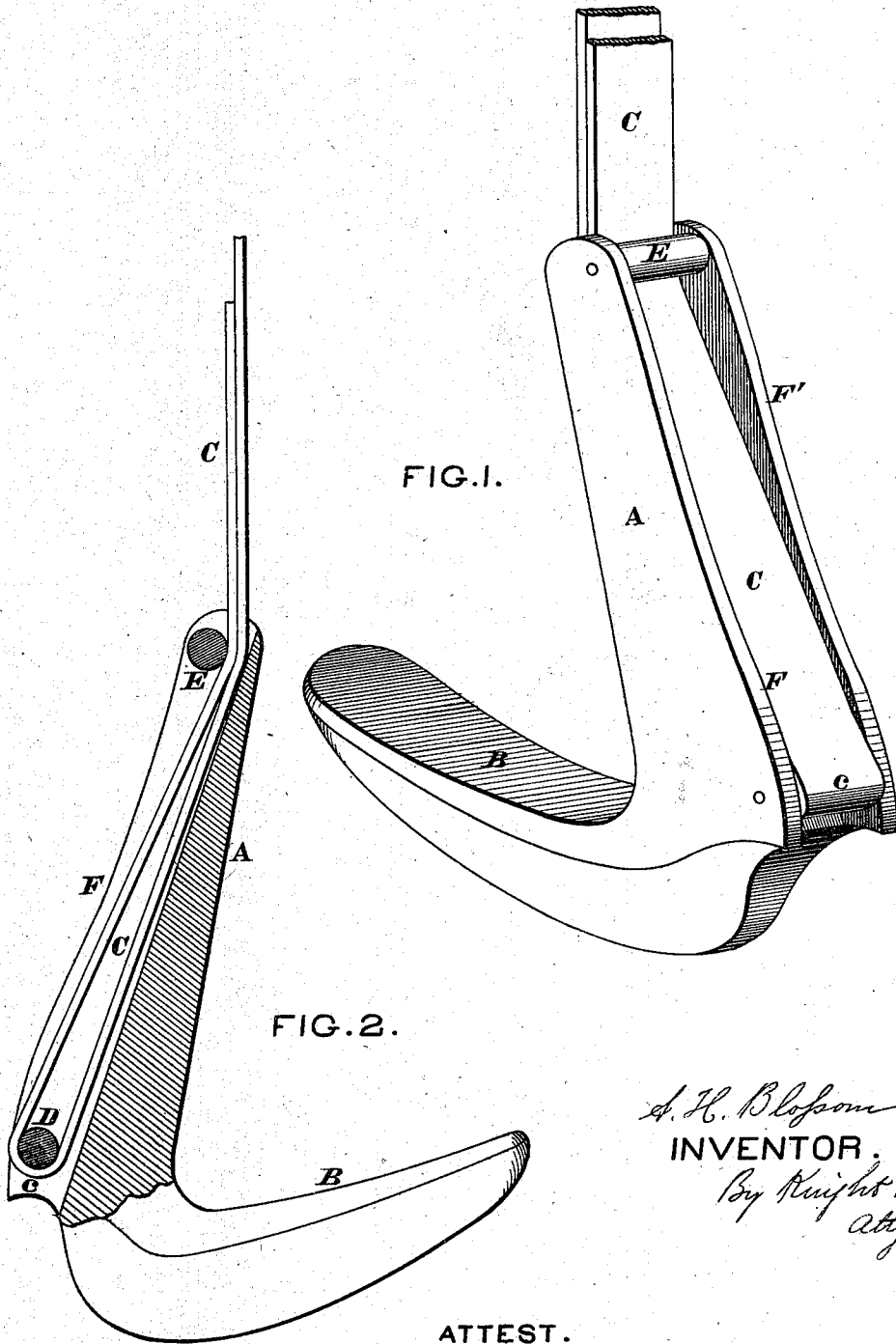


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IMPROVED STIRRUP.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

I, ALBERT H. BLOSSOM, of Miamisburg, Montgomery county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Safety-Stirrup, of which the following is a specification.

Nature and Objects of the Invention.

My invention relates to a construction of stirrup which, while affording a firm and convenient foothold to the rider, cannot, by any possibility, act to entangle his foot when thrown from the saddle, or when engaged in alighting therefrom; and

My invention consists essentially in making the stirrup entirely open on one side thereof.

General Description with Reference to the Drawing.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stirrup embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical section of the same.

My stirrup proper consists essentially of a single annular piece, A B, preferably of metal, the part A constituting a shank for attachment of the strap C, and the part B, which constitutes the tread or foot-rest, projecting from it, the said shank, so as to form an acute angle therewith, as shown.

The outer edge of the shank A has at or near its lower end, a cross-bar or bolt, D, for the bight of the strap, and, at or near its upper end, another bolt or bar, E, between which and said shank the strap passes.

Flanges or ribs F F', projecting from the rear edge of the shank, serve to confine and to protect the edges of the strap.

My stirrup is designed to hang with its open side next the saddle, but may be used either way.

The upturned obliquity of the tread B, in the described combination with the shank A, strap C, and bars D and E, affords a perfectly firm rest or support, from which the foot of the rider has no tendency to slip, as it has from the common stirrup, and yet the open side opposite the shank A renders entanglement in the stirrup impossible.

The stirrup, depending easily and naturally in the position for actual use, does not have to be turned one-fourth around, as the common stirrup does, but is at all times ready for insertion of the rider's foot, whether in the act of mounting or after he is in the saddle, and, should safety impel him to withdraw his feet from the stirrups, he is enabled to do so without difficulty, and to as quickly replace them, while the flat or untwisted condition of the strap is both easier on the leather and on the person using it.

Claim.

I claim as new and of my invention—

The open-sided stirrup, composed of flanged and barred shank A F F' D E and upturned tread B, substantially as described.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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