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TRACE CARRIER.

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Fig. 1

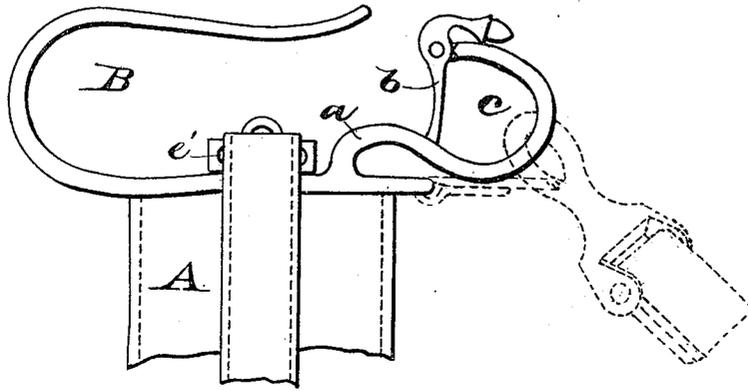
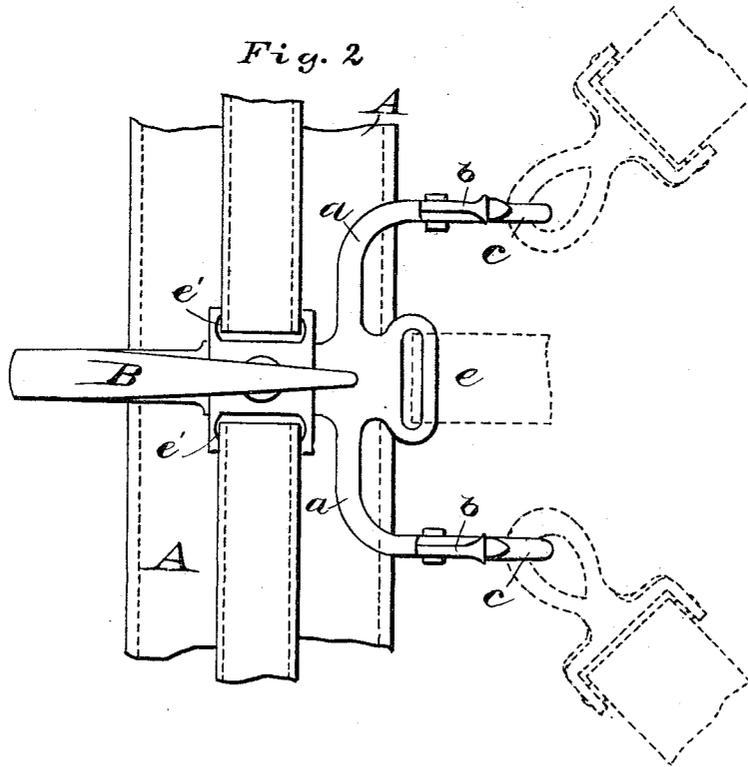


Fig. 2



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## TRACE-CARRIER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HUZEB MALO, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Wellington, in the county of Iroquois and State of Illinois, have invented an Improvement in Trace-Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in trace-carriers for harness; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 is a side elevation view of my improved trace-carrier, and Fig. 2 a plan view of the same.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the said drawings, A represents the back-band or pad of a harness; B, the rein-hook, attached thereto in the ordinary manner, with the eyes  $e e' e^2$ , to which are attached the back-strap and shaft-bearers. On each side of the rein-hook, at the rear, is a small projection or horn,  $a$ , curved out, as shown, and bent up at their ends, forming hooks  $e$ , over which the cockeye of the trace is hooked, as indicated by dotted lines. In the forward end of each hook  $e$  is hinged a latch,  $b$ , in such a manner that it allows the cockeye to be readily placed

over the hook, but prevents it from coming off unless the latch is first raised.

I am aware that check or water hooks have heretofore been provided with rearwardly-projecting trace-carriers, and also that check-hooks have been provided with latches or drop-pieces pivoted to the end of said check-hook. I am not aware, however, that a combined check-hook and trace-carrier of the form shown and hereinbefore described, and having drop-latches pivoted to the trace-hooks, as specified, has hitherto been used; and therefore

What I claim as my invention is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a combined check-hook and trace-carrier, consisting of the check-hook B, having eyes  $e' e'$ , and provided with rear branches or horns,  $a a$ , having trace-hooks  $e e$ , with drop-latches  $b b$  pivoted thereto, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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