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Fig 1.

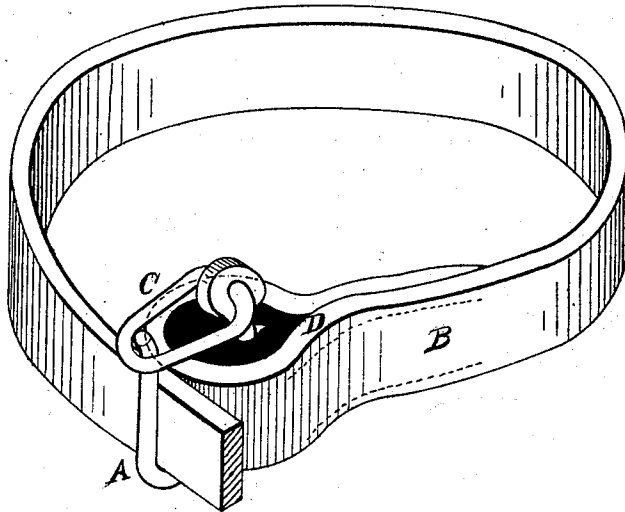
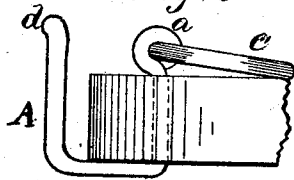


Fig 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HITCHING DEVICES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. FALLIN, of Mattoon, in the county of Coles and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hitching Device; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in connecting to a strap an open buckle, a portion of which is surrounded with india-rubber, for making a hitching-strap, as will be set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, which make part of this specification, A represents a metallic buckle which has one end open. In one end of the metal rod which forms this buckle is formed an eye, and upon the other end is formed either a notch or slight enlargement. In the eye above mentioned is secured a metallic loop, *c*, which partially revolves and catches upon the end *d* of the buckle. One side of the buckle is incased in india-rubber, and this rubber is surrounded by one end of the strap B, as represented in the figure.

In using this as a hitching-strap, the loop *c*

is slipped from the end *d* of the buckle, and the strap, after having been carried around the object to which it is to be fastened, is inserted in the buckle, and there confined by closing the loop *c* over the end *d*, where it is held by the notch or enlargement, whichever is used. The object of the rubber is to draw the loose end of the buckle close to that portion of the strap between the rubber and itself, so that when the strap, as seen in Fig. 1, is inserted for hitching, it will not be allowed to slip, as there will be a strong pressure upon it, caused by the spring of the rubber.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The rubber D, in combination with the strap and open buckle, as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of August, 1873.

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