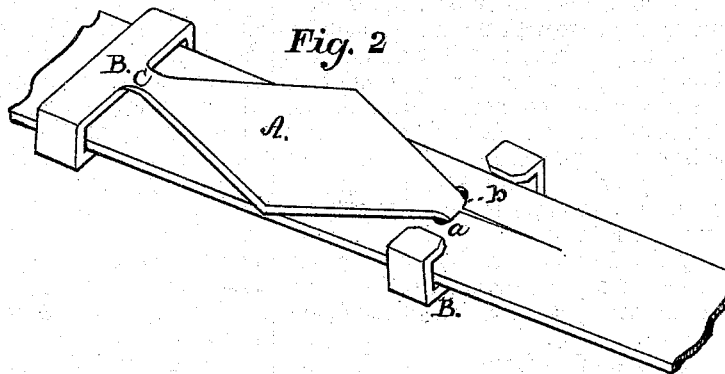
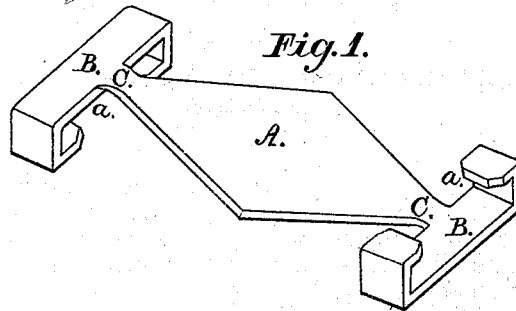


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IMPROVEMENT IN BUCKLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. KENNON, of Buena Vista, in the county of Shelby and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buckles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention has for its object to provide an improved buckle or fastening for stirrup-leathers, harness, and other analogous purposes, and to dispense with the tongue usually employed in all buckles; and it consists of a diamond-shaped plate, having open-slotted cross-arms at each end, connected to said plate by an elongated curved neck, which, acting in connection with the cross-arms, serves to hold the leather strap at any desired point, all as will be hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved buckle. Fig. 2 is a similar view, with a strap attached thereto.

Similar letters of reference occurring on both figures indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the central diamond-shaped plate, connected to the slotted cross-arms B by the elongated curved necks C. The shape of the plate may, however, be of an oval or other suitable form without departing from the spirit of my invention, and also the open part *a* of the cross-arms may be arranged so that both may come on the same side, instead of on opposite sides, as shown in the drawings.

The construction of my improved buckle being as described, and readily understood by an examination of the drawings, further description is deemed unnecessary; but I will now proceed to describe its use and operation.

The leather strap to which it is to be applied is provided with the usual holes *b*; but in the present instance a cut is made from the hole to some distance back in the leather, as shown in Fig. 2. In attaching the strap to the buckle the cut thus formed is pushed over one end of the cross-arm B until the cut portion of the strap reaches the other end of the arm, when it is pushed over it, and the strap then pulled straight, thus fitting the hole *b* snugly around the neck C, and held thereon by the cross-arm, the loose end of the strap being fitted into the open space in the arm, as fully shown in the drawings.

The advantages of my invention may be enumerated as follows: It forms a most effective fastening for stirrup-leathers, harness, and, in fact, for most any purpose to which the ordinary buckle is applicable. The construction is durable and strong, and the strain thereon more uniformly distributed, requiring no sewing or riveting of the strap thereto, as is usually done. The construction can also be simplified by employing a solid bar at each end of the central plate instead of the open slotted arms, as above specified.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The hereinbefore described buckle, consisting of the central portion A, provided with elongated curved necks C, and connected at each end to open-slotted cross-arms B, arranged substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own invention I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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