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BUCKLE.

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Fig. 1.

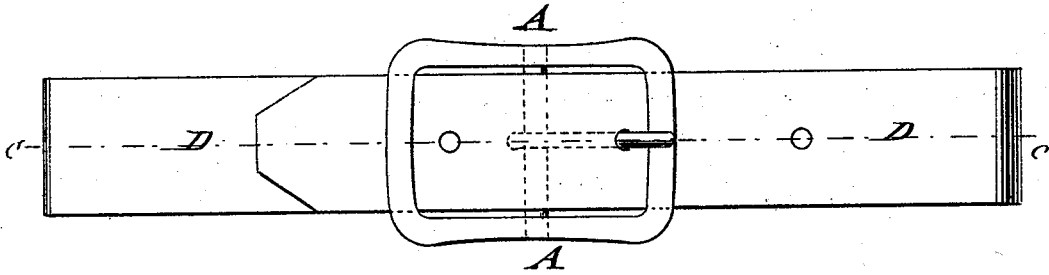


Fig. 2.

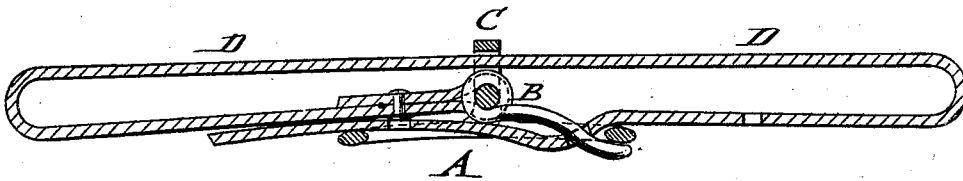
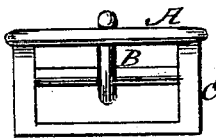


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BUCKLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. MELTON, of Gainesville, in the county of Cook and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Buckle, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved buckle for hame-straps, breech-straps, &c., shown as applied to a strap; Fig. 2, a vertical longitudinal section of the same on line *cc*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3, an end view of the buckle.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention relates to a buckle for hame-straps, breeching-straps, hoppers, and other straps; and it consists of a buckle with fixed loop extending at the under side from the lateral tongue-bar of the buckle.

In the drawing, A represents a buckle of the usual construction, which is provided at the lateral tongue bridge or bar B with a fixed loop, C, that extends at the under side

of the buckle to admit the passage of any leather strap D, being adapted to hold the strap to its place, and use it as a horse-hopple or other strap-fastening. The loop C is cast in one piece with the buckle, and retains the strap also in position when unbuckled.

The buckle, with fixed guide-loop for the strap, may be manufactured quicker and cheaper than when the loop has to be sewed with the buckle to the strap end.

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

A buckle for harness and other straps, provided with a fixed loop extending from the tongue-bar at the under side of the buckle, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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