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HALTER.

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Figure 1.

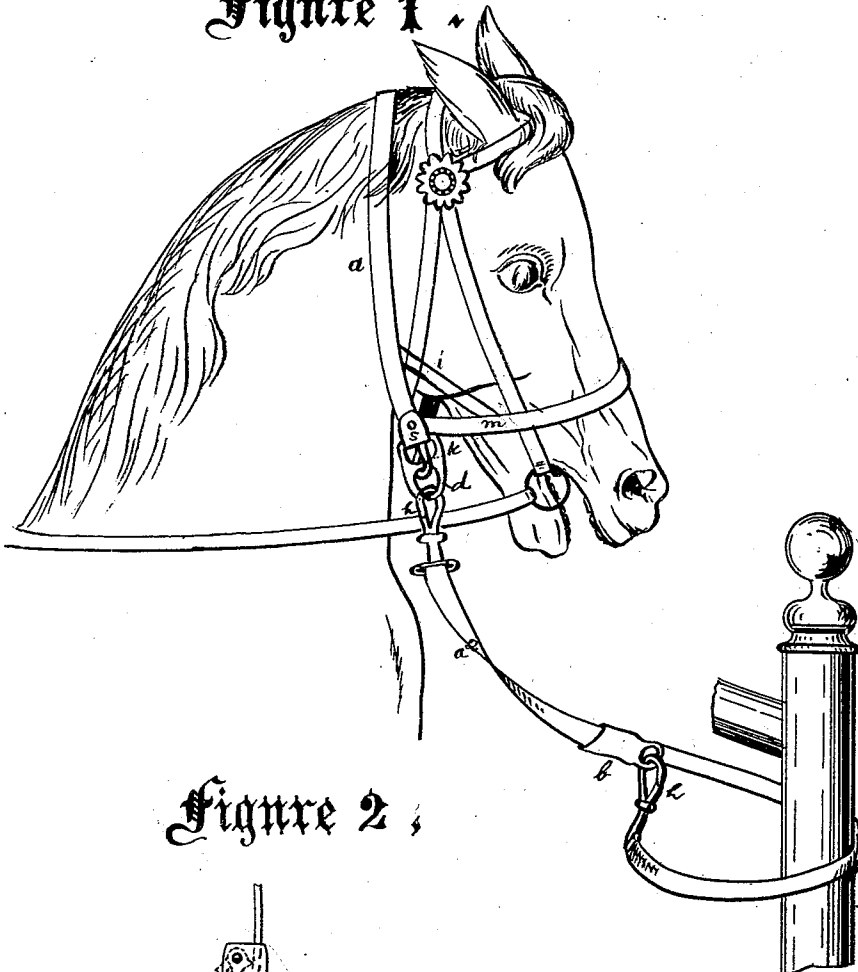


Figure 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HALTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TIMOTHY GINGRAS, of the city of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented a Halter, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of my invention consists in making a halter for hitching horses, so that the same can be readily adjusted without unbuckling or interfering with a bridle or headstall, or the reins attached to the headstall, and the same may be readily adjusted to a hitching-post, either loosely or tightly, and when closely or tightly adjusted the same will not be in danger of getting loose, so as to be moved up or down upon the post.

Figure 1 represents the halter upon a horse's head and attached to a post. Fig. 2 represents the snaps and plate.

The halter is made with a strap, *a*, which goes over the horse's head back of the ears, and may have a strap going around the ears. It has a strap, *m*, extending from the lower part around the nose, and a short strap, *i*, angling from the nose-strap to strap *a*, going over the head, one on each side. Strap *a* has plates of metal, letter *s*, riveted at each end thereof, in which, on one side, is hinged a metallic plate, letter *d*, in which the strap of the halter *a*² is fastened by means of a snap, let-

ter *h*. On the other side of the halter it is hinged to the plate *s* by a similar snap, by means of which, when the halter is placed upon the head of the horse, the two sides of the halter are fastened under the neck of the horse. All this can be effected when the headstall is upon the horse, and without unbuckling the same or any of the reins.

The strap of the halter has a snap attached to the extreme end, and an adjustable plate with an adjustable lever and ring attached near the extreme end, said plate lettered *b*, and the same can be moved, so that the loop formed by attaching the snap at the end in the ring of the plate shall be suited to the hitching-post. The adjustable lever serves to hold the plate fast to the strap or allow it to be moved.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with the headstall *a*, *m*, and *i*, the metal plate *s*, hinged plate *d*, and snap-hooks *h*, constructed and arranged to operate as described.

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