

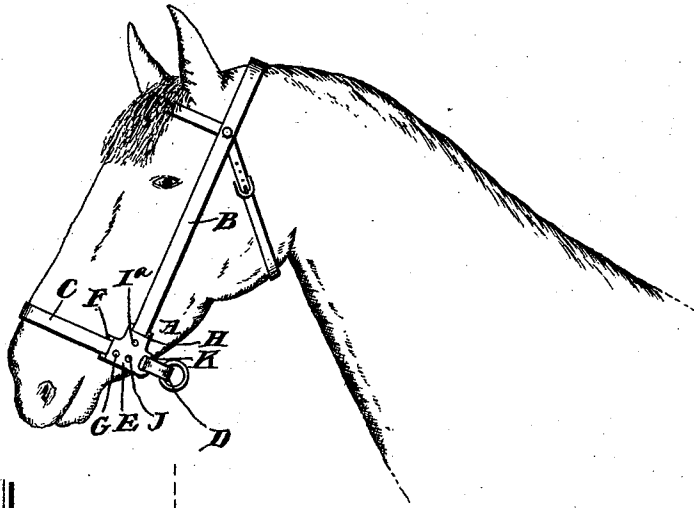
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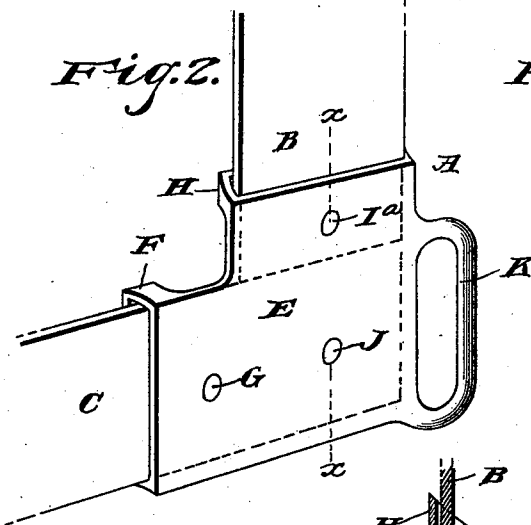
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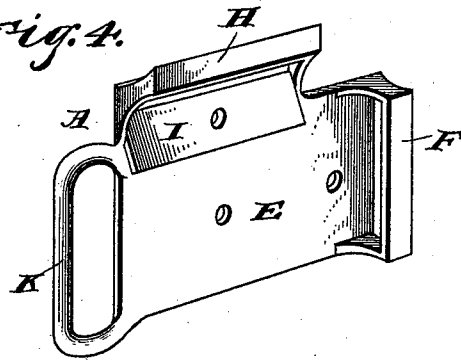
*Fig. 1*



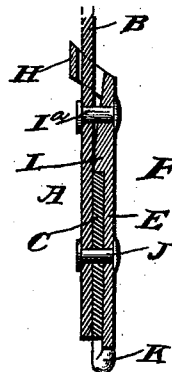
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 3*



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## HALTER SQUARE OR CORNER-CLASP.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS NILSON MARTIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cheyenne, in the county of Laramie and State of Wyoming, have invented a new and useful Halter Square or Corner-Clasp, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to halters; and it has for its object to effect certain improvements in the halter trimmings, and to provide a new and useful halter square or corner clasp which shall insure an economical method of securing the ends of the nose band and cheek pieces together, and also for properly positioning the chin strap of the halter in order to prevent the sagging thereof, and to keep the same practically snug and tight.

To this end the main and primary object of the present invention is to provide an improved halter square or clasp which will properly position and connect together the ends of the halter referred to with the greatest possible economy and saving of leather.

With these and other objects in view which will readily appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, illustrated and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of a halter attached to a horse's head and showing my improved square or corner clasp joining the meeting ends of the nose strap and cheek pieces. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a portion of a halter including the herein described improvement. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view on the line  $x-x$  of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail in perspective of the trimming unconnected with the halter straps.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A represents the halter of the ordinary construction having the side pieces B, the nose band C, and the chin strap D, and the meeting ends of the cheek pieces B, and the nose band C, are to be connected together to complete the halter, and in the present invention the said parts of the halter are received and fastened together by the halter square or clasp E.

The halter square or clasp E, is made of a single piece of metal and has all the parts thereof integrally formed, and at one side edge of the metal plate, forming the square or clasp, the same is provided with the off-standing inwardly extending rectangular loop F, which is adapted to receive one end of the nose band C, which passes through this loop at the rear side of the square or clasp plate E, and extends to the opposite side edge of the plate from that where the loop F, is located. The end of the nose band which passes through the loop F, at the rear side of the plate E, is firmly secured by the side rivet G, passing through the plate E, and the end of the nose band near the loop F. At the top edge of the square or clasp plate E, the same is also provided with an off-standing inwardly extending rectangular loop H, similar in construction and disposition to the loop F, but is adapted to receive the lower end of a side cheek piece B, of the halter, and such cheek piece or strap also extends at the rear side of the plate E, to the lower edge of said plate and overlaps the end of the nose band C, at the farthest or rear corner of the halter square or clasp with respect to the front of the halter. It will of course be understood that the overlapping and positioning of the nose band and cheek pieces of the halter may be reversed, and on the inner side of the plate E, in from the loop through which the overlapping strap passes is projected the transverse lug I, which serves to hold that particular strap in proper position for overlapping the other strap, and the cheek piece referred to is secured to the square or clasp plate E, in a similar manner to the nose band by means of the top rivet I, passing through the plate and said cheek piece, and the overlapped ends of the strap are securely connected together and fastened firmly to the plate E, by means of the connecting rivet J, passing therethrough and also through said overlapped ends of the halter strap, and this provides a permanent fastening for the strap ends, the halter being adjusted in the usual way by means of the chin strap D.

At one side edge opposite to the rectangular loop F, the square or clasp plate E, is pro-

vided with an attaching eye or loop K, the  
 opening therein being preferably rectangular  
 and is located in a line with the length of the  
 plate and is disposed in a plane parallel with  
 5 the disposition of the loop F. The attaching  
 eye or loop K, is adapted to receive one end  
 of the chin strap D, which completes the hal-  
 ter fastening. It is to be observed that the  
 attaching eye or loop K, is extended in a di-  
 10 rect line rearwardly from the square or clasp  
 plate E, and by reason of this disposition, the  
 chin strap is necessarily held in a position  
 which causes the same to pass around under  
 the chin of a horse on the same horizontal  
 15 plane as the nose strap and at direct right  
 angles to the head stall or crown strap, which  
 makes the halter not only set much better, but  
 also holds the same snug and tight on the  
 animal's head.  
 20 From the above it will be seen that I have  
 provided an improved halter trimming which  
 not only economizes on the material of which  
 the halter is made, but at the same time as-  
 sists in giving the proper set or fit thereto.  
 25 Changes in the form, proportion and the  
 minor details of construction may be resorted  
 to without departing from the principle or  
 sacrificing any of the advantages of this in-  
 vention.  
 30 Having thus described the invention, what

is claimed, and desired to be secured by Let-  
 ters Patent, is—

The herein described halter square or cor-  
 ner clasp the same consisting of a flat metal  
 plate provided at the top and one side edge 35  
 with integral off-standing rectangular loops  
 H and F, projected from the inner side of the  
 plate and adapted to respectively receive the  
 end of a halter cheek piece and nose band  
 which overlap at the rear side of said plate, 40  
 at the opposite side edge with an attaching  
 eye or loop K, projected off from the body of  
 the plate in a direct line with and in a plane  
 parallel to the opposite off-standing loop F,  
 to receive one end of the halter chin strap 45  
 and to hold such chin strap in alignment with  
 the nose band, and on the inner side below  
 the top loop H, with a projected transverse  
 lug I, and rivets passed singly through the  
 plate and the nose band and cheek piece, and 50  
 also through the overlapped ends of these  
 parts, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in  
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