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Fig. 1.

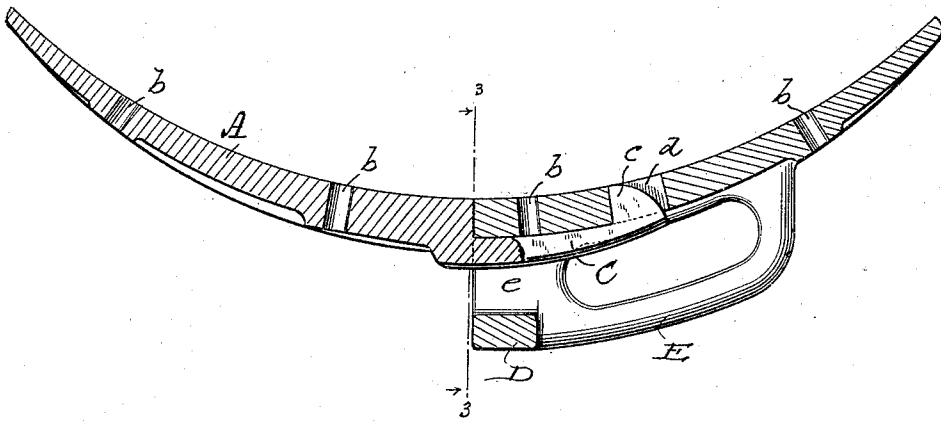


Fig. 2.

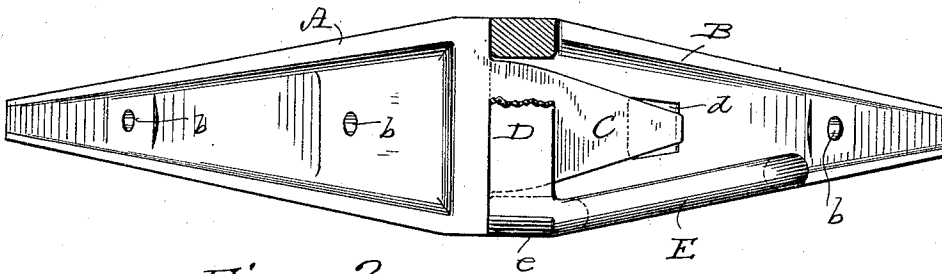
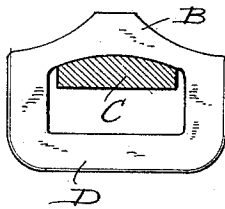


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTON RITTER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Horse-Collar Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention has for its object to provide a simple, strong, and easily-operated horse-collar fastener; and it consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts, to be hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings, and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a longitudinal section of a horse-collar fastener constructed according to my invention; Fig. 2, a plan view of the same inverted, and Fig. 3 a vertical section taken on line 3 3 of Fig. 1.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A B represent two opposing sections constituting my improved fastener, these sections being triangular in a longitudinal direction and of a contour in cross-section corresponding to the outside of the members of a separable horse-collar, to which they may be rigidly secured. The fastener-sections are preferably of metal cast in the desired form and provided with openings *b* for the rivets that may be employed to rigidly secure them to the collar members. The fastener-section A is cast in one piece with an offset-tongue C, that overlaps the under side of the other fastener-section B, and this tongue has a lug *c* thereon for engagement with an opening *d* in the latter fastener-section. The lug *c* of the tongue C has a vertical face that opposes a corresponding face of the opening *d* in the fastener-section B, and from the upper end of its vertical face the said lug is preferably beveled toward the outer end of said tongue, this beveling of the tongue-lug being for the purpose of having it more readily engage and disengage the opening in said fastener-section. The fastener-sections A and B form a flush joint with each other, and the latter section is cast in one piece with

a guide-loop D for the tongue C of the former section, as well as with a martingale-loop E, this martingale-loop and the guide-loop being at right angles to each other and having a common corner-post *e*, whereby each of said loops strengthens the other, this being an important feature of my invention.

In practice the tongue C of the fastener-section A is inserted in the guide-loop D of the other fastener-section B and pushed along until its lug *c* engages the opening *d* in the latter fastener-section, and said fastener-sections being thus joined, they are securely held together by means of the tie-strap of the hames that are placed on the collar, it being intended that this tie-strap shall pass through said guide-loop. The tie-strap being loosened the fastener-sections may be readily disconnected by a slight movement tending to throw the lower ends of the collar members upward and outward, this movement being the one employed to open any separable horse-collar far enough to have it come clear of a horse on which it may have been placed.

By the construction above described I provide a horse-collar fastener that has no parts liable to break, clog up, or get out of order, while at the same time a collar provided with my fastener may be uncoupled without any appreciable effort on the part of the operator.

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

A horse-collar fastener comprising the sections A B, the first of which is provided with the tongue C, having the lug *c*, and the second with the opening *d* for engagement with the tongue-lug, the guide-loop D, martingale-loop E, and corner-post *e*, connecting said loops, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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