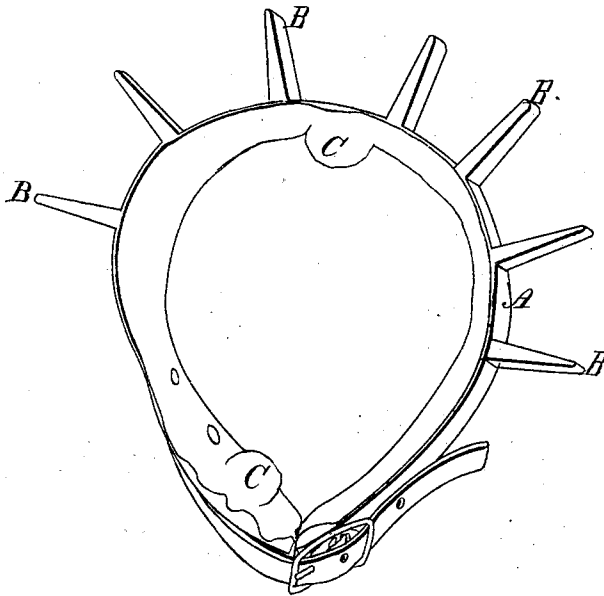


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IMPROVED ANTI-INTERFERING BAND.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that WILLIAM H. HALL and JOHN R. CLIFFORD, both of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and in the State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Anti-Interfering Bands; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of our invention consists in the combination of kersey, felt, or its equivalent, with a rubber anti-interfering band for horses' legs, whereby the moisture from the leg is absorbed, and the band does not chafe or stick to the leg, as all other bands now in use do.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which our invention appertains to make and use the same, we will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, which form a part of this specification.

A represents a rubber band for horses' legs, provided on the outside with projections B B, and made in any of the known and usual ways.

This band is, on the inside, provided with balls or pads C C, to keep it in its place, and prevent it from turning around.

The whole inner side of the band A is lined with kersey, felt, or its equivalent, all vulcanized in one process in a mould, by combining the two together, and the edges rounded, as shown.

This gives strength to the strap and buckle riveted to the ends of said band, as, without it, the rivets would easily work through the rubber. It absorbs the moisture, and prevents any chafing.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an article of manufacture, an interfering rubber guard, when constructed as described, and attached to kersey, as herein shown and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 29th day of July, 1868.

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