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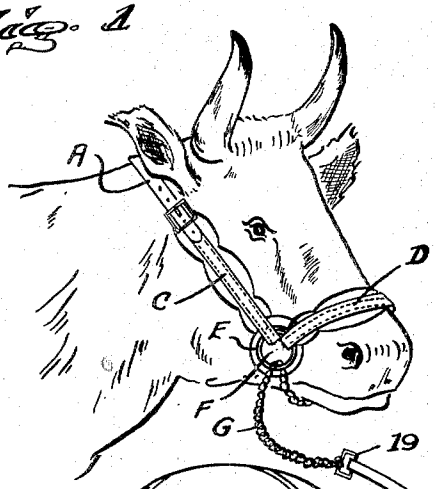


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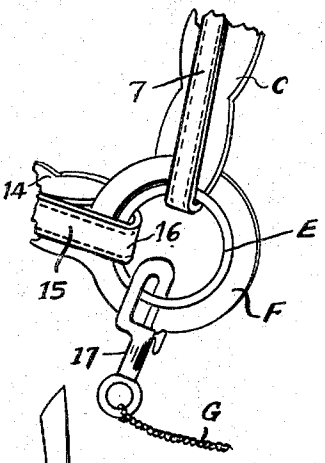


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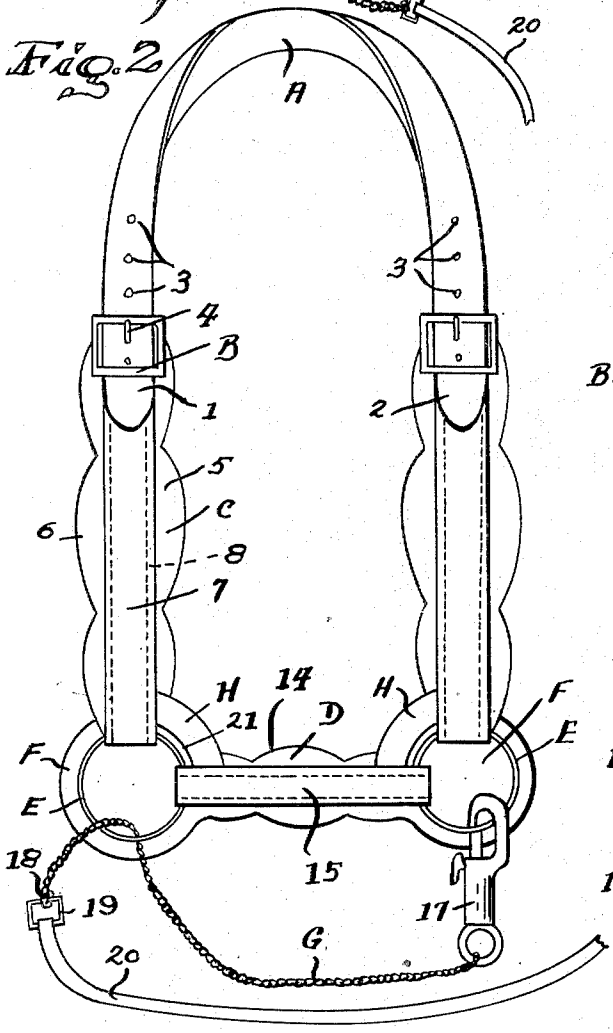
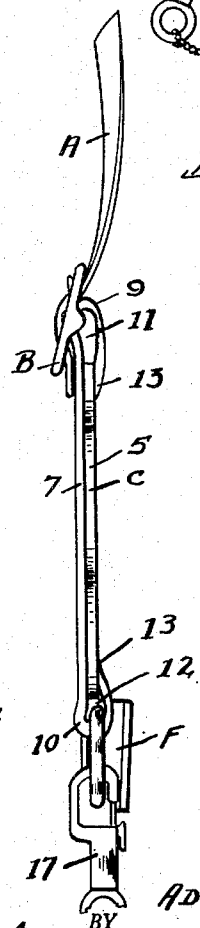


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This invention relates to improvements in halters for animals but more particularly and specifically to a novel and improved show halter for beef cattle.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a simple and strong halter which is highly efficient in use, inexpensive of manufacture yet of unusually pleasing appearance so as not to detract from the animal being shown.

Another and further object of the invention is to embody in a halter of the character described a construction which is comfortable on the animal and protects against chafing of the animal.

Other objects, advantages and novel features of construction of the halter will appear in the following description when read in the light of the accompanying drawings which illustrate an embodiment of the inventive concept.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is an illustration of the improved halter as applied to the head of a beef cattle.

Fig. 2 is a front view of the halter.

Fig. 3 is a side view of the halter.

Fig. 4 is a detailed view of the curb chain guard.

The halter, with the exception of its metallic fittings, is preferably composed of a high grade of leather but other suitable substitute materials could be utilized without departing from the invention or sacrificing the advantages thereof.

Having reference to the drawings and utilizing similar reference characters and numerals to designate like parts, A is the head strap the free ends 1 and 2 of which are provided with a plurality of holes 3 for the reception of the tongues or fingers 4 of the buckles B.

A cheek strap C is associated with each of the ends of the head strap and comprises a comparatively wide base strap 5 which for the purpose of presenting a pleasing appearance has scalloped edges 6. A narrow and conventional cheek strap 7 extends throughout the length of the base strap and is stitched or otherwise suitably secured to the outer face thereof as at 8. This strap has ends extending beyond the ends of the base strap and these ends are bent to form loops 9 and 10 at the upper and lower ends respectively of the base strap. This provides eyes 11 and 12. The free ends of the strap are suitably secured to the rear face of the base strap 5 as at 13.

The heretofore referred to buckles B are threaded through and retained by the eyes 11 at the upper end of the cheek strap.

The nose strap, designated as an entirety by D, is of similar construction to the cheek straps in

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that it comprises a wide base strap 14 having scalloped edges and has secured to its outer face a narrow conventional nose strap 15. This narrow strap has its ends looped over as at 16 to form eyes. The free ends of the strap 15 are bent upon themselves and both strap thicknesses are then secured to the face of the base strap 14 to form eyes or loops 16.

At its ends the base nose strap 14 is enlarged to form circular check or lead chain guards F which are preferably an integral part of the base strap but could if desired be formed as separate elements and suitably secured to the base strap.

A metallic or other like suitable ring E is threaded through each of the eyes at the ends of the nose strap. These rings are also threaded through the adjacent eye 12 of its adjacent cheek strap. This arrangement firmly and strongly supports and connects the rings to the halter.

The rings E are of lesser diameter than that of the circular curb chain cheek protectors F with the result that any possibility of the rings chafing the animal's cheeks is avoided.

The curb or lead chain G is provided at one end with a snap fastener 17 which is secured to one or the other of the rings E while the free end 18 of the chain is led through the other ring. An eye, or if desired a buckle, 19 is carried by the free end of the chain and to this is attached a lead strap or rope 20 which is usually of considerable length.

The greatest possibility of chafing the animal is from the movement of the snap fastener 17 and the chain as it passes through the ring. This undesirable chafing is completely avoided in the present construction as any rubbing occasioned by the movement of the snap hook or the chain in, through or around the rings is taken upon the cheek guards F.

The halter embodies two additional straps which provide a double function in that they strengthen the halter and also add to its appearance and additionally prevent any upward movement of the rings E. These two straps are designated each as an entirety by H and are of an arcuate shape. They have one of their ends secured to the lower end of the base cheek strap 5 intermediate the outer face of that strap and the inner face of the narrow strap 7 at a point immediately above the cheek guard F. The other ends of these straps are secured to an end of the nose guard base strap 14 at a point between the outer face of that strap and the inner face of the narrow nose strap 15. These straps form a

connection between the nose strap and the cheek straps which is in addition to the connection provided by the rings E. The inner edge 21 of these straps abuts the portion of the ring E which extends between the cheek and nose strap and will prevent upward or inward movement of the rings and in addition to performing this function add, as will be readily apparent from the drawings, to the pleasing appearance of the halter.

As will be apparent from the drawings and description the halter is of pleasing appearance and will enhance rather than detract from the animal wearing it yet the halter is highly efficient in operation and will completely guard the animal against chafing not only from the check or lead chain but also from chafing and hurtful pressures which arise when the common and universal narrow nose and cheek straps are utilized.

Departures in specific details from the construction illustrated and described can be made without departing from or sacrificing the advantages of the invention and accordingly the invention is not to be limited to the exact construction illustrated and described but only by the terms of the following and appended claim.

What I claim is:

A halter comprising, a pair of cheek straps each comprising a wide base band having attached to its outer face a longitudinally extending narrow strap the ends of which are bent to form an eye, the eyes at one of the ends of the cheek straps carrying a buckle, a head band having its ends adjustably connected with said buckles, a nose strap comprising a wide base band having a circular disc-like element at each of its ends and having on its outer face a longitudinally extending narrow strap the ends of which are bent to form eyes disposed above the discs at one side thereof, said nose strap extending transverse the lower ends of the cheek straps and connected thereto by a pair of rings, each of said rings extending through an eye of the narrow cheek strap and the eye of the adjacent narrow nose strap and being of lesser diameter than and overlying a disc-like element, a pair of arc-shaped straps one each of which is attached to the lower end of a cheek strap base band and has its other end attached to the nose strap base band at a point adjacent but short of the disc-like elements thereof, the inner peripheral edges of said arc-shaped straps abutting a ring through a portion of the periphery thereof, a lead chain threaded through one of the rings and being disposed between the ring and its adjacent disc-like element, and the end of the chain being provided with a fastener having attachment with the other ring, the parts operating as and for the purpose described.

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