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FIG. 1.

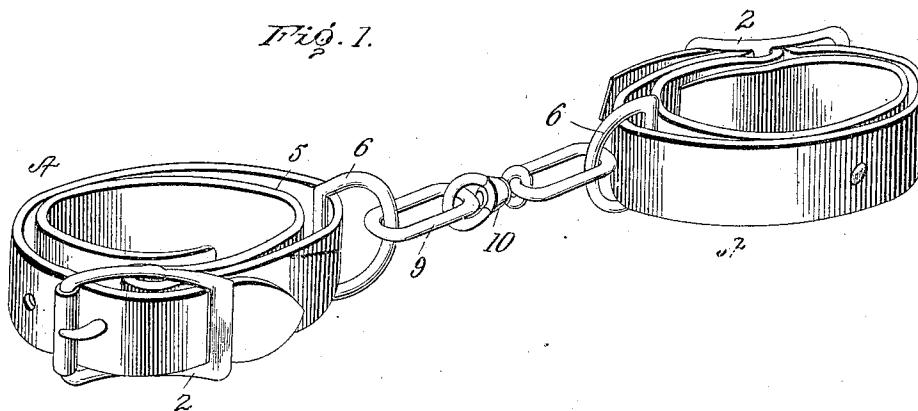


FIG. 2.

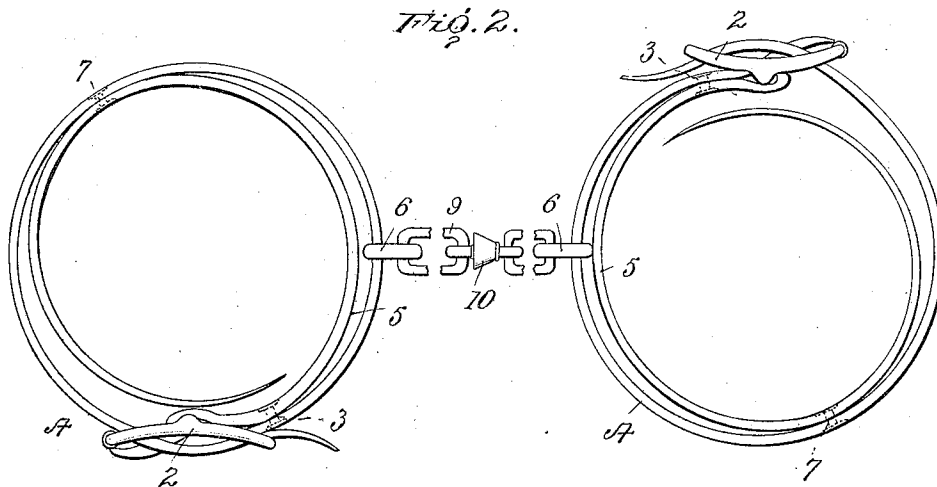
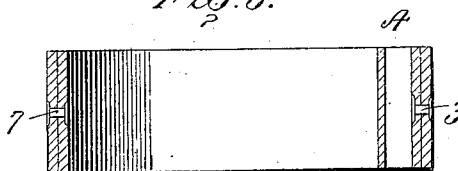


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WINFIELD SCOTT FARROW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Miles City, in the county of Custer and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hopples, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in hopples and the object is to provide means whereby the connection between the two cuffs or bands which encircle the leg of an animal, will not come in contact with the leg of the animal and thereby chafe or cause a sore, as is the case in the hopples now in use. This is generally caused by the band or cuff turning or working around the animal's leg.

The invention consists of certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing a complete hopple; Fig. 2 is a top plan view; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view of one of the bands or cuffs.

A represents the bands which pass around or encircle the leg of an animal. The bands are made of leather, which is folded a little beyond the center, at which point buckles 2, 2 are connected by the tongue of the buckle passing through an opening in the strap, and rivets 3 pass through the straps forming a connection for holding the buckle in place. The inner member 5 of the strap is formed in a smaller band than the outer member so that the ring 6, which is held between the outer and inner members of the strap, has free movement therebetween. At or about the ends of the strap a rivet 7 passes through the straps for holding them together, and confines the ring 6 between the inner and outer members of the strap. The end of the inner strap is adapted to rest or lie upon itself and thereby prevent the buckle from coming in contact with the leg of the animal, and the end of the outer strap is received and held by the buckle for securing the bands upon the leg of the animal. A chain 9 connects the rings 6 and is provided with a swivel connection 10.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have provided a hopple which will prevent any of the connecting parts from coming in contact with the leg or limb of the animal hopped, and which, at the same time, will

permit of the band being loosely secured to the leg of the animal, so that there will be no irritation. And further, the connection between the two bands is such that this connection will not come in contact with the animal's legs, and this connection is loosely connected to the bands and gives a freer action to the band on the animal's leg instead of the usual harsh and irritating bands that are generally used in hopples, as the band would irritate the leg when the animal moves, whereas with this hopple the connection between the two bands has a free movement with respect to the bands, and the band is also permitted free movement on the leg.

It is evident that more or less slight changes might be resorted to in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to be limited to the exact construction herein set forth, but:—

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. In a hopple, the combination of bands made from a single piece of leather, said pieces being folded forming inner and outer members, buckles connected to the folded ends of the pieces, means connecting said inner and outer members together and the end of one of the members of each band being fastened to one of the buckles and means received between the band members and having free movement therebetween said means connecting the bands together.

2. In a hopple, the combination with bands each made from a single piece of leather, each piece being folded forming inner and outer members, buckles connected to each band, of rings received between the inner and outer members and having free movement therebetween, a chain connected to the rings for connecting the bands together, said inner and outer members being connected together and the free ends of the inner members overlapping said inner members at the folded ends and the ends of the outer members being fastened to the buckles.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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