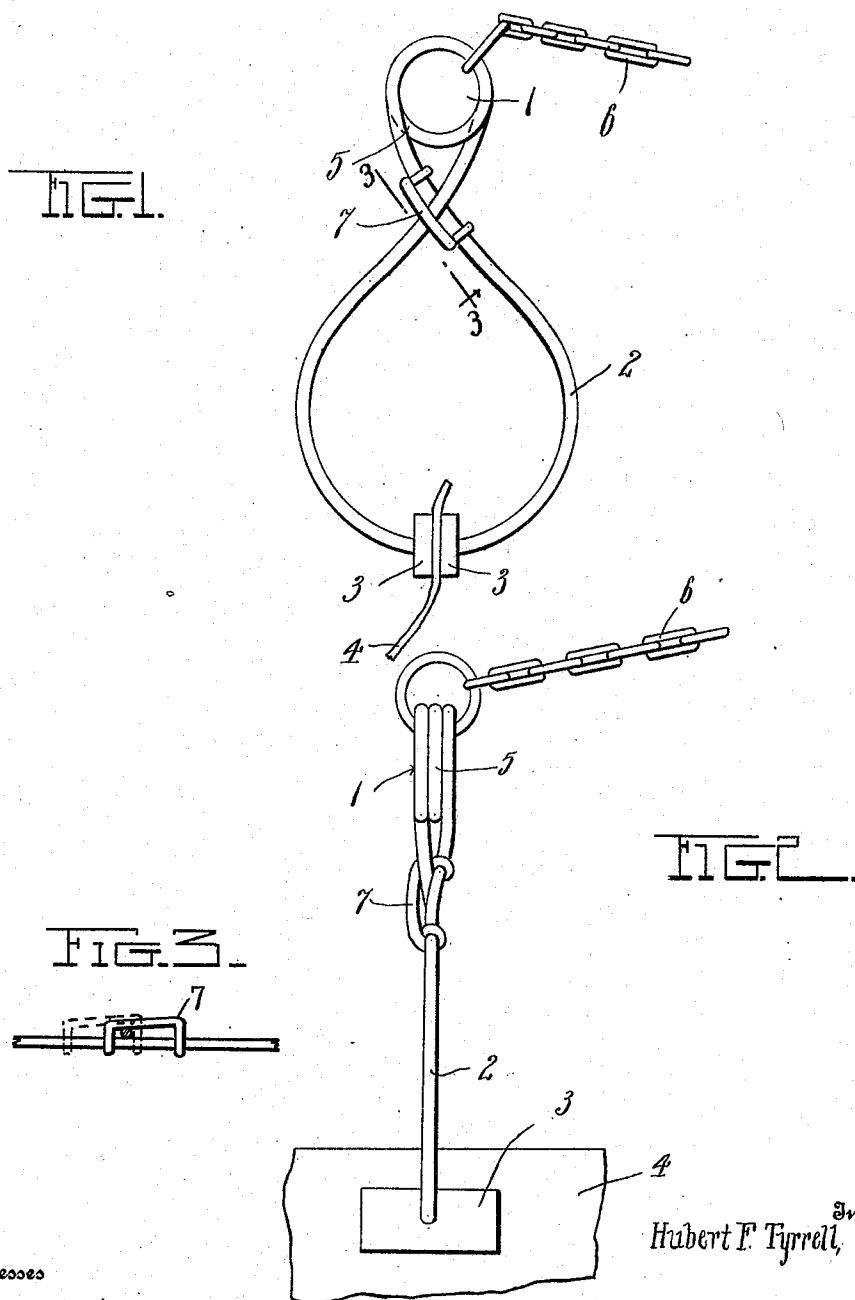


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUBERT F. TYRRELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Burghill, in the county of Trumbull, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lap-Robe Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has relation to means for holding a lap-robe in position over the lap or knees of a person in place on the seat of a vehicle, without holding the robe by the hands or otherwise bothering with it to keep it in place while handling the reins.

Lap-ropes are commonly composed of sheets or blankets that are spread over the lap of the person on the vehicle seat, and in the course of riding the robe is liable to become disarranged or misplaced to such a degree as to not only interfere with its usefulness, but to give a good deal of trouble to the driver.

It is the purpose of the invention to provide simply constructed, economical, efficient, and readily operated means that may be connected with each end of the lazy back of a vehicle and be in position always to be engaged with the upper ends of the lap-robe to hold it in desired position, and in like manner, to be disengaged therefrom to release the robe or change its position.

The nature of the invention is illustrated in the device portrayed in the annexed drawings, forming a part of this specification, the said device being represented in what I at present consider its best form, though it is recognized that mechanical changes may be made therein without departing from the general nature or spirit of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

Of the said drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the invention representing a piece of a lap-robe held by the jaws, and a fraction of the flexible support connected with the upper loop. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the invention. Fig. 3 is a detail section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Similar characters of reference designate similar parts or features in all the views.

In carrying out my invention, I take a length of resilient wire of suitable size and

bend the same into a form resembling substantially the figure 8, making the upper loop 1 considerably smaller than the lower loop 2, the ends of the wire terminating at the bottom of the latter loop and being provided with jaws 3 in the form of elongated transversely arranged blocks of suitable material, the adjacent faces of which may be separated by springing the sides of the loop 2 apart, so that the edge or other portion of the lap-robe 4 may be caught and held therebetween.

As stated, the upper loop 1 may be smaller in circumference than the lower loop, and the portion of the wire composing the same is preferably turned or twisted into coils 5 to enhance its resilient effect. The coils 5 constitute a ring through which a chain, cord or other suitable flexible means 6 may be passed to attach the holder to the lazy back of the vehicle. The said attaching means 6 will be long enough to maintain the holder in position where it can be readily taken hold of and used.

The numeral 7 designates a lock which is shown in this instance as composed of a piece of stiff wire, bent at its upper end to engage one side of the loop 2, and extending over the crossing point of the loops and bent in like manner at its lower end to engage the opposite side of the lower loop 2, the bent ends being different in length and the engagement of the ends of the lock wire with the sides of the loops being loose so that the lock can be slipped up and down in position and when raised it will allow the jaws to be easily separated to insert a part of the lap-robe between them, and when pushed down, as shown in the drawings, it will grip the loop 2 across which it extends and hold the said part of the lap-robe securely between the jaws.

The form of the invention is such that it can be produced by an inexpensive process and be readily and efficiently manipulated, while it performs to perfection the functions ascribed to it.

It is, of course designed to employ one of the holders at each side or end of the lazy back or other part of the vehicle, so that both sides of the lap-robe may be held in place.

What is claimed is:

1. A device of the class described, comprising a pair of crossed spring jaws, and a clamp carried by one jaw and slidable bodily

thereupon into frictional engagement with the other jaw, to bind the latter against the first-mentioned jaw.

5 2. A device of the class described, comprising a pair of crossed spring jaws, and a loop carried by one jaw and slidable thereupon into engagement with the other jaw, to bind the latter against the first-mentioned jaw.

10 3. A device of the class described, comprising a pair of crossed spring jaws, and a loop carried by one jaw and extending across the other jaw, said loop being arranged for movement into engagement with the last-mentioned jaw, to bind the latter against the

15 4. A device of the class described, comprising a pair of crossed spring jaws, and a loop carried by one jaw and extending across the other jaw, said loop being arranged for

sliding movement upon the first-mentioned jaw into frictional engagement with the last-mentioned jaw, to bind the latter against said first-mentioned jaw.

5 5. A device of the class described, comprising a pair of crossed spring jaws, and a sliding loop carried by one jaw and extending across the other jaw, said loop having legs of unequal lengths, so as to bind the last-mentioned jaw against the first-mentioned jaw when the loop is moved in the direction of its shorter leg into engagement with said last-mentioned jaw. 30

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

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