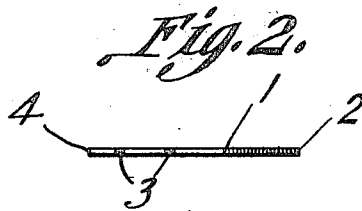
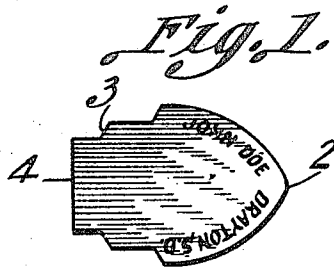


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM JOHNSTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Drayton, in the county of Pembine and State of North Dakota, have invented a new and useful Stock-Marker, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for marking live stock whereby, upon examination, the stock can be identified positively, thus to avoid all controversy as to its owners.

Another object is to provide a marker adapted to be concealed under the hide of the stock so that it can ordinarily be located and removed only by the actual owner, which fact, if generally known, will tend materially to lessen the theft of the stock.

A further object is to provide a marker which is easily placed in position, cheap to manufacture and will not injure the animals to which it is applied.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel details of construction, etc., which will be hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claim, it being understood that changes may be made in the proportions of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawing the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings

Figure 1 is a plan view of the marker.

Fig. 2 is a side view thereof.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates a thin plate of silver or other metal or material which will not corrode or cause injury if inserted under the hide of an animal. One-half of the plate is preferably semi-elliptical to provide a slightly rounded nose 2. The other half of the device has its sides stepped to form shoulders 3 leading to the blunt end 4. The

shoulders can be inclined as shown or can be of any other desired arrangement. On the plate may be stamped or otherwise displayed the name of the owner, and, if preferred, the address and likewise a date.

In using the marker a small incision is made in the hide of the animal and the plate is inserted nose first until the entire device rests flat under the hide and completely concealed. The incision will soon heal naturally and all evidence of the inserted plate will disappear. It is intended that the owner keep a record of the location of the plate so that, in the event of any controversy, the plate can be located readily and ownership of the animal proved. Without knowledge of the location of the plate it becomes practically impossible to locate it and the general knowledge of the fact that stock is thus marked will tend greatly to reduce theft.

By providing the rounded nose at the front end of the plate the said plate can be inserted readily into the incision, the side edges stretching the incision during such insertion. The shoulders prevent the plate from slipping out of place prior to the healing of the wound.

What is claimed is:—

A live stock marker including a plate of material which will not corrode, said plate being provided with a rounded nose at one end constituting a wound expanding portion and retaining shoulders at the sides of its other end, there being identifying means upon the plate.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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