

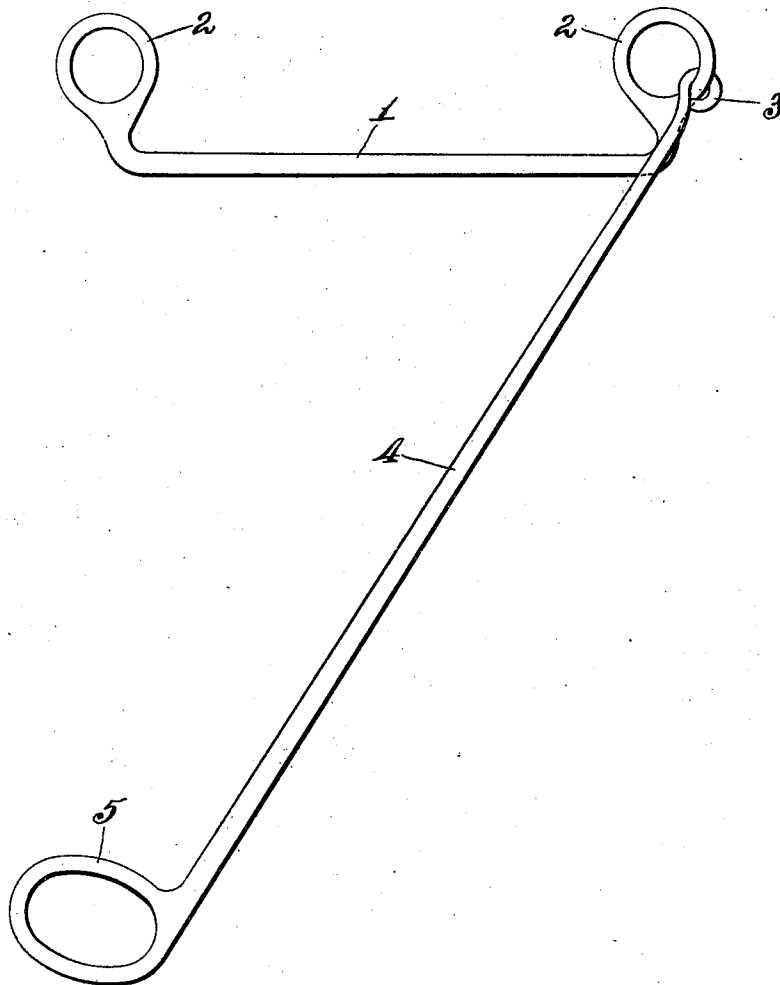
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS TIPPIT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Olney, in the county of Richland and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Check-Bit, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to harness, more particularly to over-check bits and has for its purpose to provide a device of that character having means whereby the horse is under more perfect control of the driver and which means, in its nature, is such, that it may be applied to any bit now in use and which shall be cheap of manufacture and simple of structure.

The device is intended for controlling the heads of driving horses, especially those that are inclined to "go on one side", "drive on one rein", or hold their heads to one side, such horses being commonly termed side-pullers. The device in question applies a new and simple remedy for controlling this. Various devices have been used by horsemen to overcome this annoying and troublesome fault, such for instance as billiard cues fastened to the terret rings and passing through the side of a halter or the driving bit. Another remedy is that of placing a bur on the inside of the ring of the driving bit, or on one side of the mouth of the horse to prick and punish it for refusing to be guided by the driving bit, etc., etc. These remedies are all, more or less cruel or unsightly and are oftentimes dangerous.

With these objects in view, my invention is shown in its preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawing.

Referring in detail to the illustration the numeral 1 indicates an over-check bit preferably constructed in the peculiar manner shown, *i. e.* with the ends turned up on either side and formed with integral ring portions 2 to which are buckled the "overdrawn" rein as on the ordinary over-check bit.

Attached in the manner of a hinge to one of the rings 2 is a bar 4 diagonally disposed. Said bar 4 has a ring portion 3 which with the ring 2 aforesaid constitutes the hinge connection. The bar 4 is preferably about ten inches long and of such diameter as

would suit the particular horse intended. These bars may of course be made of regular size so that a sufficient quantity may be kept in stock by ordinary harness dealers or blacksmiths. At the opposite end the bar 4 is formed with a ring 5 for a purpose to be presently described. In its application the bar 4 passes under the chin or jaw of the horse, the ring 5 thereof being substantially in alinement with the ring 2 of the bit opposite to that receiving the end 3 of the bar 4. In this position said ring 5 receives the driving rein or line the end of which is fastened to the ring 2 in the ordinary manner. While I have described this particular manner of application of the device, it will of course be readily understood that said bar 4 may be reversely applied wherein the opposite parts are assembled in precisely the same manner. In any event the bar is to be applied according to which direction the horse's head tends. In its position it acts in the way of a stop to press against the cheek or jaw of the horse and thus tends to hold the head straight. And it is automatic in the sense that the more the animal attempts to turn out of position the greater the pressure is to prevent it, and without any additional effort whatever on the part of the driver.

Having described my invention in full detail, what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is—

In a device of the character described, the combination with an overcheck bit having its end portions disposed at right-angles to the body portion and provided with draw rein receiving eyes, and a bar adapted to be disposed diagonally under the horse's neck and having one end provided with an eye, said eye being looped around one of said draw-rein receiving eyes and adapted to have substantially close engagement therewith, the opposite end of said bar being provided with an enlarged and laterally extending eye adapted to loosely receive one of the driving reins.

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