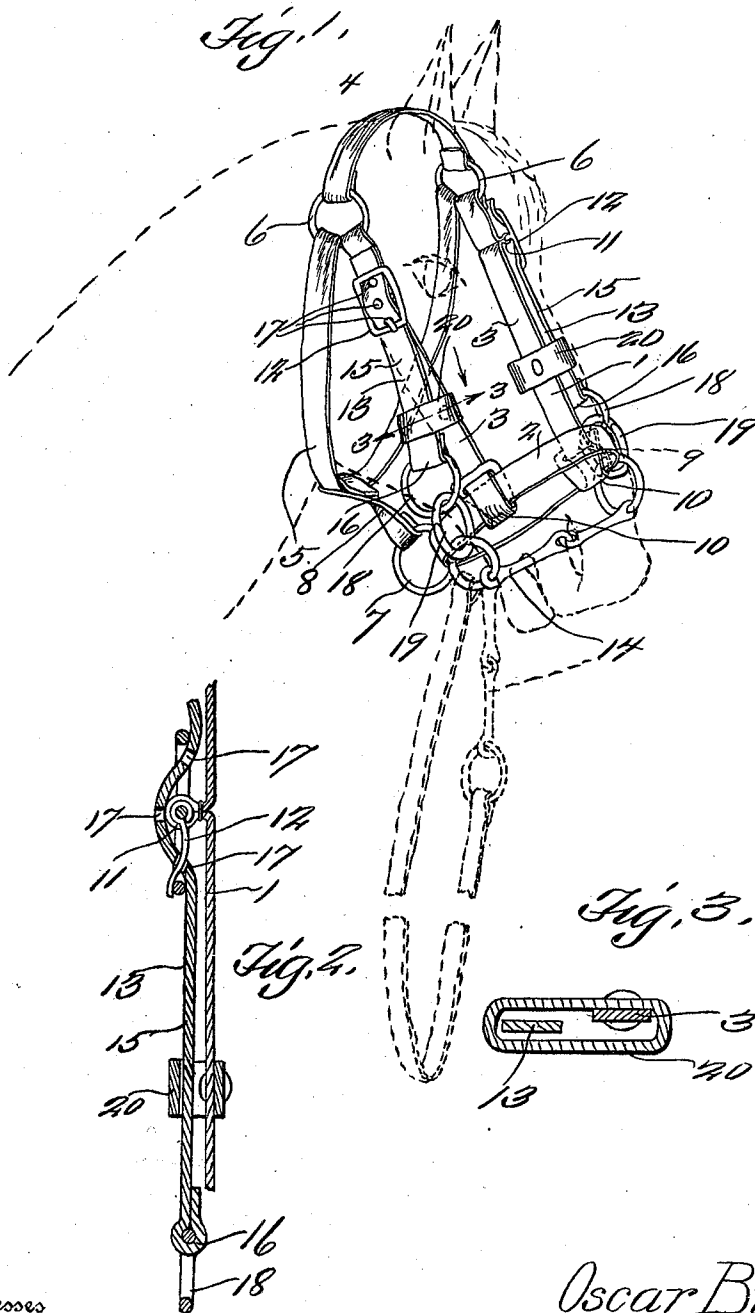


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR BILLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ellendale, in the county of Dickey and State of North Dakota, have invented a new and useful Bridle; 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 relates to halters and bridles, and it particularly pertains to a new and useful attachment for the halter, and to which attachment a bit may be connected for the purpose of converting the halter into a bridle, and then by the removal of the bit the halter will be restored.

It is also an object of the invention to utilize the bit and its reins, as means for leading a horse, when the halter is applied thereto.

Alterations may be resorted to, in the construction of the minor details of the device, provided the alterations are comprehended by the claims.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a view in perspective, showing a halter with the attachment applied thereto, the same being constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of the attachment removed. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring more especially to the annexed drawings, 1 designates the halter as a whole, which comprises the nose strap 2, the jaw straps 3, the head strap 4 and throat latch 5. The jaw straps, and the ends of the throat latch and headstrap are connected by the rings 6, while the nose strap is provided with a ring 7, which is connected to the throat latch by the strap 8. The ends of the jaw straps are provided with slots 9, through which the said jaw straps 3 pass, after being folded upon themselves, thus providing the loop 10 which receives the nose strap. The jaw straps are folded to provide a loop 11, in which a buckle 12 is arranged. By virtue of this buckle the attachment 13, which together with the bit 14 constitutes the means for converting the halter into a bridle. The attachment consists mainly of a

strap 15 having a loop 16, and provided with a plurality of apertures 17, whereby the strap may be adjusted with relation to the buckle 12. A ring 18 is provided, which is arranged in the loop 16. By virtue of the ring 18, the usual form of bit as shown at 14 may be connected thereto by the snap hook 19. As shown in Fig. 1 there are two of these attachments, one arranged on each side of the halter. When only one side of the bit is connected to one of the rings 18, the reins of the bit may be utilized for leading the animal. A leather loop 20 is provided, which is for the purpose of holding the attachment as shown, said loop being secured to the jaw straps 3, one upon each side of the halter.

It will be observed that the halter shown in the drawings is of the ordinary structure, there being no ring adjacent the mouth of the horse to which the bit may be attached, therefore it will be observed that by making loops 11 in the jaw straps 3, the buckles 12 may be attached, and subsequently the straps 15, thus providing the ordinary canvas or leather halter without rings adjacent the mouth of the horse with attachments to which the usual bit may be connected for converting the halter into a bridle.

The invention having been set forth, what is claimed as new and useful is:

1. In combination, the jaw straps of a halter, buckles connected to the straps, straps adjustably connected to the buckles, and provided with rings at their lower ends, leather loops connecting the jaw straps and the second straps, said rings constituting means adapted to be connected by a bit.

2. In combination, the jaw straps of a halter, said jaw straps being turned into loops adjacent their upper ends, buckles secured in said loops, straps connected to the buckles, loops carried by the jaw straps and looping around the second straps, and rings carried at the lower end of the second straps adapted for connection to a bit.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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