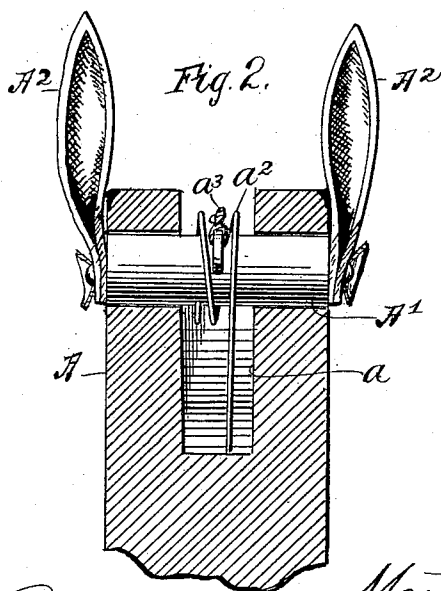
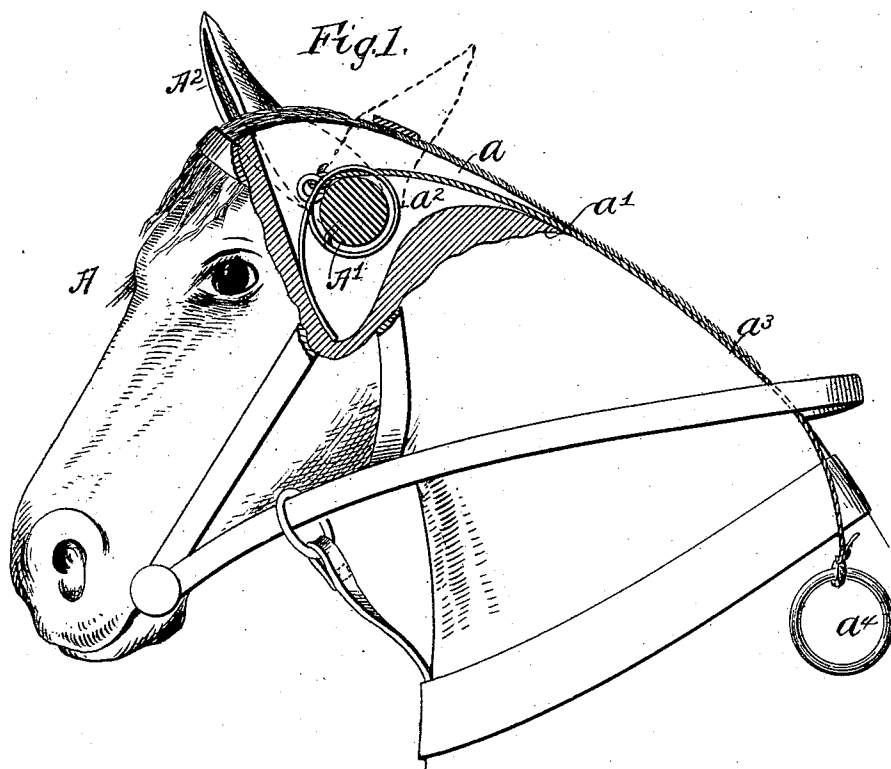


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MERTON E. CONVERSE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the town of Winchendon, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Rocking or Similar Horses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to rocking or similar horses used by children for amusement, and the object is to provide such a horse having movable ears, whereby the pleasure derived from moving the same will add to the amusement value of the horse.

With this end in view the invention consists in mounting the ears on a rocking-support having an attachment by means of which a child may rock the same.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation and partial section of the head of a rocking or similar horse embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section thereof.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the head of a rocking or similar horse, usually consisting of wood or similar material. In the top portion of the head a recess *a* is formed, and this recess communicates with a channel *a'*, extended along the top of the neck.

A' is a rock-bar extended across the recess *a* and having bearings in holes made in the side walls of the recess, as plainly shown in Fig. 2, and to the outer ends of this rock-bar the ears A² are secured in any desired manner.

A spring-wire *a*² is attached at one end to

the rock-shaft A', is coiled around the same, and at its opposite end engages with the front wall of the recess *a*, as indicated in the drawings.

A cord *a*³ is attached at one end to the bar A' and extends thence down the upper side of the neck, where it may be concealed by the mane, and terminates in a ring or finger-piece *a*⁴, which may also be hidden by the mane, which, for the sake of clearness, I have shown in the drawings as cut short along the neck.

In operation a child on the back of the horse or standing at the side thereof may tilt or rock the ears back, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1, by drawing on the string, and upon releasing the string the spring *a*² will return the ears to their normal position. This movement of the ears is intended to make the horse more lifelike, such, for instance, as the appearance of getting ready to bite.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

A rocking or similar horse having a recess in its head portion and a channel extended along the top of the neck, the said channel communicating with the recess, a rock-bar extended across the recess, ears secured to the outer end of the rock-bar, a cord for moving the bar in one direction and a spring for moving it in the other direction, substantially as specified.

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