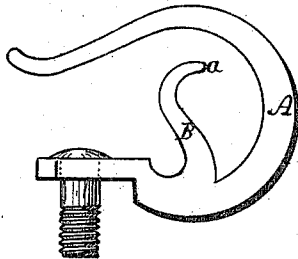


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM V. SARGEANT, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improved Check-Hook; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making part of this specification, and representing a side view of a check-hook for harness-saddles provided with my improvement.

My invention consists in a guard of peculiar form and arrangement, substantially as herein described, cast or formed in one piece with the check-hook for the double purpose of preventing the check-rein from becoming accidentally unhooked, and of protecting the roll of the saddle.

In the drawing, let A represent a check-hook, and B the guard, cast or formed in one piece with the check-hook. This guard extends upward in the interior of the hook, in the position substantially as shown, nearly to the upper turn of the hook, but leaves room enough above it to insert and withdraw the rein edgewise. The upper end of the guard curves inward, substantially as represented, making somewhat of a recurved hook, which effectually prevents the check-rein from becoming accidentally unhooked under any ordinary circumstances.

The lower part of the guard curves outward somewhat, and thereby protects the roll of the saddle, while the inward curve, at

the upper end, prevents the accidental unhooking of the check-rein. Thus the double curve is necessary to the full effect desired.

I am aware that fixed guards to check-hooks have been before made, as in the Letters Patent granted to George Theobalt, December 7, 1869, who has two guards projecting toward each other, but turned outward at the ends, or a single guard turned outward, and not reaching high enough to prevent the check-rein from unhooking. I am also aware that spring-guards and hinged guards have been used, but these are attended with much additional expense, and are neither strong, durable, nor to be relied on; whereas my improved guard is attended with only a trifling additional expense, and does not interfere with the finishing of the check-hook, and is reliable in every way. I disclaim all constructions except substantially that hereinbefore described.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A check-hook, A, provided with a fixed guard, B, which curves outward at the bottom and inward at the upper end *a*, substantially as and for the double purpose herein specified.

Specification signed by me this 10th day of April, 1873.

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