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HORSE BLANKET ATTACHMENT.

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FIG. 3.

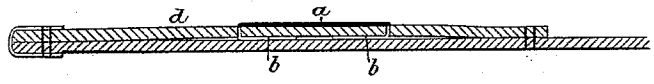


FIG. 1.

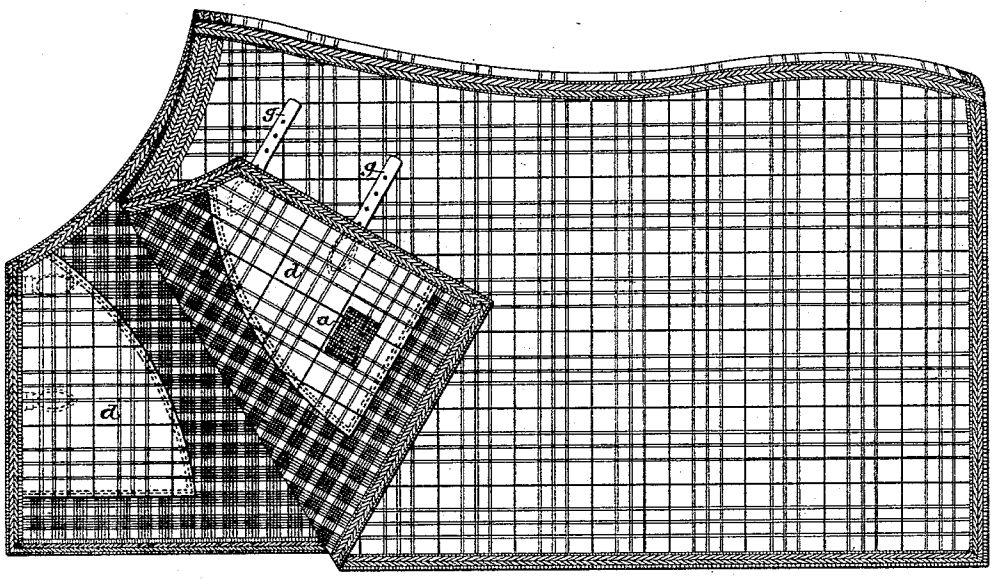


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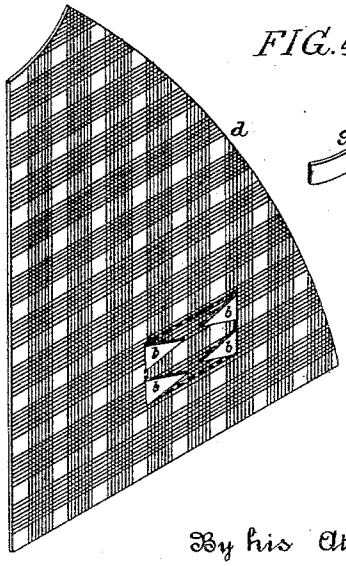


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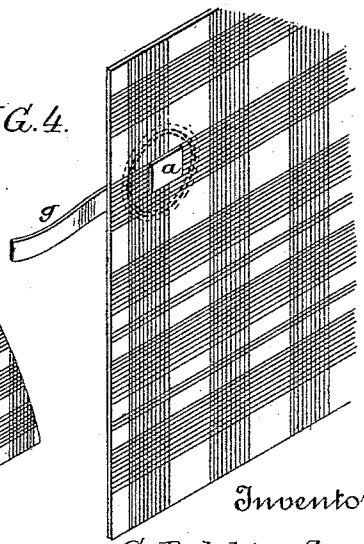
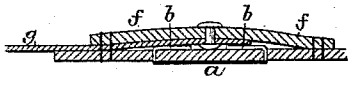


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, G. RALSTON AYRES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Securing Labels to Horse-Blankets, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to secure a tag or label to a horse-blanket in such a way that it cannot be detached therefrom without mutilating or removing part of the blanket; and this object I attain in the manner hereinafter described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a horse-blanket having a tag or label applied thereto in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a perspective view, on a larger scale, of the piece carrying the tag; Fig. 3, an enlarged sectional view of part of the blanket, and Figs. 4 and 5 views illustrating a modified plan of carrying out the invention.

Manufacturers of horse-blankets have experienced much difficulty in so marking the same that purchasers and users are able to identify the goods, the dealers through whose hands the goods pass removing the tags or labels. In order to prevent this I make the tag *a* with a series of projecting prongs or spurs, *b*, which spurs are by preference passed through and bent down on the back of a piece of fabric, *d*, which piece of fabric is afterward sewed around its edges to the inside of the blanket at the breast portion thereof, so as to serve as a breast-lining and as a re-enforcing or strengthening piece for the breast-straps *g*, the bent prongs or spurs of the tag being between the said re-enforcing piece and the body of the blanket, so that they are inaccessible, and the tag cannot be removed without the almost complete removal of the re-enforcing piece or such mutilation of the blanket itself as is not likely to be attempted. This plan is generally adopted in what are known as "shaped" or "stable" blankets; but in "street" or "square" blankets I prefer to adopt the plan shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the prongs of the label being passed through the blanket from the inside and bent down on the outside of the same, and these bent prongs being then covered by the leather disk *f*, which is ordinarily employed to protect and strengthen the inner end of the breast-strap *g*.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of a horse-blanket, having a re-enforcing piece secured thereto around its edges, with a tag or label having bent spurs inclosed between the said re-enforcing piece and the body of the blanket, all substantially as specified.

2. The combination of a horse-blanket, having a re-enforcing piece secured thereto around its edges, with a tag or label having spurs passing through said re-enforcing piece and bent down between the same and the body of the blanket, all substantially as specified.

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

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