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Fig. 1.

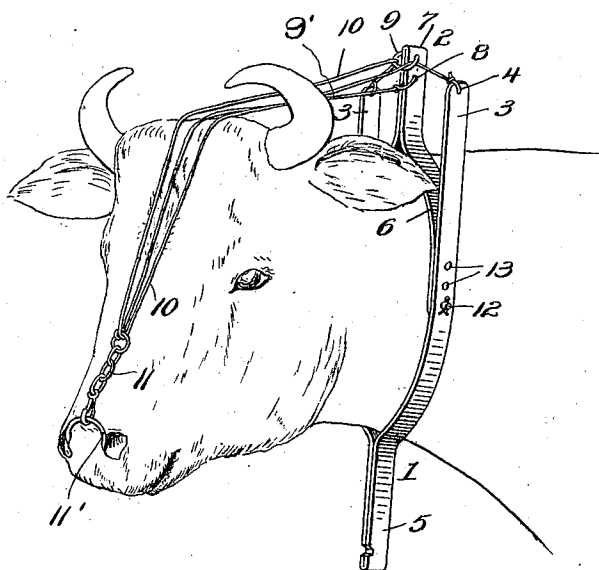
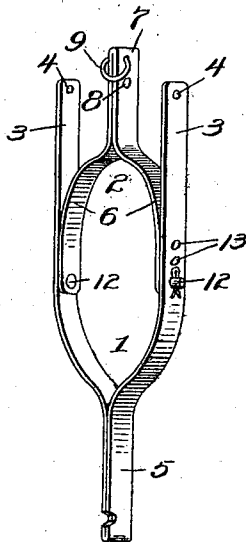


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT L. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sandy, in the county of Harmon and State of Oklahoma, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cow-Yokes, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to yokes, and more particularly to the class of animal yokes.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which is simple in construction, efficient in practice, one which may be readily and quickly applied to use, and one which may be manufactured at a comparatively low cost.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a yoke of this character which is designed so as to permit quick adjustment on or removal from the neck of an animal.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device applied to the neck of an animal. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the same removed from the neck of an animal.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, the yoke comprises yoke members 1 and 2, the same being of complementary shape and are adapted to be secured together so as to fit about the neck of an animal. The member 1 is formed from a single piece of material bent to provide spaced parallel resilient arms 3 and a depending medial extension 5, the arms 3 being provided with perforations 4, for a purpose as will be hereinafter more fully described. The member 2 is also formed from a single piece of material bent to provide spaced parallel resilient arms 6 and an upstanding medial extension 7, the same being provided with spaced apertures 8, in one of which is engaged a guide ring 9, and in the other aperture is engaged one end of a flexible member 9', the opposite end of which is secured to a chain 11, the same being provided with any suitable form of snapper hook for detachable engagement

with a nose ring 11' which is placed in the nostrils of an animal in the usual manner, as is clearly illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

Projecting outwardly from the arms 6 of the member 2 spaced from their ends are pivot pins 12 adapted for detachable engagement in a series of spaced apertures 13 formed in the arms 3 of the member 1. The pins 12 when engaged in a pair of the apertures 13 in the arms 3 of the member 1 will pivotally connect the latter and the member 2 together. It is obvious that the members 1 and 2 may be adjusted with respect to each other, whereby the yoke will fit the neck of different sized animals.

Loosely trained through the chain 11 at its point of connection with the flexible member 9' is a further flexible member 10, the same being also trained through the guide ring 9 and has its ends secured in the openings 4 in the arms 3 of the member 1, so that upon displacement of the said member 1, the flexible member 10 will be pulled taut, thereby pulling upon the nose ring 11', so as to inflict injury to the animal, and thus cause him to desist in an attempt in jumping a fence or the like.

In practice, the member 1 is applied under the throat of the animal, the member 2 is then inserted between the arms of the member 1, so that the pins 12 will engage in the apertures 13 in the arms 3 of the said member 1, and when the pins 12 have been engaged in this member, the two members are pivotally connected together, the flexible member 9' being then connected with the aperture 8 in the extension 7 of the member 2 and also connected with the chain 11, which is connected with the nose ring 11' engaged in the nostrils of the animal. Finally the flexible member 10 is trained through the link of the chain 11 connected with the flexible member 9', and also through the ring 9, whence it is secured at its ends in the openings 4 in the arms 3 of the member 1, so that when the extension 7 of the member 2 swings backward on its striking the wires or panels of a fence, it will exert a pull upon the nose ring 11', thereby inflicting injury to the animal and causing him to desist in an attempt in jumping the fence, or preventing such animal becoming wedged in the fence. Also, should the ex-

tension 5 get hung into the wires or panels of a fence, and on a forward pull upon the said extension, it will cause the flexible member 10 to be pulled taut, thereby pulling 5 upon the nose ring 11' in the nostrils of the animal, and in this manner preventing the animal from jumping or becoming wedged in the fence.

From the foregoing description taken in 10 connection with the accompanying drawings, the advantages of the construction, and the manner of operation will be readily apparent, but while I have described the principle of operation of the invention, to- 15 gether with the device which I now consider to be the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that the device shown is merely illustrative, and such changes may 20 within the scope of the claim.

What is claimed is:

A device of the class described, comprising complementary upper and lower yoke members, means detachably pivoting said yoke members together, a guide ring carried 25 by the upper yoke member, a nose ring, connections between the upper member and the said nose ring, and a connection loosely trained through the guide ring and the nose ring and having its ends connected to the 30 lower member, whereby on moving one of said members, the appropriate connection will exert a pull upon said nose ring.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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