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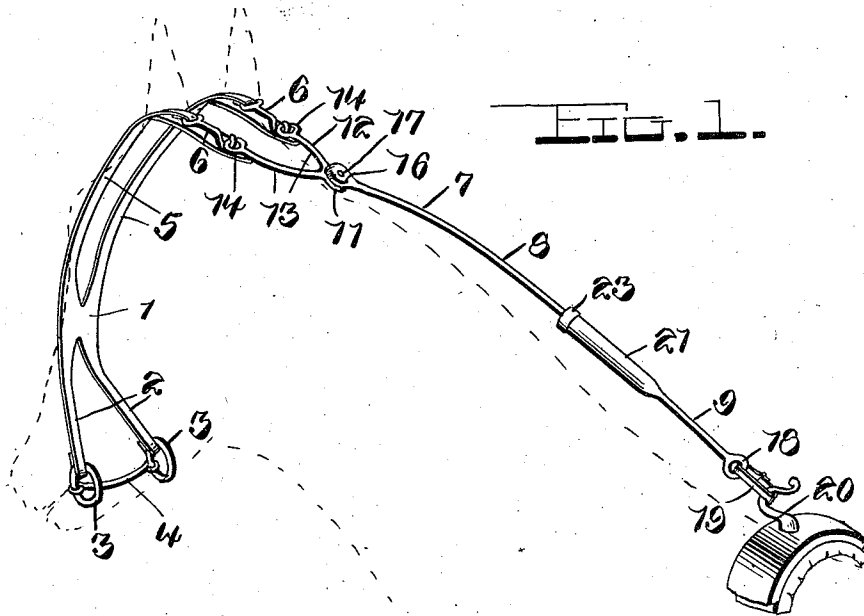


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BARTLEY IRWIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Halfway, in the county of Baker and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Overchecks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention is an improved overdraw check for bridles especially adapted for use on horses with arched necks who carry their heads high, the object of the invention being to provide an improved device of this character which allows the horse to freely move and swing his head, which yields so as to allow the horse to catch himself in the event that he should stumble, and which presents a slightly appearance and may be readily manufactured at moderate costs.

The invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

25 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an overdraw check bridle constructed in accordance with my invention; and Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view of the slidably connected portions of the head and saddle sections of my improved overdraw check.

30 In accordance with my invention I provide a bridle face piece 1 which has downwardly extending diverging tabs 2 connected to the rings 3 of a bit 4 and is also provided with upwardly extending and diverging side straps 5 which are here shown as provided with snap hooks 6.

35 The overcheck 7 is made of metal, preferably brass, nickel plated, and comprises a head section 8 and a saddle section 9. As here shown the head section is a rod, provided at its rear end with a diametrically enlarged stop 10 and having its front end provided with a substantially semicircular hinge portion 11 the upper and lower sides of which are flat. To the front end of the head section 8 is connected a yoke 12, the said yoke being provided with a pair of forwardly extending and diverging arms 13 having eyes 14 at their front ends for engagement by the snap hooks 6, the rear portion of the said yoke forming a hinge member 16 which bears against the hinge member 11 and is connected thereto by a pintle or pivot pin 17. Hence the bridle portion of the overdraw check is pivotally connect-

ed to the front end of the head section of the overcheck to allow the head of the horse free movement so that the horse can swing his head from side to side and can look back.

60 The saddle section 9 of the overcheck is provided at its rear end with an eye 18 which is engaged by a loop strap 19 which serves to connect the overcheck to the saddle or back band hook 20. At the front end of the saddle section of the overcheck is a tubular portion 21 in which the rear portion of the head section of the overcheck is disposed for longitudinal movement and on the rear portion of the head section is a coiled extensible spring 22, which operates in the tubular portion 21 of the saddle section, the rear end of said spring bearing against the stop 10 and the front end thereof bearing against a suitable stop or cap 23 with which the tubular portion 21 is provided.

65 It will be understood from the foregoing that the overcheck, being thus formed of a pair of sections connected together for longitudinal movement, is longitudinally extensible so that the overcheck yields to the motion of the horse when he lowers his head and swings and prevents slack when the horse tosses his head, the overcheck adapting itself under all conditions to the movement of the horse's head and being prevented from dropping or sagging on his neck. In the event that the horse should stumble the spring readily yields so that the horse has free control of the movements of its head and may recover himself.

70 My improved overdraw check may be readily placed on or removed from the horse, is slightly in appearance, and owing to the construction of the overcheck the latter while freely adapting itself to the movements of the horse's head is prevented from sagging and dropping.

75 Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:—

1. The herein described overcheck comprising a metallic head section and a metallic saddle section slidably connected together and each sufficiently rigid to be prevented from drooping and to be held above and out of contact with the horse's neck, and a spring to normally move the head section inwardly to shorten the overcheck.

105 2. The herein described overcheck comprising a metallic saddle section, a metallic head section slidably connected to the saddle section for longitudinal movement, each

of said sections being sufficiently rigid to be prevented from drooping and to be held above and out of contact with the horse's neck, and a head yoke pivotally connected to the front end of the head section.

5 3. The herein described overcheck comprising a metallic saddle section, said saddle section having a tubular portion forming its front end, a metallic head section,
10 comprising a rod having its rear end slidably mounted in the bore of the saddle sec-

tion, a spring to normally move the head section inwardly to shorten the overcheck, and a head yoke pivotally connected to the front end of the head section.

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

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