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Check-Guard for Harness.

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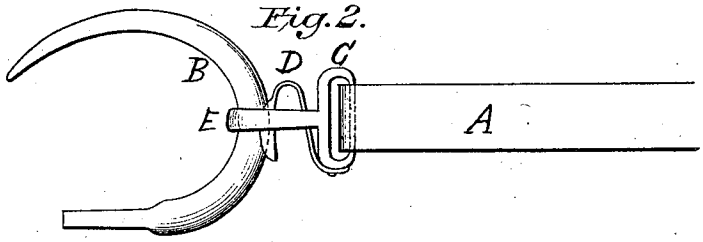
Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CHECK-GUARDS FOR HARNESS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK HOWARD, of Hyde Park, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Guards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The same letters and figures of reference are used to indicate the corresponding parts.

After describing the invention, its nature and extent will be shown in the claim.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my guard. Fig. 2 shows the guard attached to the check-rein, and also to the hook in the saddle of the harness.

A is the check-rein. B is the hook in the saddle of the harness. C is the looped end of the guard, which is fastened to the check-rein. E is the slotted rear end of the guard, through which the hook B is thrust when the guard is in use. D is a spring, one end of which is fastened to the under side of the vertical loop C, and the other end is provided with flanges which embrace the cylindrical hook B when in use. The spring D is bent, as shown in the drawings. When the guard is attached to the saddle-hook the pressure of the spring D against the hook B prevents the guard from becoming detached from the hook.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The check-guard, consisting of the vertical loop C for receiving the check-rein, and the horizontal loop E, containing the spring D, and also receiving the saddle-hook B, as hereinbefore described, and for the purposes set forth.

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