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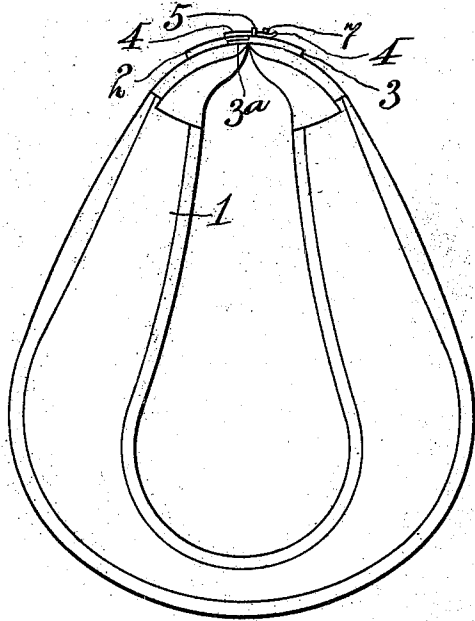


Fig. 1.

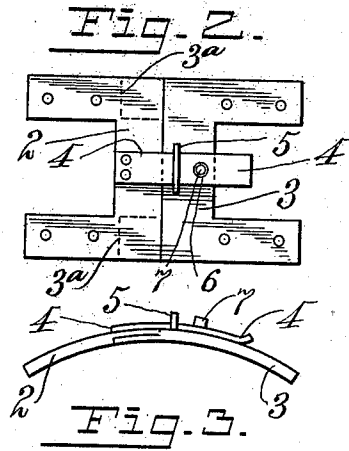


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TULLIE J. SCARFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Carlisle, in the county of Clark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Harness-Fasteners; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as 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 to the reference characters marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in fasteners for harness.

The object of the invention is to provide a harness fastener that is simple in construction, that may be easily unfastened, and which will not become accidentally detached when in use.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a horse collar with my invention applied thereto; Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the fastener; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same.

Throughout the specification and drawings, similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts.

While in the drawings I have shown the fastener as applied to a horse collar, it will be understood that the device may be applied to any part of the harness.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 represents a horse collar which is opened at the top to allow the collar to be placed around the neck of a horse without slipping the same over the animal's head. At the opening thus provided is placed my improved fastener, which is constructed as follows. The fastener consists of two members 2 and 3 which are mounted on each

side of the collar respectively. The member 2 is provided with a flexible member 4 which, when the fastener is closed, passes through an opening in a loop 5 on the member 3. The flexible member 4 may be made of any pliable material such as a spring, and said member 4 is provided with an opening 6 adapted to receive a pin 7 on the member 3. The member 3 is provided with extensions 3^a which lie under the member 2, and which are instrumental in holding the members 2 and 3 in alinement.

It will be seen from the drawings that when the collar is closed, the loop 5 will hold the flexible member 4 on the pin 6, thereby locking the collar in a closed position. It will also be noted that the flexible member 4 cannot be detached from the pin 7 unless the free end of the member 4 is pressed upwardly; consequently the fastener cannot become detached by any movements of the horse and can only become unfastened by intent.

I claim:

A harness fastener consisting of a first member having a flexible portion attached thereto, said flexible portion having an opening therein, and a second member provided with a loop adapted to receive said flexible portion and with a pin adapted to be received by the opening in the flexible portion, said second member also provided with projections which lie under the edge of said first member, thereby holding said members in alinement.

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

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