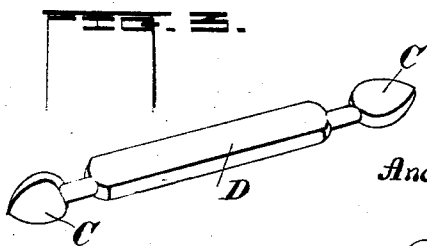
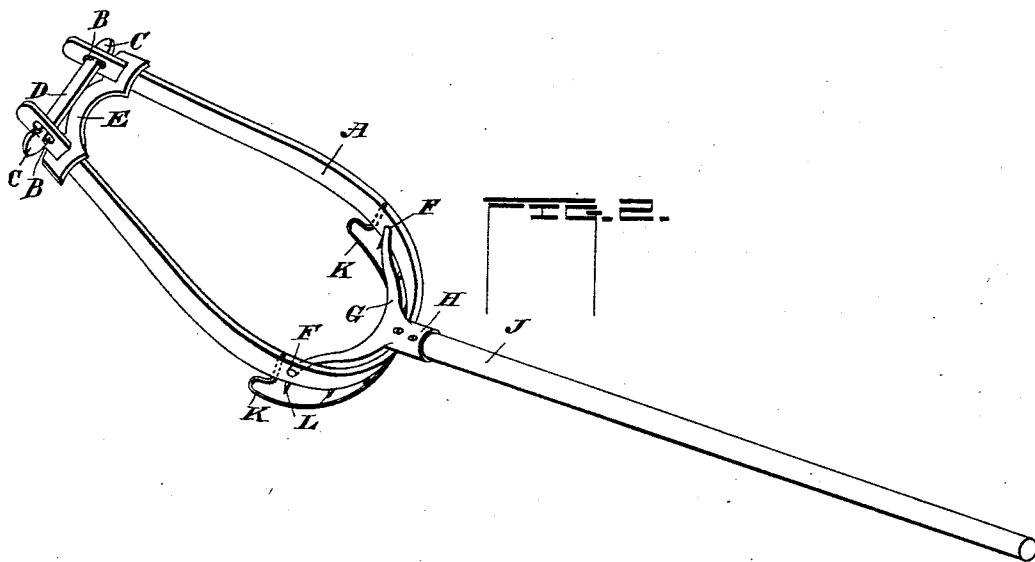
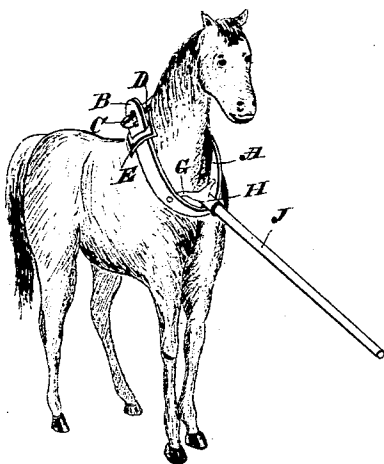
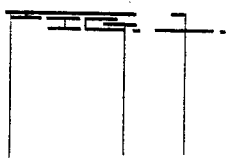


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW L. SIMMONS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Union City, in the county of Randolph and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Animal-Pokes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to improvements in animal-pokes; and the object of my invention is the provision of a device of this character which will be of simple and inexpensive construction, which can be easily and quickly applied and detached, and which will be entirely practical and useful for the intended purpose.

The invention consists of an animal-poke embodying novel features of construction and combination of parts for service, as will appear from the following description.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved poke applied to the animal. Fig. 2 represents a similar view of the poke detached, and Fig. 3 represents a detail view of a part of the poke.

In the drawings, A designates the loop or yoke which encircles the neck of the animal and which is made of a thin strip of wood, or of metal, or combined wood and metal, and has in its free ends an opening B, in which is adapted to be inserted the ends C of the locking-pin D, and it will be noted that the locking ends C of the pin are arranged out of line to insure the proper holding action of the pin, and below the pin and held upon the yoke is the curved leather pad E, which rests upon the upper side of the neck of the animal and prevents abrasion of the skin of the beast.

The yoke, at its closed end in each side, is provided with openings F, in which fit the ends of the fork G, having the ferrule H to

receive the upper end of the pole J, and it will be seen that the pole has a proper movement with reference to the yoke by means of the connection of the fork with the yoke, and to the front of the yoke at the lower side is secured the guard-wire K, which normally covers the teeth or barbs L on the yoke, the wire being of sufficient elasticity to give when brought in contact with a surface to cause the teeth to enter the animal.

It is evident from the foregoing that I provide an animal-poke which is the embodiment of simplicity and inexpensiveness and is efficient and practical, and is thus calculated to commend itself to all who desire a device of this character.

I claim—

1. The animal-poke herein shown and described, consisting of the yoke having the closed lower end and the upper open end, the pad fitting over the upper free ends of the yoke to rest on the neck of the animal, the bar for locking the free ends of the yoke having the oppositely-arranged locking-heads, the barbs at the lower end of the yoke on the outer edge thereof, the yielding guard-wire adjacent to said barb, and the fork pivoted to the lower end of the yoke on the inner faces thereof and carrying the poke.

2. An animal-poke consisting of the yoke, the fastening for securing the free ends of the yoke, the poke pivoted to the yoke, the barbs projecting from the lower portion of the yoke and the flexible wire guard above the barbs; whereby the barbs are prevented from inflicting injury to animals with which they may contact.

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

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