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Fig. 1.

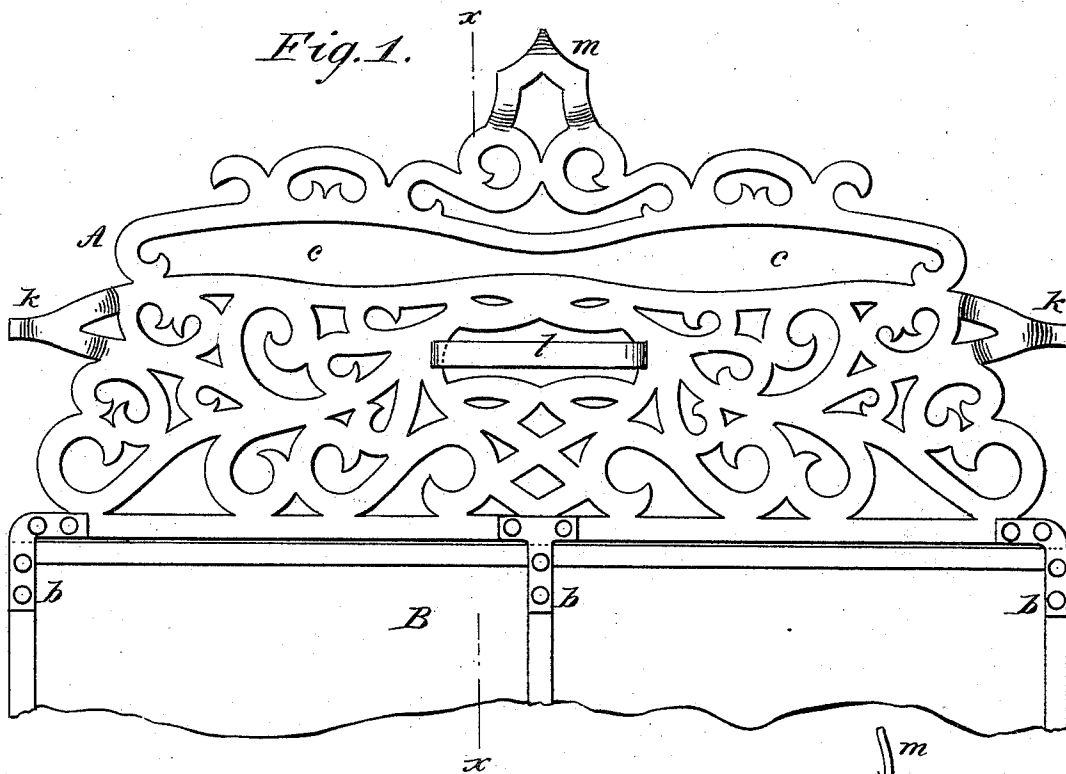
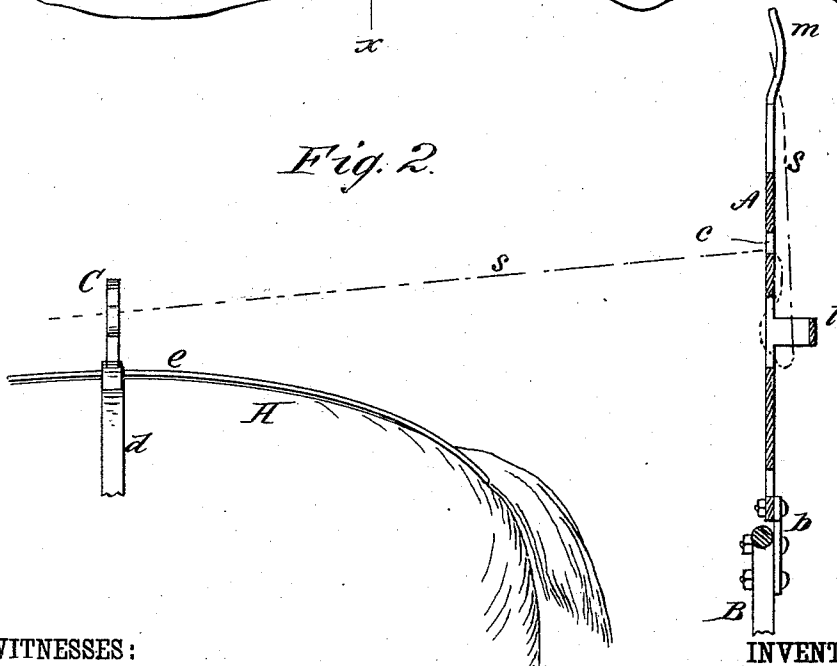


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNAH E. BUSSELL, of Nashua, in the county of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rein-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to what are known as "rein rests or holders," usually attached to the dash-boards of vehicles, and through and over which the reins are passed to prevent them from slipping down onto the back of the horse and becoming generally troublesome, and whereby facility is afforded for disposing of and securing the reins.

The invention consists in a novel construction and combination of parts in such rein holding and supporting devices, substantially as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents an inner face view of a rein-holder embodying my invention and as mounted on the dash-board (shown only in part) of a sleigh or carriage. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of said rein-holder upon the line *xx* in Fig. 1, and showing also in outline the rear portion of the horse by which the vehicle carrying the rein-holder is drawn; likewise, a rein elevator and guide carried by the harness of the horse, and further showing by dotted lines the reins as applied to the whole device.

A indicates the rein-holder proper, which may be made of any suitable material, and, to give it an ornamental appearance, of any suitable scroll or fanciful design. It is of any desired height or depth, and may be of or nearly of the length of the dash-board B, upon which it is mounted, and to which it is secured by metal straps *b*, the shape and points of attachment of which may be varied to suit different vehicles, and which may be attached by bolts and nuts to secure the rein-holder to the vehicle or its dash-board. Said rein-holder, regardless of its shape, design, or pat-

tern, is provided with an aperture, *c*, in or along its upper portion at a sufficient elevation to admit of the reins as they are passed through it being kept from the back of the horse, the reins also, as shown by the dotted line *s* in Fig. 2, being first entered down within and passed through a rein elevator and guide, C, carried by a portion, *d*, of the harness.

As the reins *s* are passed through the opening *c* in the rein-holder A, they are kept at a proper height from the back of the horse, free from that continual care on the part of the driver which is ordinarily necessary. On the opposite ends of said rein-holder A are curved projections *k k*, around which the reins may be placed, then passed through an inwardly-projecting central loop, *l*, and subsequently thrown over a curved projection, *m*, at the top of the holder, and which will serve as a fastener and prevent the reins from falling loosely into the vehicle, or, as sometimes happens, outside of the vehicle under the feet of the horse when the driver leaves the sleigh or carriage. Thus in case the horse takes fright the reins are safe and may be easily taken possession of by a party remaining inside of the vehicle.

The rein elevator and guide C it is my intention to make the subject of a separate application for Letters Patent. Such elevator and guide may, however, if desired, be dispensed with.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The rein-holder A, having an upper longitudinal opening, *c*, provided with rein-supporting end projections, *k k*, an inner projecting fixed central loop, *l*, and a projection, *m*, on the top of the holder, forming a fixed fastener for the reins, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes herein set forth.

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