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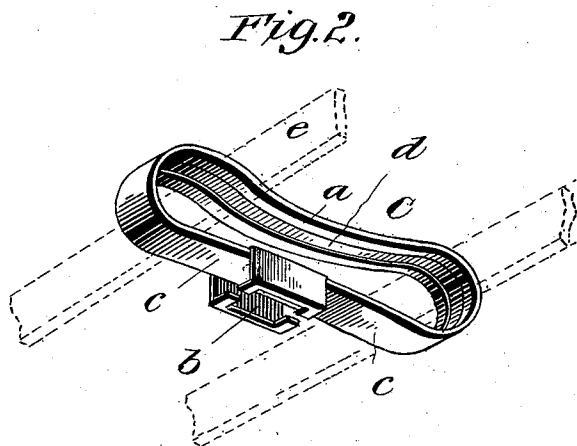
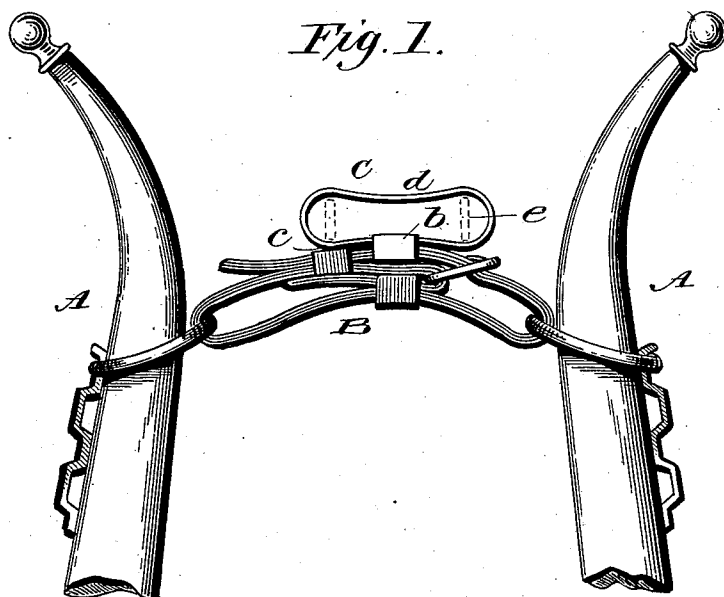


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIJAH D. STANSBURY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Plymouth, in the county of Marshall, State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Guide-Loops for Checkreins, of which the following is a specification.

It is a fact well known to horsemen that in the use of both double and single harness where collars and hames and breast-harness are used the checkrein is constantly becoming tangled with the hame-rings, the driving-reins, and about the hame-tips, and that the manes of the horses are cut and worn off in places where the constant rubbing of the checkrein upon the neck takes place. This tangling of the checkreins is extremely annoying to both the driver and the animal, and the wearing away of the mane at certain points not only renders the horse unsightly, but often leads to a gall or sore on the neck which is very difficult to cure while the animal is in use.

The object of my invention is to furnish an exceedingly cheap and simple device to support the checkrein and hold it under the mane and out of the way of parts of the harness with which it might become entangled, and at the same time to produce a device through which the checkrein will freely slide; and my invention consists in a loop of certain construction to be connected to the upper hame-strap or shoulder-strap and through which the checkreins are to be passed.

The accompanying drawings illustrate, in Figure 1, a pair of hames with my invention applied to the strap which connects the upper ends thereof. Fig. 2 is a modification. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of my guide-loop.

The hames are indicated by the letter A, the strap at the upper ends by B, and my guide and protector by C. This guide is preferably, although not necessarily, formed of sheet metal of proper width and having the

edges doubled over upon the inside of the loop, as at *a*, and a loop *b* for the strap is either formed integrally with the guide or attached thereto. From the loop the body portion of the guide is curved downward at opposite sides (at *c*) to engage the strap by sufficient friction to prevent the loop from sliding too freely, and the central portion of the upper part of the guide is bent downward at *d* to assist in holding the two members of the checkrein in proper position.

The checkrein is designated by the letter *e*.

When my guide and protector has been applied to the hame-strap, it need not be removed when the harness is taken from the horse, but is a permanent part of the harness.

The device may be made of wire instead of sheet metal, and instead of the loop *b* being a closed loop it may consist of inwardly-extending fingers to inclose the strap, and could thus be applied without unbuckling the strap from the hames.

My guide is extremely simple, can be manufactured at a small cost, and serves a very useful purpose.

What I desire to secure by Letters Patent and claim is—

A guide-loop for checkreins, comprising a closed loop formed from sheet metal with the edges of the blank turned inward to provide smooth edges, a strap-loop secured under the guide-loop and at right angles thereto, said guide-loop being bent downward at opposite sides of the strap-loop to bear upon the strap to prevent shifting, the top of the guide-loop being centrally depressed to prevent the checkreins from crossing, said guide-loop being attached to the upper hame-strap, substantially as described.

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