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Fig. 1.

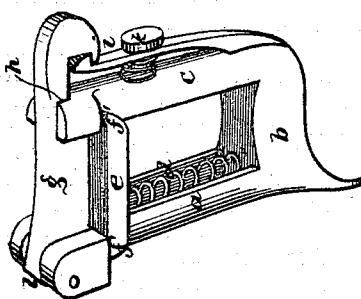
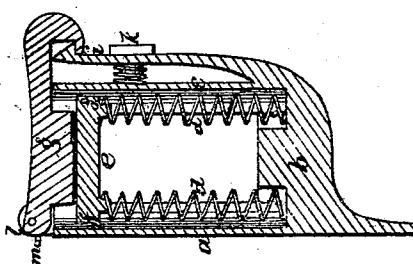


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HOLDERS FOR REINS FOR HARNESS.

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I, TURNER BYRD, Jr., of Williamsville, Cass county, Michigan, have invented an Improved Rein-Holder, of which the following is a specification—

Figure 1 of the drawing being a perspective view, and Fig. 2 a sectional elevation.

This invention relates to a mechanism intended to be secured in any convenient position upon the saddle of a harness or the back-band, and so contrived as to receive and hold reins, halters, &c.

Referring to the drawing, *a* is the frame of the line-holder, the same being provided with holes through which to pass the screws that fasten it to the saddle, said frame having an offset, *b*, standing horizontally from near its lower end, from the outer extremity of which offsetsprings a standard, *c*, which standard, and also the frame *a*, is grooved lengthwise of its inner side, spiral springs *d* being placed within said grooves, resting on which springs is a block, *e*, that has a tongue, *f*, at each end extending into the grooves above the springs *d*, and also has tongues *f'*, at each end, which extend outside of the frame *a* and standard *c*, by all of which tongues the block *e* is guided as it travels up and down. A latch, *g*, is jointed at one end to the top

of the frame *a*, there being a groove, *h*, in the top of the standard *c* to receive said latch when it comes down. To the outside of the standard *c* is secured a spring-catch, *i*, over the end of which the latch *g* catches as it is turned down, said latch being, by said catch, held fast. The line is placed upon the block *e* when the latch is up. On turning the latch down till caught by the catch *i* the latch gripes the line between itself and the block *e* and holds the line firmly. On releasing the latch by pressing inward on the plate *k*, which is secured to the outside of the catch *i*, the latch is forced upward by the recoil of the springs *d*. The latch has a tooth, *l*, at its base, which tooth, after being forced past a bar, *m*, that is fastened to the frame *a* in rear of the latch, prevents the latter from falling by reason of the catching of the tooth against the bar.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the frame *a*, standard *c*, springs *d*, block *e*, latch *g*, and catch *i*, as specified.

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