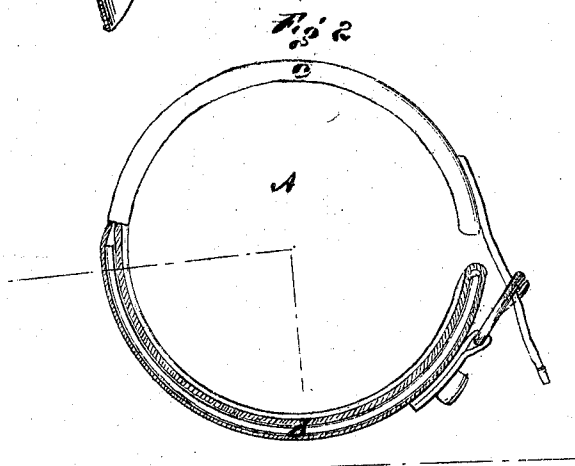
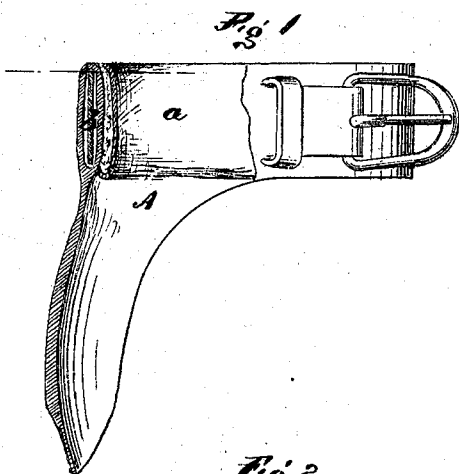


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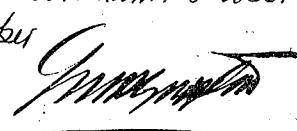
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IMPROVEMENT IN INTERFERING-BOOTS FOR HORSES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM D. WESTBROOK, of Astoria, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Interfering-Boot; and that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon making a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to construct an interfering-boot for horses in such manner as will prevent the boot from turning when affixed in position on the horse. The invention consists in inserting in the boot a pliable piece of metal, in the manner hereinafter fully described.

In the accompanying sheet of drawing, Figure 1 represents a side view of my boot, partly in section; and Fig. 2, a plan view of the same, partly in section.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the two figures.

The difficulty attending the use of interfering-boots heretofore has been that when struck by the interfering-foot of the horse the shield part of the boot would be knocked away from that part of the horse's leg that needed protection and leave it exposed to injury. It is believed that my invention fully meets this difficulty, as will be seen from the following description.

A represents an India-rubber interfering-boot provided with the ordinary buckle and strap. Into the collar *a* of the boot, or that part thereof which embraces the horse's leg, is inserted a pliable piece of metal, or stiffener, *b*. This piece of metal may extend but half way or entirely around the collar *a*, leaving the other half *c* of said collar, to which the strap is attached, flexible, if desired, (see Fig. 2;) and it may be secured to the collar by vulcanization, or it may be stitched or riveted in place.

To apply the boot constructed as above described it is simply necessary to bend that part of the collar having the pliable metal inserted therein to an angle more or less acute, strap the boot in place in the usual manner, and it will be found that the angle thus formed will catch into the inequalities in the horse's leg and effectually prevent the boot from turning or being forced from position.

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

The combination of an India-rubber interfering-boot with a pliable metallic stiffening, as and for the purposes hereinbefore described.

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