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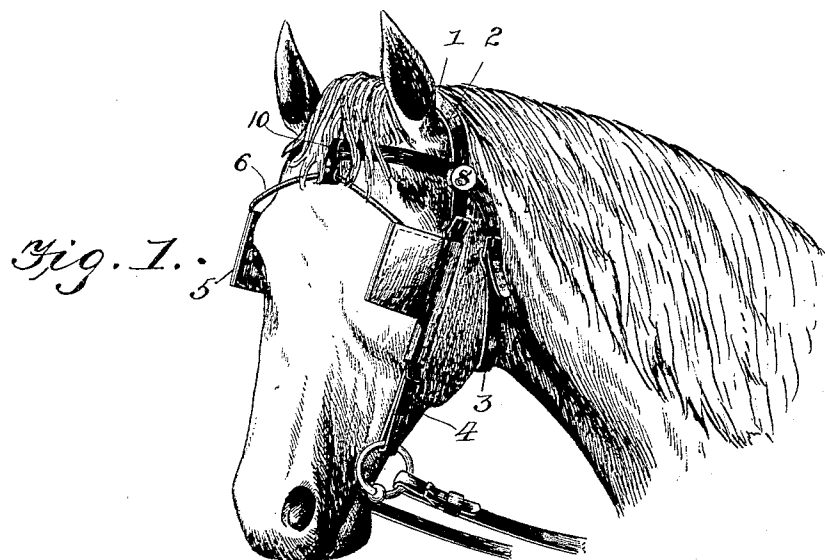


Fig. 2.

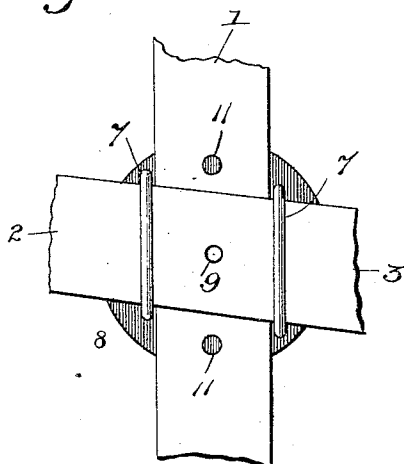
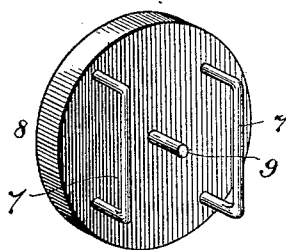


Fig. 3.



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HARNESS HEAD-GEAR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD G. SYLVESTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Thornton, in the county of Cerro Gordo and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Harness Head-Gear, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to head-gear for horses, and aims to provide a bridle or halter which will be neat, attractive, durable, and capable of being cheaply constructed, and combine strength and a minimum amount of material in its construction.

Other objects and advantages are contemplated and will become apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood; and to this end the improvement consists in certain details of construction, novel features, and peculiar combinations of parts, which hereinafter will be more particularly described, illustrated, and finally claimed.

In the accompanying drawings is illustrated an embodiment of the invention, although various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a detail view showing the invention applied. Fig. 2 is a detail view of a rosette, showing portions of the head-stall and brow-band connected therewith. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the rosette.

The same reference-numerals indicate similar and corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings, and in the latter 1 denotes the head-stall, 2 the brow-band, 3 the throat-latch, 4 the cheek-straps, 5 the blinkers, and 6 the blinker-brace, being well-known parts of a bridle and arranged in the ordinary manner.

The brow-band and throat-latch form parts of a single continuous strap, which latter passes through loops 7 on the rear side of the rosettes 8. The head-stall has its end portions buckled to the upper ends of the cheek-straps and is disposed to pass between the loops 7 between the rosettes and that portion of the brow-band strap passing through the

loops 7 and coming opposite to the rosettes. A stud or prong 9, centrally disposed with respect to the rosettes and located on the same side with the loops 7, passes through the head-stall and brow-band at the point of crossing and holds them in fixed relation after being properly adjusted. The blinker-brace 6 is connected with the brow-band by means of a loop 10.

Each rosette is constructed in any desired and approved manner, and is provided on its rear side with loops 7, which extend in parallelism and at such a distance apart as to admit of the end portion of the head-stall passing between them. The stud or prong 9 is placed midway between the loops 7 and occupies a central position relative to the rosette, so as to engage with the crossing straps at a middle point, as clearly indicated in Fig. 2. The stud and loops may be secured to the rosette in any convenient and substantial manner, so as to attain the desired end in a satisfactory and economical way.

In assembling the parts the end portions of the head-stall are fitted between the loops 7 of the respective rosettes and the strap forming the brow-band and throat-latch is passed through the loops 7 over the head-stall, so as to retain the latter in place, and after being properly positioned it is engaged with the stud or prong 9 of each rosette. The head-stall is formed with a series of openings 11 to be adjustably connected with the rosettes and with the cheek-straps, thereby adapting the halter for different-sized horses. The parallel loops 7 are set the one slightly in advance of the other, so as to cause the straps to cross each other at a slight departure from a right angle, whereby the throat-latch is deflected in the rear of the head-stall and the brow-band is given the proper set.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

In a harness head-gear, the combination with the head-stall, and a strap forming the brow-band and throat-latch and crossing the head-stall at a slight departure from a right angle, of a rosette, parallel loops spaced apart and secured to the rosette the one in advance of the other, one of the said straps passing be-

tween the parallel loops and the other strap
extending over the first-mentioned strap and
passing through the loops, and a stud secured
about centrally to the rosette and passing
5 through corresponding openings in the cross-
ing straps, substantially as and for the pur-
pose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in
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