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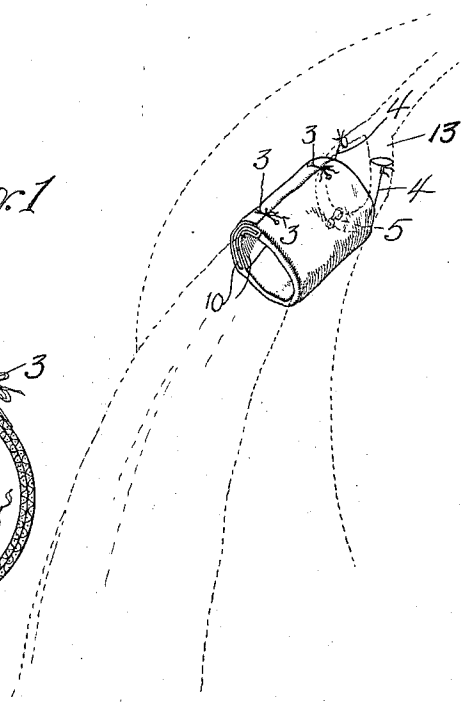
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Fig. 1



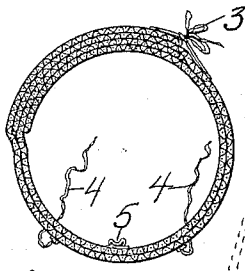


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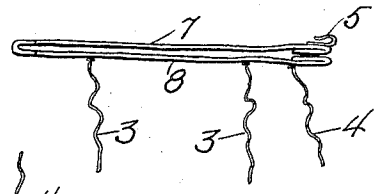
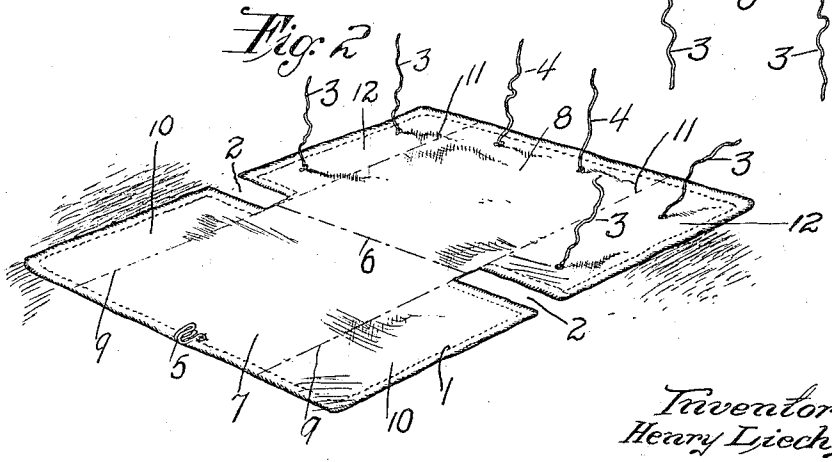


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY LIECHTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Horsetail-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates, generally, to improvements in means for preventing defilement of a horse's tail by excrement, and has more particular reference to a device, in the nature of a bandage, to be attached to a horse's tail, near the base thereof, for the purpose indicated.

The object of the invention is to provide such a device, adapted particularly for use on fine blooded or race horses, which will be extremely simple in construction, which is thoroughly practical and efficacious in use, and which may be easily and quickly applied and removed.

With this object in view, and others appearing as the specification proceeds and the nature of the invention more fully develops, the invention resides in a bandage of flexible material, such as a textile blank or sheet, formed in a peculiar manner and folded in a particular way, and provided with means for securing it to a portion of the harness of the horse,—specifically the tail strap.

The invention resides, furthermore, in certain refinements and felicities of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, going to make up the ultimate perfection of the device, as an entirety.

The drawing discloses an exemplary construction, capable of carrying out the underlying principles of the invention. Like reference characters denote corresponding parts in the several views. Briefly described:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bandage in use on the tail of a horse, the horse's tail and tail strap of the harness being shown in dotted lines,

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the blank before folding and rolling into tubular form,

Fig. 3 is a side view in elevation of the blank after being folded along the dotted line 6 in Fig. 2, and

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view of the holder in operative position.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by numerals:

The device comprises a blank of suitable flexible material, such as a textile, preferably rectangular in outline, and hemmed and stitched along its edges, as shown at 1, and desirably provided at its sides, intermediate the ends thereof, with cut-away portions 2, 2 to facilitate folding of the blank for use. The cut-away portions 2, 2 permit the blank to be folded along the dotted lines 9, 9 and 11, 11, which folded portions constitute flaps 10, 10 and 12, 12.

The blank is provided with suitable fastening means such as tabs 3, 3 and 4, 4, the tabs 3, 3, being secured to the blank at the side edges thereof between one end of the blank and the notches 2, 2, and the tabs 4, 4 being secured along the edge of said end of the blank.

At the edge of the other end of the blank is disposed a suitable fastening member which may be rigid, and preferably comprising a hook 5, for a purpose hereinafter appearing.

In use, the blank is folded centrally along the dotted line 6, forming two superposed sections 7 and 8. In this position of the parts the section 7 is folded along the dotted lines 9, 9, forming flaps 10, 10, which overlap.

The section 8 is then centrally folded along the dotted lines 11, 11, forming flaps 12, 12, which likewise overlap, as shown in Fig. 1.

The device thus folded is then bent into tubular form, as shown in Fig. 1, and the side tabs 3, 3, are tied, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, so as to secure the device in such folded position. In order to secure the device on the tail against longitudinal movement thereon, the fastening members 4, 4 may be conveniently tied to the tail strap 13 of the harness and the hook 5 engaged with said tail strap, as shown in Fig. 1, thereby holding the bandage securely on the tail of the horse.

In compliance with the revised statutes of the United States, I have described with great particularity one form of the embodiment of my invention, it being understood that the device is capable of modification

within the scope of the appended claim, without departing from the spirit of the invention or necessarily sacrificing any of its advantages.

What I claim to be new is:

A device for use on a horse's tail comprising a bandage of flexible material rolled into tubular form and adapted to inclose the horse's tail near the base thereof, said bandage carrying flexible fastening means adapted to secure the bandage in such tubular form, and said bandage carrying also flexible means and a rigid fastening member adapted to secure the bandage to a portion of the harness of a horse.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

HENRY LIECHTY.