

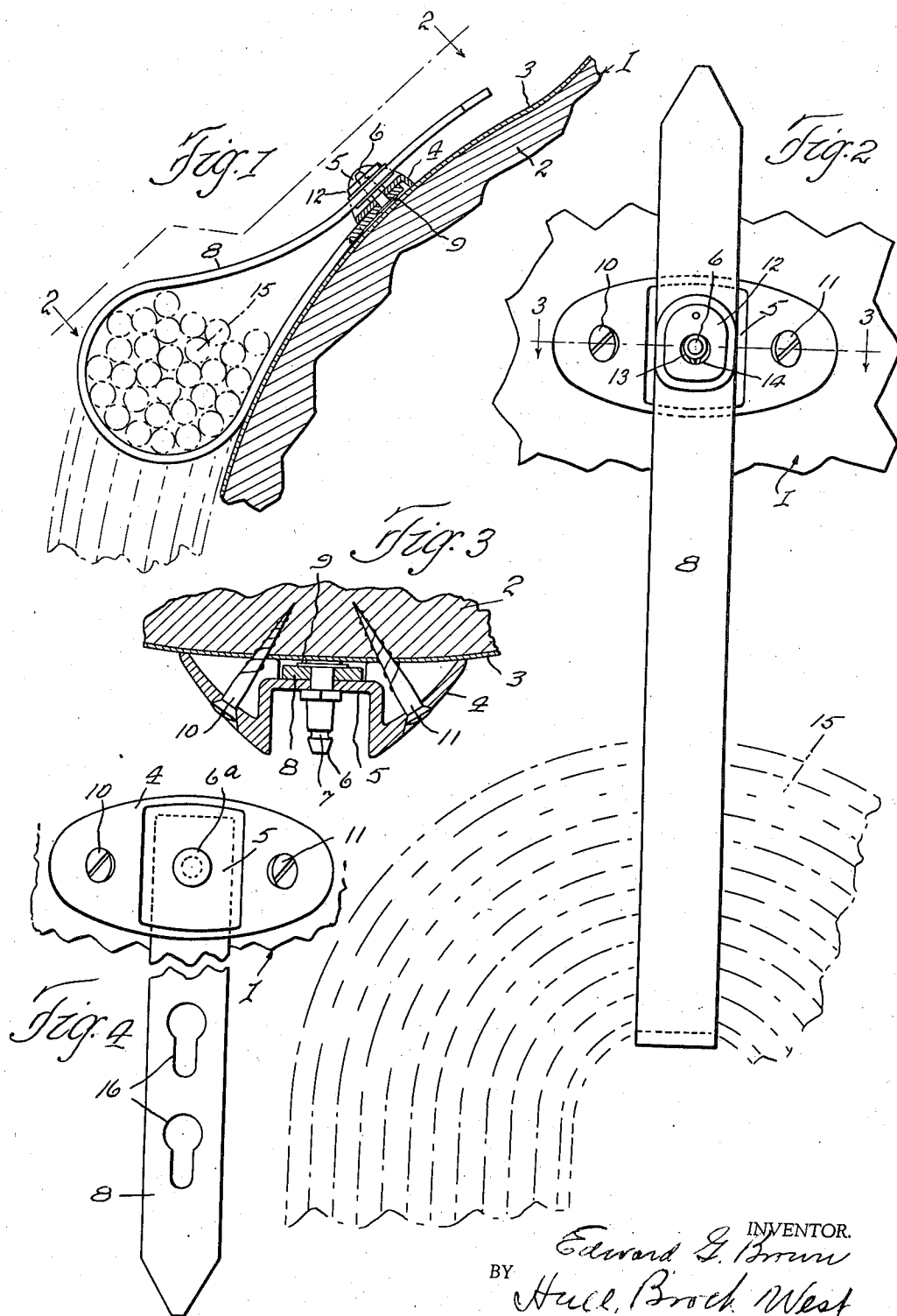
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This invention relates to a lariat holder which is adapted for attachment to a saddle and which is used by cowboys, ranchers and stockmen, it being the general practice for such men to carry a lariat or throw rope on their saddle, which is used to capture cattle or other stock.

The main object of the invention is to provide a lariat holder for use on a saddle which is so designed and constructed that the lariat may be supported in a loop and yet be readily accessible by merely pulling on the free end of the strap which supports the lariat.

A further object of the invention is to provide a lariat holder which is simple and sturdy in construction and which is so shaped and designed as to present a smooth and unobstructed surface when the lariat is in use.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a lariat holder which consists essentially of a base plate and a strap which has a snap fastener thereon and which is well adapted for quantity production at low cost.

Further and more limited objects of the invention will appear as the description proceeds and by reference to the accompanying drawing in which Fig. 1 is a view partly in section and partly in elevation showing my improved lariat holder attached to a saddle of the western type; Fig. 2 is an elevation on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3-3 of Fig. 2 and Fig. 4 is a top plan view disclosing a slightly modified form of my invention.

Referring now to the drawing, the reference character 1 designates generally a saddle of the stock or western type and which has a body portion 2 formed of wood and covered with a layer of leather indicated by the reference character 3. The lariat holder proper consists essentially of a base member 4 which is preferably in the form of a casting of light material and which is shaped in section as shown most clearly in Fig. 3. The base member 4 has provided therein a transversely extending notch or cut-out portion 5. Disposed within the notch 5 is a stud 6 which has therein a groove 7. Secured to the base member 4 is a strap 8 which is held in place by the stud or rivet 6 and the washer 9. The base plate is secured to the saddle by means of a pair of wood screws indicated by the reference characters 10 and 11. The base plate is somewhat ellipsoidal in shape and curves upwardly from the edges thereof toward the notch. The base plate is secured to the saddle adjacent the front fork thereof to the right of the horn of the saddle so as to be readily accessible.

Carried by the strap adjacent the free end thereof is a fastening element which is well known to those skilled in the art and which is sold under the trade name "Lift the Dot". This fastening element is indicated by the numeral 12 and includes a pair of spring members 13 and 14 which engage in the groove 7 in the stud 6 when in the secured position. These spring members frictionally engage in the groove and to release the strap, it is only necessary to pull on the free end of the strap. The rope or lariat is supported in the strap in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the reference character 15 designating the several coils of the same. The base member is so shaped and designed that it will fit smoothly against that portion of the saddle where the rope is to be carried and the outer surface thereof is curved so as to permit the rope itself, the bridle reins or other objects which might come in contact with the saddle to slip over the sides thereof, thereby to protect the stud or fastening means which secures the strap in place.

In Fig. 4 there is disclosed a slightly modified form of my invention which is identical with the form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, except that the stud 6 is replaced by a stud 6^a which is generally circular in shape and has a somewhat enlarged head. The end of the strap is provided with two or more openings 16 which are shaped as shown most clearly in Fig. 4. The circular portions of these openings are approximately the same size as the head of the stud and the narrow portions thereof are somewhat smaller so that the strap may be positioned over the stud and then pulled downwardly to secure it in place. To release the strap, it is merely necessary to pull on the free end thereof.

It will now be clear that I have provided a lariat holder which will accomplish the objects of the invention as hereinbefore stated, and which will prevent the strap from becoming accidentally unfastened, resulting in the loss of the rope or lariat. Due to the shape and contour of the base member, there are no projections thereon which would interfere with the free movement of the lariat when a catch has been made. When the rope is in use and a catch has been made, the rope is tied or snubbed to the horn of the saddle. With a heavy animal struggling at the rope's end, the saddle is frequently swept by the taut rope, and any small projecting part is very likely to be torn off bodily.

It is of course to be understood that various changes may be made in the shape and design of the base plate, as well as in the particular fasten-

ing means without departing from the spirit of my invention as the embodiments of the invention herein disclosed are to be considered merely as illustrative and not in a limiting sense as the invention is limited only in accordance with the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. The combination with a saddle, of a lariat holder secured thereto and comprising a base member having a transverse notch therein, a strap in the form of a loop having one end secured to said base member and its opposite end detachably secured in said notch and frictionally held therein so as to be readily detachable by pulling on the free end of said strap.

2. The combination with a saddle, of a lariat holder secured thereto and comprising a base member having a transverse notch therein, a strap in the form of a loop having one end secured to said base member and its opposite end detachably secured in said notch and frictionally held therein so as to be readily detachable by pulling on the free end of said strap, said fastening means being disposed wholly within said notch and said base member curving upwardly from the edges thereof toward said notch so as to present a smooth unobstructed surface when the lariat is in use.

3. The combination with a saddle, of a lariat holder secured thereto and comprising a base member having a transverse notch therein, a strap in the form of a loop having one end secured to one side of said base member and its opposite end disposed within said notch, a stud disposed within said notch, the free end of said strap having an eye therein frictionally engaging said stud and removable therefrom by pulling on the free end of said strap.

4. The combination with a saddle, of a lariat holder secured to said saddle and comprising a base member having a transverse notch therein, a strap in the form of a loop adapted to receive and support the coiled lariat and having one end secured to said saddle and its opposite end detachably secured in said notch so as to be read-

ily released by pulling on the free end of said strap.

5. A lariat holder comprising a base member adapted for attachment to a saddle and having a transverse channel formed therein, a strap in the form of a loop adapted to receive the lariat therein and having one end secured to said base member and its opposite end detachably secured in said channel and frictionally held therein.

6. A lariat holder comprising a base member adapted for attachment to a saddle and having a transverse channel formed therein, a strap in the form of a loop adapted to receive the lariat therein and having one end secured to said base member and its opposite end detachably secured in said channel and frictionally held therein, said channel being slightly deeper than the thickness of said strap and said base member being smooth and curving from the edges thereof toward said channel so as to present a smooth unobstructed surface when the lariat is in use.

7. A lariat holder comprising a base member adapted for attachment to a saddle and having a transverse cut-out portion therein, a snap fastener disposed within said cut-out portion, a strap in the form of a loop adapted to receive the lariat therein and having one end secured to said base member and its opposite end extending through said cut-out portion and frictionally held by said snap fastener so as to be readily detachable by pulling on the free end of said strap.

8. A lariat holder comprising a base member adapted for attachment to a saddle and having a transverse notch therein, a stud secured within said notch, a strap in the form of a loop adapted to receive the lariat therein and having one end permanently secured to said base member and having an eyelet in the opposite end thereof frictionally engaging over said stud, the fastening means lying wholly within said notch and within the contour of said base member and said base member curving from the edges thereof toward said notch and presenting a smooth unobstructed surface when the lariat is in use.

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