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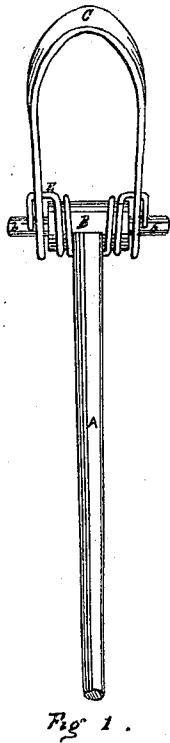


Fig. 1.

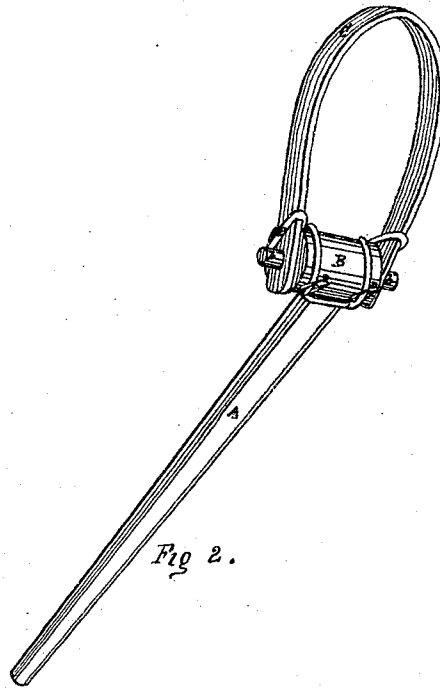


Fig. 2.

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SPECIFICATION.

I, BURTON E. BLAKSLEE, of Medina, in the county of Medina and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Horse and Cattle Poke, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to certain improvements in the construction of a poke for horses and cattle, as set forth in the following description.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a front view. Fig. 2 is perspective view.

A represents a stale, to the upper end of which is attached a head, B, which has a mortise through it. The stale A has a tenon fitting into said mortise, thus firmly securing them together. The head B is round, being turned in a lathe, and having projections or pins *b b*, on which are placed the bow C. In the lower side of the head B are firmly fixed spikes D D, which point toward the rear. E is a spring, made of wire of suitable strength, which is wound two or three times around the head each side of the stale, the central part passing around under the stale, and being secured to it by a staple or other suitable means. The ends of the wire are bent in the form of hooks E E, and are passed around the bow, forming a bearing for the bow to operate the spring, and also

serving to hold the bow on the pins *b b* of the head B, thus avoiding the necessity of keys or pins for that purpose.

The operation of the above-described poke is as follows: By turning the stale A up against the bow C, the hook E on one side may be sprung over the bow, when the bow may be sprung off from the pin *b*, and spread open so as to pass it over the neck of the animal, the stale being in an upright position by the side of the neck of the animal; then the bow is replaced on the pin *b*, and the hook again sprung over the bow. The stale is then dropped down in its natural position, the spikes D D being on the under side, and pointing toward the animal, which, in case the stale strikes against any obstruction by the rolling motion of the head B, causes the spikes D D to pierce the flesh.

I claim—

The spring E, arranged as herein described, with relation to the bow C and head B *b b* of stale A, provided with spikes D D, whereby the bow is held in place without other fastening, but is detachable, as and for the purpose set forth.

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