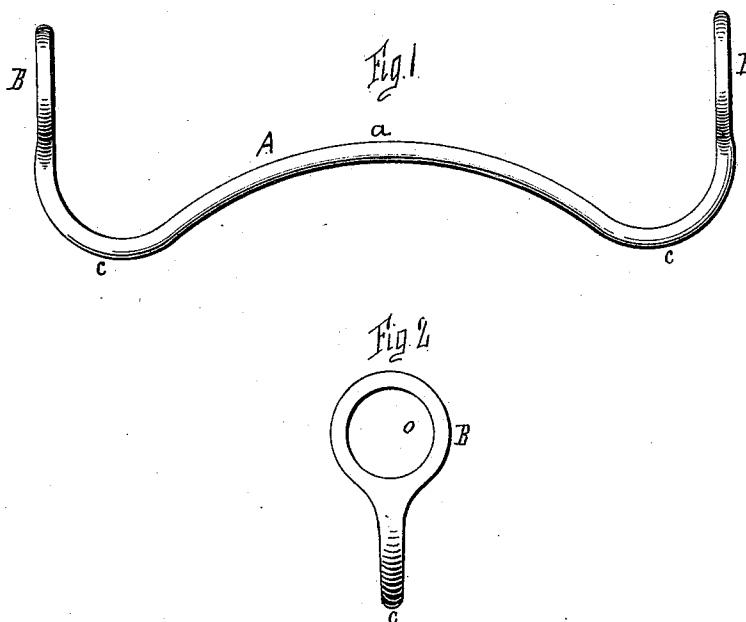


(No Model.)

B. T. HENRY.
Check Bit.

No. 229,886.

Patented July 13, 1880.



Witnesses

George P. Salisbury
Earl Brown

Inventor

B. Tyler Henry
by Geo. Perry, Atty

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

B. TYLER HENRY, OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

CHECK-BIT.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 229,886, dated July 13, 1880.

Application filed June 5, 1880. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, B. TYLER HENRY, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new, useful, and Improved Check-Bit, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a bit that is to be used solely for the purpose of checking the horse and together with a reining-bit.

The invention consists in making the bit in one piece, and in so forming it that a pull on the check-strap makes the curved mouth-piece of the bit touch the gums of the horse's mouth on the inside rather than on their under side, and between the front and back teeth.

In the drawings, which I hereby make a part of the specification, Figure 1 is a view of the bit, and Fig. 2 a view of one of its ends, showing one of the rings to which the check-straps are attached.

To enable others to make my improved bit so as to operate in the manner contemplated, I will describe it in detail.

A, Fig. 1, is the bit, made in one piece. The mouth-piece *a* is curved in the manner shown, the curvature being in the same plane with the end pieces, B B, and sufficient to make those parts of the mouth-piece under the gums touch the gums of the horse's mouth on their inside rather than on their under side before the curved lip parts *c c* pull on his lips.

B, Fig. 2, is one of the like ends of the bit, having the ring *o* formed on it, into which the

check-strap is buckled. These like ends of the bit extend above the highest point in the curved mouth-piece *a*, so that when the bit is suspended by the check-straps it will hang in a vertical position, the curved parts *c c* being the lowest parts.

Constructed and formed as above described, the bit operates on the gums of the horse's mouth when the check-straps pull on the bit, leaving his lips in their proper shape.

My improved bit operates in the best manner, and is intended to be used with that kind of check-strap which passes over the horse's neck, between his ears, over his forehead, and, being divided, passes to the rings of the bit, commonly called "overdraw-check."

Having described my improved bit and the manner of its operation, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The improved check-bit herein described, consisting of the curved mouth-piece *a*, curved lip parts *c c*, and like end pieces, B B, all arranged in one and the same plane, the end pieces, B B, extending above the highest point in the mouth-piece *a* and having the rings *o*, the bit being constructed in one piece and formed to operate in the manner described, as shown and set forth.

B. TYLER HENRY.

Witnesses:

GEORGE TERRY,
GEORGE P. SALISBURY.