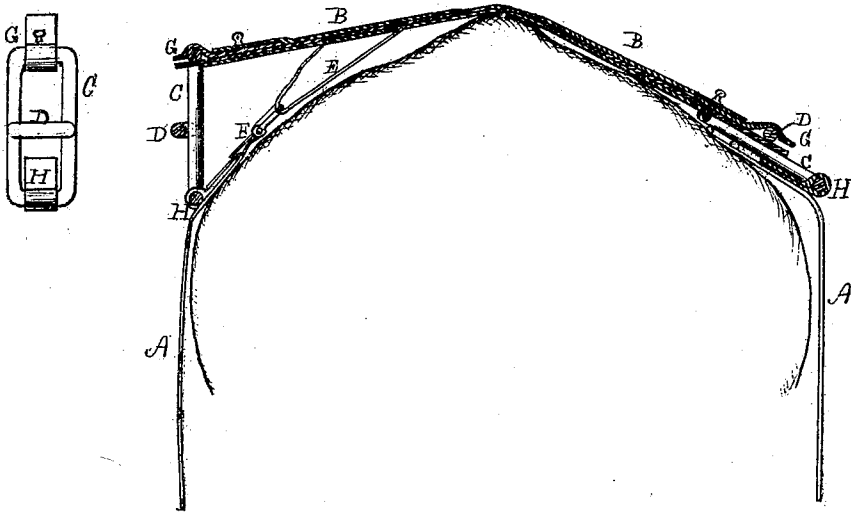
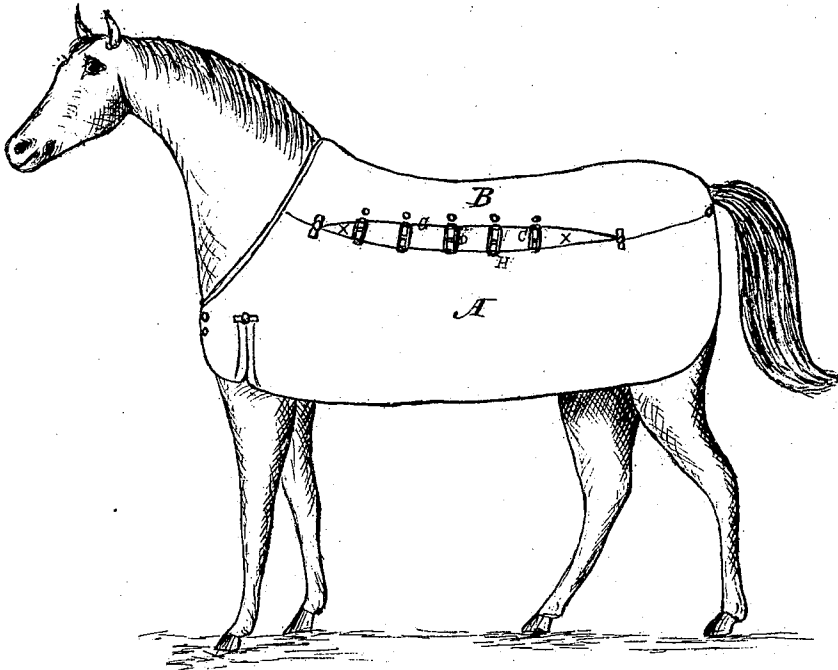


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Horse Cover.

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IMPROVED VENTILATED HORSE-COVER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

Be it known that I, CHARLES P. EAGER, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Ventilated Horse-Cover, of which the following, with the accompanying drawing, is a correct description.

Figure 1 is a side view of the cover on a horse.

Figure 2 is a section of the cover on a horse.

Figure 3 is a view of my link and connections.

My invention consists of a means for raising a portion of the cover for purposes of ventilation, and of lowering the same, and of confining the same in position up or down, and of the cover when supplied with these means.

A constitutes the part of the cover on the sides of the horse.

B, the part on the back.

xx is an opening between the back or top and sides.

C is a metallic link, with a cross-bar, D.

This link is firmly fastened to the upper edge of the side cover by means of a hinge-strap, H, which is riveted to the side cover.

The strap H passes round the lower end of the link C, so that the link will turn freely up and down.

G is an open spring hinge-strap, or clasp, riveted to the lower edge of the top cover.

When the link C is turned up, its upper end can be forced in between the two leaves of the clasp G, and will there be held tight until released by the hand.

E is a band or strap, which may be elastic, fastened to the top cover near its middle, and

F is a buckle fastened to the side cover, to which the band E is attached, as desired.

These bands E may pass over the back of the horse

without being attached to the top cover, and the top cover may be entirely separated from the side covers. The top cover is made to project over the upper edges of the side covers.

The operation is this:

The cover being placed on the horse, when ventilation is desired the links C are turned up and their tops forced into the mouths of the clasps G, thus raising the top cover. At other times, as desired, the links are released from the jaws of the clasps and turned down on the back of the horse, when the clasps are forced to take into their jaws the cross-bars D of the links C, thus holding down the cover on the horse's back.

The side covers may be dispensed with, provided the bands pass round the body of the animal, to which bands the hinge-clasps H may be fastened, and in this way the top cover only may be used; or the side cover may be made in strips for this purpose. The cover may be used on the neck as well as body of the animal,

What I claim is—

1. The horse-cover when made with adjustable ventilation, substantially as described.

2. The devices, substantially as described, for raising and lowering, in combination with the top and sides of the cover, when arranged to operate as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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