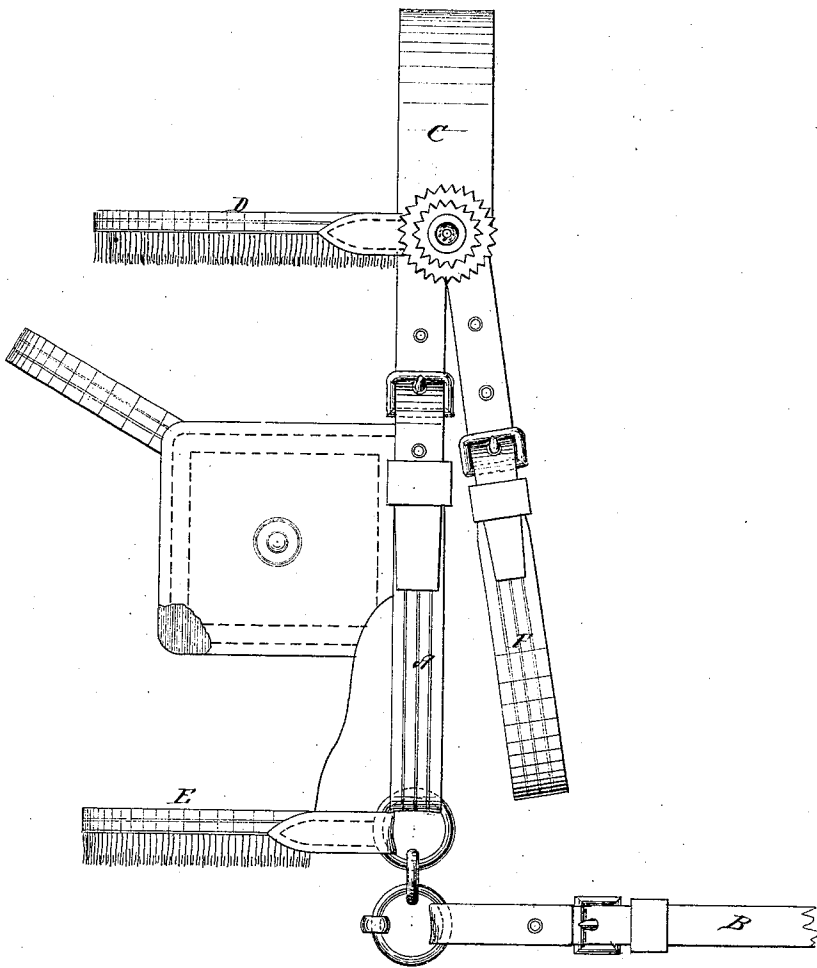


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IMPROVEMENT IN BRIDLES FOR HARNESS.

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

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, GEORGE HORTER, of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Plantation-Bridles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which the drawing is a side elevation.

This invention consists in making the headstall, check-rein, or any other part of a common plantation-bridle which can be so made, of webbing, instead of leather, for the purpose of combining durability and cheapness.

The invention also consists in making the blinder of a common plantation-bridle with a trunk-board, pasteboard, or felt foundation, and a covering of enameled cloth, or leather, or splits.

In the drawing is shown a bridle, having the cheek-piece A, check-rein B, crown-piece C, front piece D, nose-band E, and throat-latch F, all formed of webbing, or other cheap material other than leather.

The blinder is constructed with a foundation of trunk-board, pasteboard, split, or felt, and a covering of enameled muslin, drill, duck, leather, hog-skin, or splits, bound on the edges with the same or equivalent material.

Before the late war, a patent for this invention would hardly have been asked, as not only was leather

less costly by half than it is now, but there was no particular demand for a very cheap article, owing to the fact that the race of planters in the South was mainly of the "large" and wealthy order. Of late years, however, a great many "small" planters have sprung up from among the poor whites and freedmen, whose means are extremely limited; and to men of this class I propose to furnish a strong and durable bridle at about half the cost of the cheapest leather one.

I am aware that headstalls for halters have been made of webbing, and I therefore wish it to be understood that I lay no claim to such invention; but

Having fully described my invention,

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A blinder-bridle having the cheek-pieces A, brow-band D, nose-strap E, and throat-latch F made of webbing, and all constructed as and for the purpose specified.

2. In a plantation-bridle, a blinder made with a foundation of trunk-board, pasteboard, split, or felt, and a covering of enameled cloth or leather, substantially as described.

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