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Fig. 1.

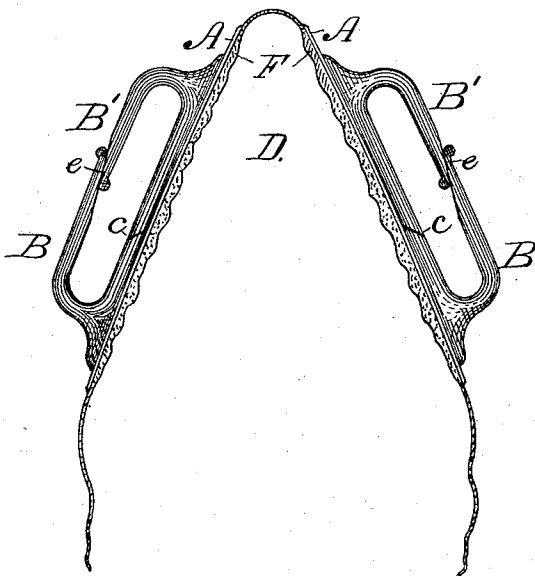
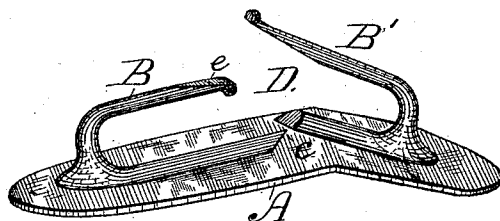


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TÉLESPHORE DESJARDINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Burlington, in the county of Chittenden and State of Vermont, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rein-Supports; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My improvement relates to rein-holders; and it consists of a metallic support in two parts, forming a kind of double-hook, in combination with a flexible pad or its equivalent device, whereby the two parts are held together, more particularly as hereinafter described.

The particular object of my invention is its application to the neck band or strap of what is known as a "breast-collar," to each side of the same near the top, as a support on each side for the reins, in front of the terrets on the saddle-pad for the purpose of preventing the reins from falling under the ends of the shafts or tongue. It may also be used, by a proper construction of the saddle-pad, in place of the terrets themselves.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is an end elevation of a neck-strap with my form of rein-support applied on each side near the top, and Fig. 2 a perspective view of a pad bent so as to show clearly the two parts of the device and its manner of operation.

In the drawings, A is a pad made of suitable material, and pliable and flexible, and having secured thereto by means of burr-rivets or other fastening two separate hooks, B and B', B having the shorter base, and B' the longer one, which together form a rein-support, D. The parts B and B' meet at the base at the point *c*, and to produce a close fit when

pressed together are suitably beveled. The opposite ends of the support are also designed to meet and be held together at *e*, the point where the rein is inserted, so that at that point the parts are also properly beveled, as shown, to make a smooth close connection.

Pads A, with the supports D secured thereto, as above described, are attached to the neck-strap F, near the top thereof, and one on each side. The reins are inserted within the support at the point *e*, the parts yielding and separating for that purpose.

It is believed that the stiffness of the neck-strap will always exert a sufficient pressure against the flexible pad A to keep the parts of the support together and closed and hold the rein securely in place; but if at any time such pressure is insufficient a spring may be applied to the under side of the pad at one end to aid in keeping the supporter closed.

By the use of my invention in some cases terrets can be dispensed with, or my supporters may be used in place of terrets, if flexible pads be employed in connection therewith.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A rein-support consisting of two parts forming a closed loop when in place, the base ends of which overlap, and thereby adapted to engage each other and be held together, in combination with a suitable flexible support, substantially as described.

2. A rein-support consisting of the two sectional loops B and B', both loops having their upper and base ends beveled and overlapping to form close joints, in combination with a flexible pad, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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