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Check-Hooks.

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Fig. 1.

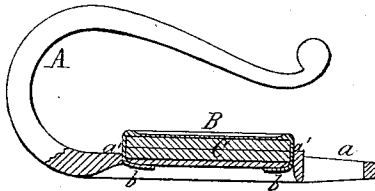


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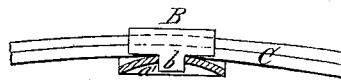


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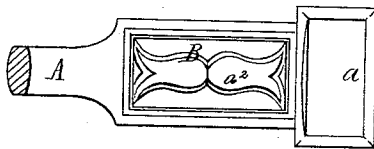


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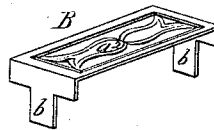
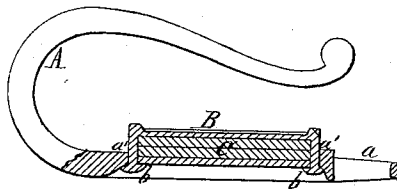


Fig. 5.



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JAMES THORNTON, OF WELLSVILLE, ASSIGNOR OF ONE-FOURTH HIS RIGHT
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IMPROVEMENT IN CHECK-HOOKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES THORNTON, of Wellsville, in the county of Allegany and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Rein or Check Hooks, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a peculiar construction of check-hook, provided with a staple-clamp, by which the hook is readily secured to the "bearer" or supporting-strap without perforating or weakening the same.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional elevation; Fig. 2, a sectional plan; Fig. 3, a cross-section; Fig. 4, a perspective view of the clamping-staple detached. Fig. 5 is a view showing the staple of cast malleable iron.

Like letters of reference designate like parts in each of the figures.

A is the rein-hook proper, provided with the ordinary loop *a* at the rear for the connection of the back-strap, and with holes *a'* for the prongs or rivets of the staple B. This staple may be made by stamping it out of sheet metal, by which operation any suitable ornamental design may be embossed on

the upper side of the body thereof, as shown at *a''*. *b* are the prongs or rivets of the staple, and C the bearer or strap to which the hook is to be secured. This is accomplished by passing the staple over the strap, and inserting the prongs or spurs *b* through the holes *a'* of the hook, and then bending or riveting the ends on the under side, as clearly shown in the drawings, whereby the hook is firmly clamped to the strap, without requiring the strap to be pierced and weakened by a hole, as is ordinarily the case.

This construction and mode of securing the hook is cheap and efficient, while the attachment presents a neat and ornamental appearance.

What I claim as my invention is—

The combination, with the check-hook A, of the clamping-staple B, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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