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Fig. 1.

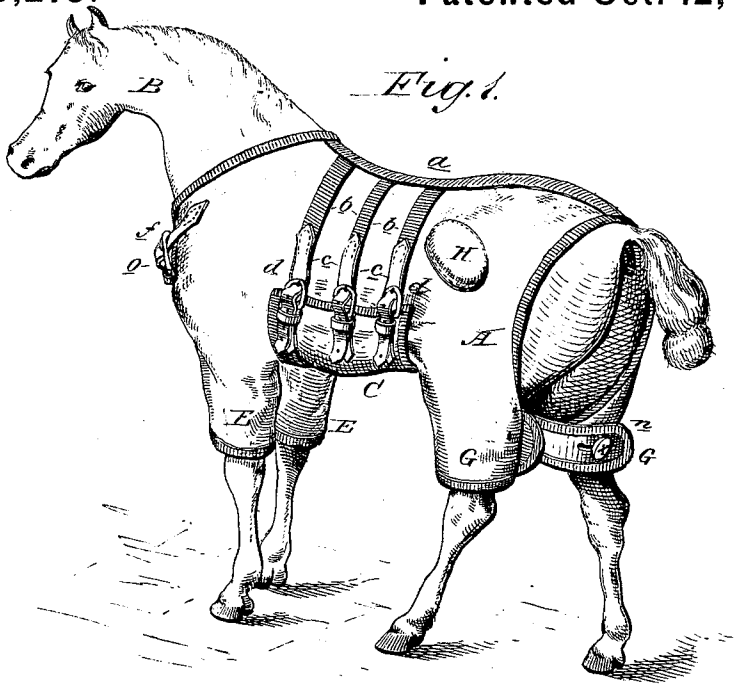
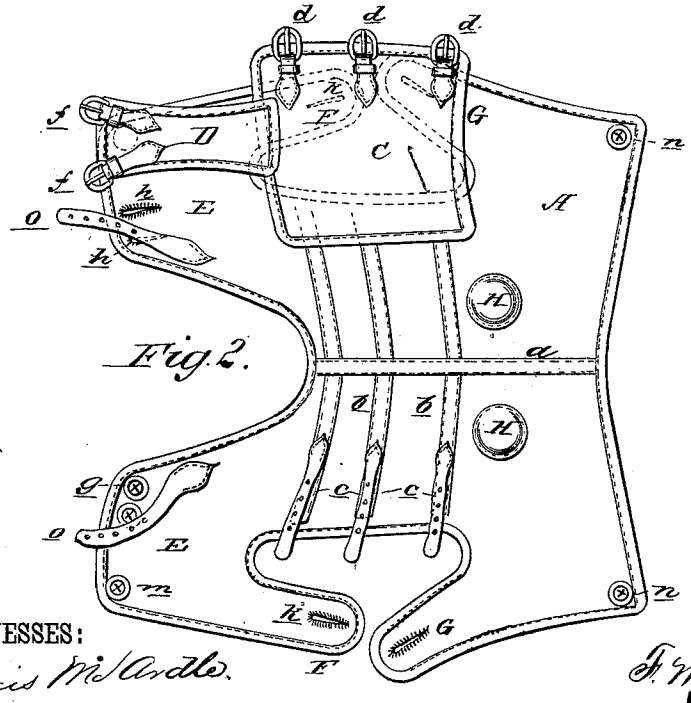


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS M. OSBORN, of Port Chester, Westchester county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Horse-Blanket, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a side view of the blanket placed upon a horse, and Fig. 2 is a plan of the blanket spread open.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to provide a covering for a horse that shall better protect him from the weather and from chafing than any blanket or other covering now in use.

The invention consists in a horse-blanket having a band, stays, and straps, combined with a buckle-band, as hereinafter described.

In the drawings, A represents the blanket or covering in position upon the horse B. The central portion of the covering or blanket A is cut so as to fit upon the back and sides of the horse and around his neck and hind quarters, as shown, and is provided with a band or stay, *a*, extending on his back from neck to tail, and with several transverse bands or stays, *b b*, that extend from the back stay or band, *a*, on either side thereof, to the lower edges of the blanket or covering A, and upon each of these bands, on one side, are secured straps *c c*, and on the opposite side from the straps *c c* is secured a broad band or flap, C, that passes under the belly of the horse, and is then fastened by means of the buckles *d d* and the straps *c c*, which buckles *d d* are attached to the flap C. Attached to the front end of this flap C is a band, D, provided at its free end with buckles *f f*. This band D is passed up between the fore legs of the horse, and fastened, by buckles *f f*, to the straps *o*, that are fixed on the flaps E E. The front part of the blanket is extended into the broad flaps E E, that may be brought together at their edges and secured over the horse's breast, being provided with buttons *g* and button-holes *h* for that purpose. The lower edges of these flaps E are cut and extended rearward, forming straps F, provided with button-holes *k*, and these straps F are passed around the horse's legs, under the fore shoulders, and buttoned to the buttons *m* on one of the flaps E. At the rear corners of the blanket or covering A are the buttons *n n*, which serve to secure the flaps or straps G of the blanket or covering A around the horse's thighs, as shown.

H H are pads fastened upon the blanket A, and made part of it, in such a position that they will cover the hip-joints of the horse.

This method of fastening a covering about a horse obviates the use of a surcingle and affords a most efficient protection for the horse, and may be easily worn under harness in wet weather or at other times, when desirable.

If the covering be made of woolen stuff, straps and buckles are ordinarily used for fastening instead of buttons and button-holes. If made of cotton or linen stuff, buttons and button-holes may be used.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a horse blanket or covering made, substantially as herein shown and described, with pads H, transverse stays or bands *b b*, belly flap or band C, band D, flaps E E, and straps F G, with their fastenings, as set forth.

2. A horse-blanket having the band *a*, stays *b*, straps *c*, and the band C, with buckles *d*, as shown and described.

3. In a horse blanket or covering, the hip-pads H H, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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