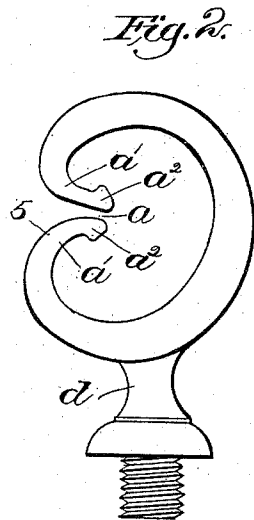
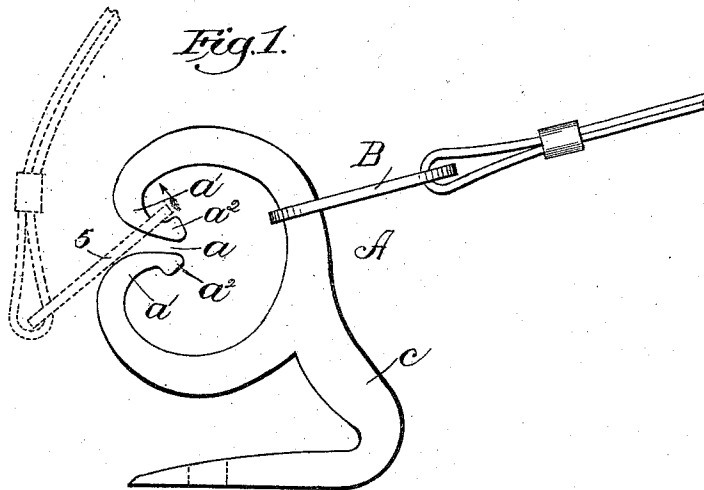


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. SQUIRE, of Bradford, county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Checkrein-Hooks, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object to provide an improved checkrein-hook.

A hook constructed in accordance with this invention has its entrance located, preferably, between two inturned points, one of which presents a wall which acts to lift the end of the rein away from the other point to prevent accidental unhooking.

Figure 1 represents a hook embodying this invention, and Fig. 2 a modified form of hook to be described.

A represents the body of the hook, to which the checkrein B may be attached, the entrance *a* to the hook being represented as lying between the two inturned points *a'*, preferably fitted with suitably-shaped oppositely-turned knobs *a''* upon their inner faces. The space between the points presents a perfectly-clear opening for the free admission of the checkrein. The rein B in hooking or unhooking is passed between the points *a'* and over the upper point, as indicated. Accidental unhooking is generally caused by the horse throwing his head back and slacking the rein, as indi-

cated in dotted lines, Fig. 1; but such accidental unhooking is rendered practically impossible by my improved hook, for the wall not only prevents the rein from moving bodily to the right from its dotted-line position, but rather acts as a fulcrum when the rein is slackened and tends to lift the end of the rein away from the upper point *a'* in the direction of the arrow, thus effectually preventing accidental unhooking.

In Fig. 1 the hook is represented as provided with an angle-support *c*, adapted to be inserted from the front edge of the saddle, and in Fig. 2 the hook is provided with a central threaded stud *d*; but the means for support forms no essential part of this invention.

I claim—

A checkrein-hook consisting of a body portion having two inturned points with a clear opening between them to freely admit the checkrein and oppositely-turned knobs on the inside of the said points and a wall on the outer side of the points at the entrance of the opening, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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