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IMPROVEMENT IN BRIDLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE M. STRONG, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Bridles, of which the following is a specification:

The nature of my invention consists in combining, with the crown-piece of a bridle, a pair of open swivel-loops, said loops being arranged to receive the two branches of an overdraw check-rein; the object being to make a cheap and secure holding for the overdraw, from which it can be readily detached without unbuckling or unhitching either end.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a section, showing the loop and the method of fastening it to the crown-piece.

In the drawings I have only shown such parts of the bridle as are required to show the improvement, the other parts of the bridle being omitted.

A represents the crown-piece of the bridle. To this piece the brow-band B and the rosettes D may be attached in the usual manner. F F', representing the principal feature of my

invention, are two metallic loops, which are connected to the crown-piece A by pivots, (see H, Fig. 2,) so as to be free to swivel or turn on the same, the shape and method of fastening the loops being clearly shown in Fig. 2.

The overdraw check-rein L L' K³ K¹ K² K, Fig. 1, is made as shown, it being divided between K and K³ into two branches, K¹ K², one branch passing through each of the swiveling-loops F F', these loops serving to hold the rein in the proper position.

By making the loops F F' open, as shown, the rein may be released from them by crowding it to one side and turning it on its edge, then it will readily slip out.

I claim—

The combination of the overdraw check-rein, the open loops F F', with the crown-piece A of a bridle, constructed and operating as and for the purpose specified.

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