

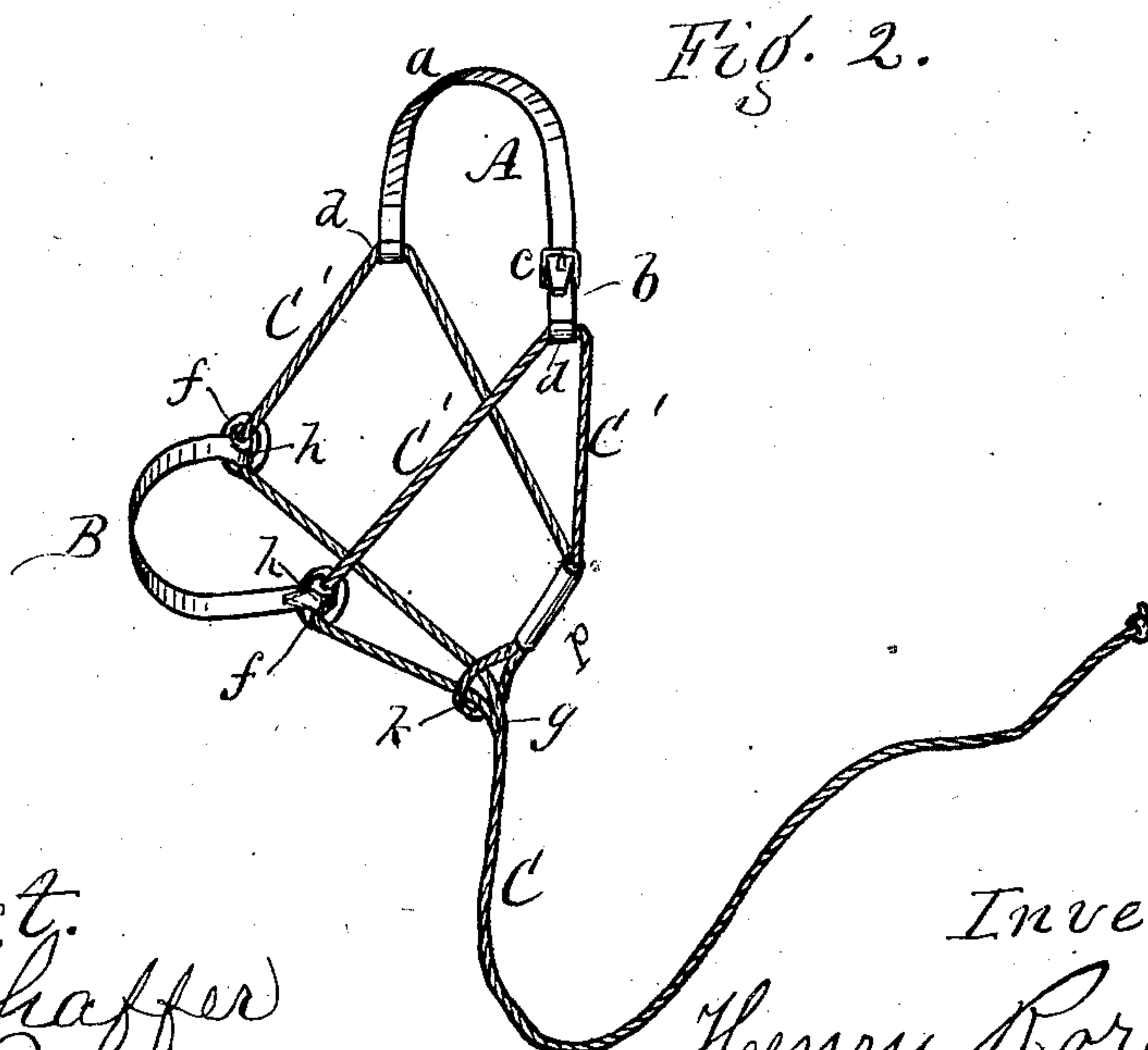
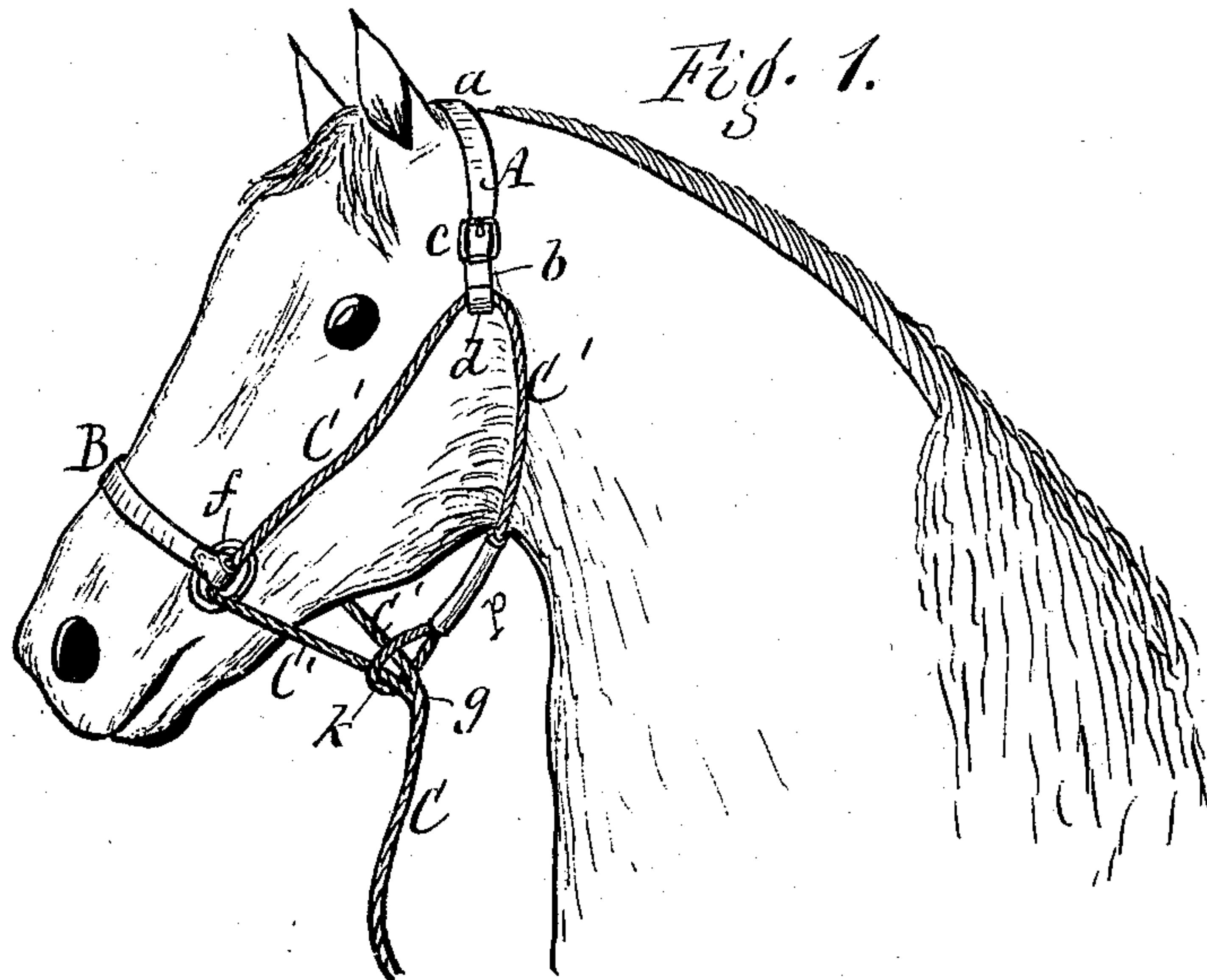
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY ROREBECK, of Parma, Monroe county, New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Halters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a horse's head with my improved halter attached. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the halter.

My improvement relates to that class of halters which are self-tightening on the horse's head when strain is applied. The design is to simplify and cheapen the device by avoiding the use of the great number of leather straps and iron rings ordinarily used; also, dispensing with the throat-leash which is commonly employed in this class of halters.

The invention consists in the combination of a leather head or crown piece, a leather nose-piece, and a hitching rope or strap formed with two bights or branches, which connect with the head and nose pieces, so as to form a noose, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings, A indicates the head or crown piece, which is simply a leather strap made in two parts, *a b*, connected on one side by a buckle, *c*, and having loops or eyes *d d* at the lower ends, through which the bights or branching ends of the rope pass, as will presently be described. This strap simply passes over the head back of the ears, as shown.

B is the nose-piece, consisting also of a simple strap of leather, having loops or eyes *h h* at its ends, through which the branches of the rope pass, said branches being fastened permanently thereto, and provided also with braces *f f*, of leather in the form of rings.

C is the hitching rope or cord. At the point *g* it separates into two bights or branches, C' C'. These bights spread on opposite sides and are permanently attached to the ends of the nose-strap, as before described. Thence they extend upward and backward loosely through the loops *d d* of the head-piece; and thence they extend downward, are joined together,

and are inclosed by a leather covering, *p*, and have at their extreme lower end a loop, *k*, through which the main length of the rope passes, as shown in Fig. 2, thus forming a regular noose.

The great advantage of this invention is the simplicity and cheapness of construction, the avoidance of the great number of iron rings and leather straps which are necessary in common halters, the avoidance of a throat-leash, and the entire disconnection of the head and nose, except by the noose formed in the rope. The only leathers used are the two straps forming the head and nose pieces. Any strain produced by straightening the rope draws the head and nose pieces closer in place by reason of the action of the sliding noose. It will be noticed as peculiar to this invention that the joining ends of the two bights C' C' at the point *p* rest closely under the neck, and form, in effect, a throat-leash, without employing a special part for that purpose. By the use of this halter all rubbing and wearing upon the head and nose are avoided.

Having thus described my invention, I do not claim broadly a self-tightening halter; but I claim—

In a halter, the combination, with the leather head-piece A and nose-piece B, of the rope or strap C, provided with the two bights or branches C' C', said bights being permanently attached to the ends of the nose-piece, thence extending upward and passing loosely through the loops on the ends of the head-piece, thence extending downward, joining together, and having a loop at the bottom, through which the main end of the rope passes, thus forming a noose, as shown and described, and for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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