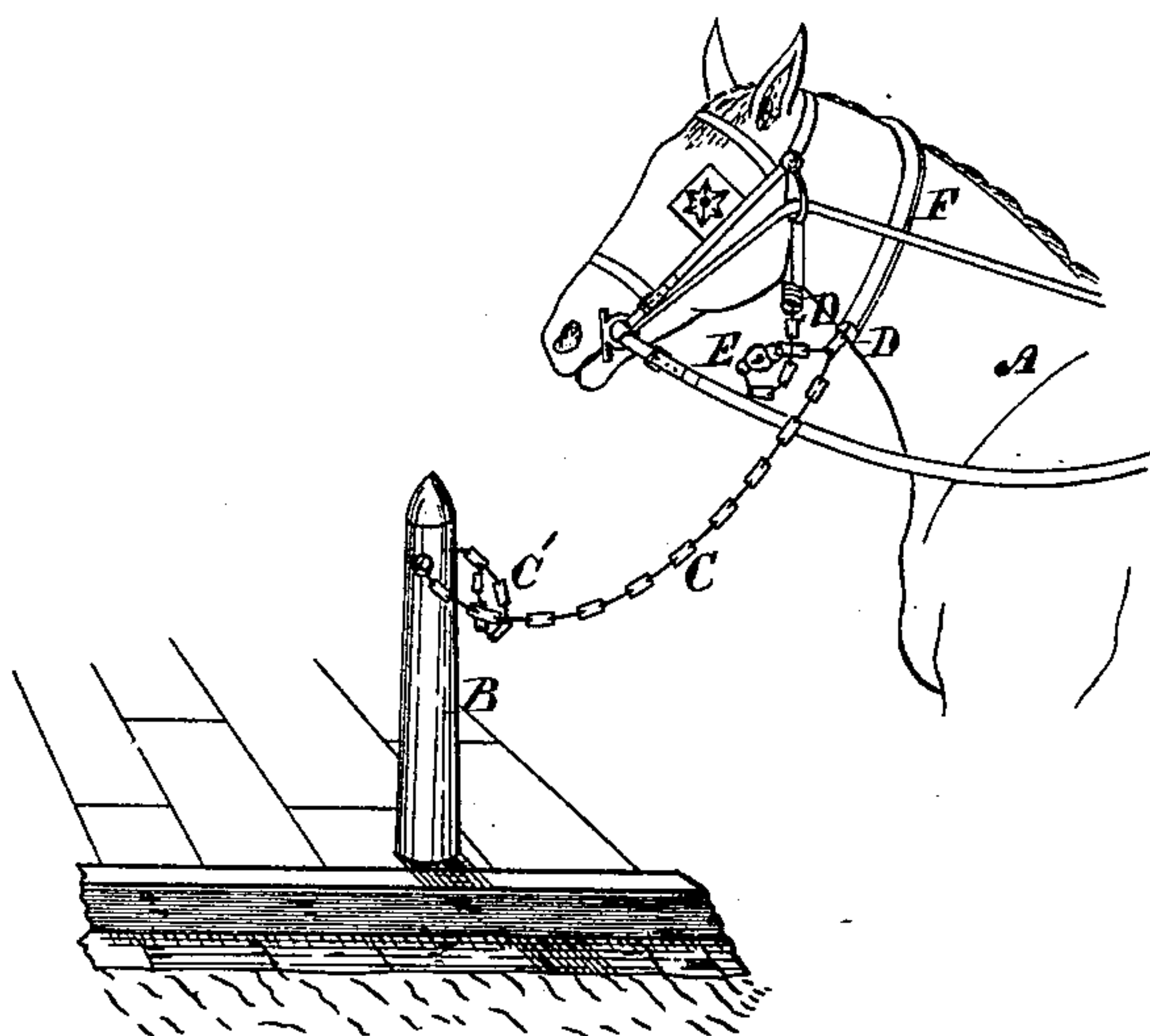


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES W. ELDRIDGE, of Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Fastening Devices for Horses; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, whereby a person skilled
10 in the art can make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to an improved device for attaching horses or other animals to a post or ring in such a manner that they can be se-
15 curely fastened and locked, so that the animal cannot be removed or stolen without being unlocked or a great amount of force used to break the attachments.

The object of my invention is to provide a
20 better method for securing horses when left hitched in the street or stable than has heretofore been in use, so that they cannot be stolen or used without the knowledge and consent of the owner.

25 In the accompanying drawing, illustrating my invention, A shows the head and neck of a horse secured to a post by means of my improved device.

30 B is the post to which the animal is hitched. C is a chain having one end turned into a loop, C', and the links solidly secured by welding.

D is a chain of somewhat greater length than is sufficient to reach around the animal's neck.
35 Into one of the links of this chain D the end of the chain C opposite to the loop C' is securely welded, the chain C being attached near one end of D, but so as to leave both ends free.

E is a padlock provided with a ring or loop, which is welded into one of the end links of
40 the chain D.

F is a leather covering over the chain D to prevent the chain from wearing off the hair of the neck or mane. This leather cover may be
45 dispensed with, if desired.

The operation of my improved device is as follows: The loop C' is passed through the hole in the post or through a ring, and the chains C and D, with the padlock, are passed through
50 the loop. The chain D is then passed around the animal's neck, and the free end of D is passed through one of the links near the opposite end of the same chain, so that the hasp of the padlock can be passed through the end
55 link and lock it into the chain. This is the position shown in the drawing. It will be observed that this locks the chain securely around the animal's neck, and that the hasp of the padlock serves as a pin through the link to receive any strain that may come upon the chain,
60 and that the bolt of the padlock serves only to hold the hasp in place, and cannot be bent by the strain upon the chain. The chain will require to be unlocked or broken before the animal can be removed.
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What I claim as my invention is—

In a fastening device for animals, the combination of the chain C, provided with the loop C' at one end, and the chain D, provided with a padlock attached to one end, and into one
70 link of which the chain C is welded, substantially as described.

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