

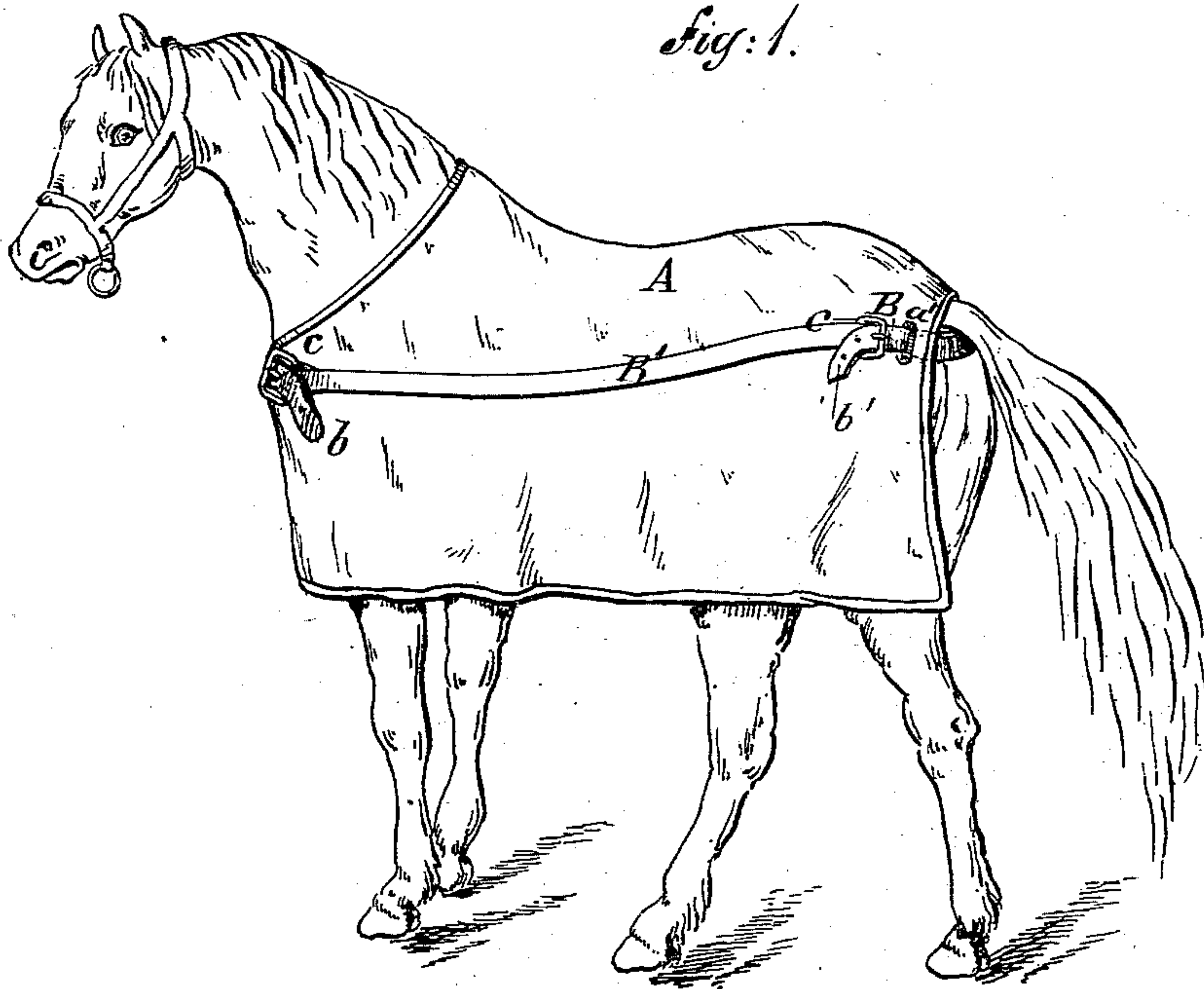
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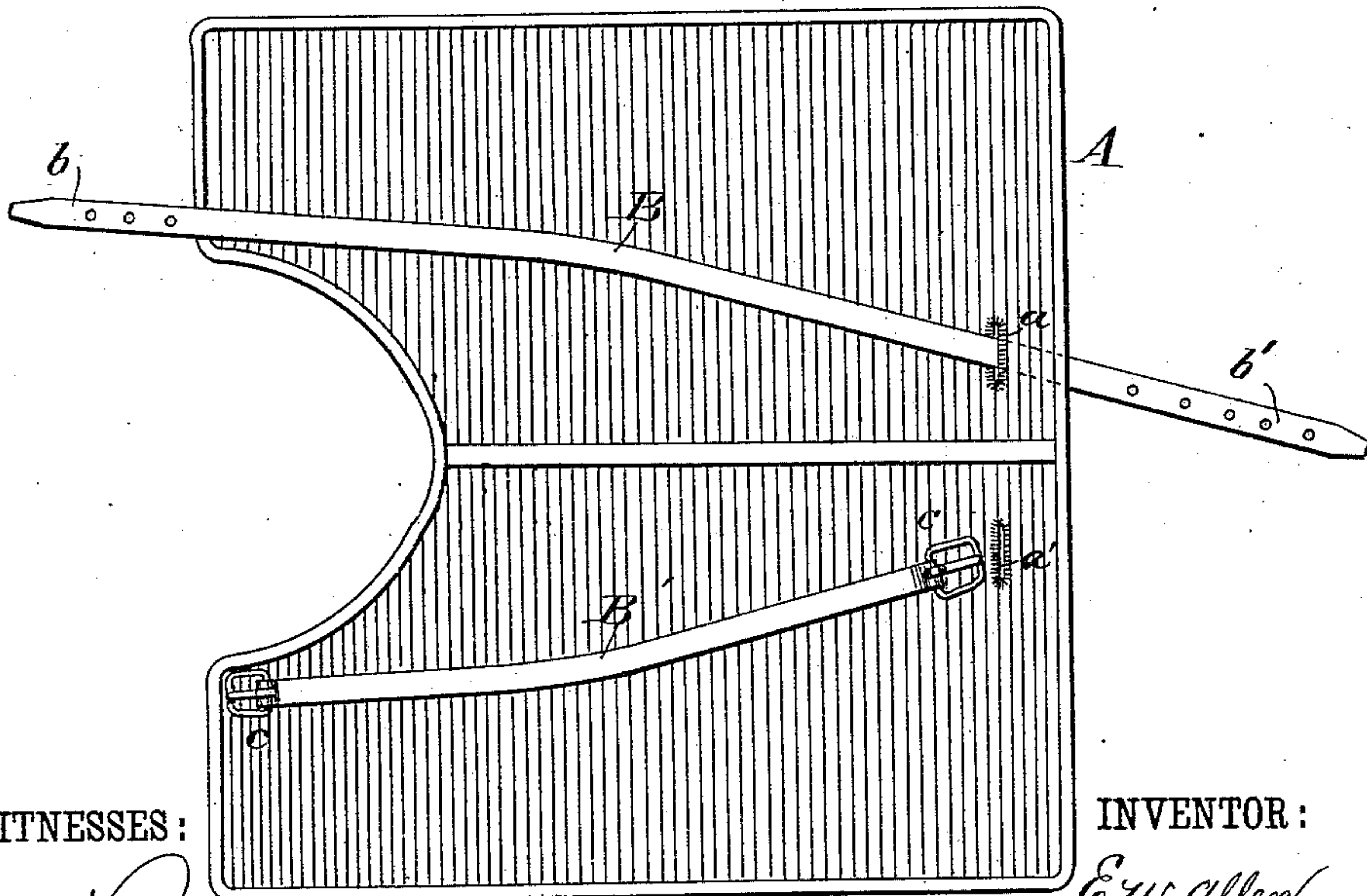
HORSE BLANKET.

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*Fig: 2.*



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## HORSE-BLANKET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDGAR W. ALLEN, of Rock Island, in the county of Rock Island and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Horse-Blanket, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 shows my new and improved horse-blanket as it appears when placed upon a horse, and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the blanket as it appears when spread out.

The invention relates to horse-blankets which are stayed at the sides; and the object of the invention is to extend and connect these stays at the neck and tail, so as to take the strain at these two points from the fabric of which the cover is made and throw it upon the stays.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the blanket, which is of the usual form; and B B' represent the side stays, which are stitched or otherwise secured to the sides of the blanket from end to end of the blanket, as shown in Fig. 2. These stays, which may be of leather, webbing, or any other suitable material, instead of being stitched straight across from end to end of the blanket, are by preference set oblique or slightly diagonal to the straight edges of the blanket, approaching each other from front to rear, as shown in Fig. 2, the stays being farthest apart at the front of the blanket, for effecting a proper fit of the blanket upon the horse. The stay B is extended at its for-

ward end past the end of the blanket, and is punched to form the breast-strap *b*, and at its rear end it is also extended and passes through the slot *a*, and is punched to form the crupper-strap *b'*, as shown. The stay B' is provided at its ends with the buckles *cc*, into which the extended front and rear ends of the stay B are adapted to be buckled for holding the blanket upon the horse. At *a'* the blanket is slotted to correspond with the slot *a*, for the passage through the blanket of the crupper-strap *b'*, before being buckled to the rear end of the stay B', as will be understood from Fig. 1. Constructed in this manner, it will be seen that the stays B B' strengthen the blanket at the shoulders and hips, where it is most liable to be torn, and that the stays passing along the sides of the horse and forming the breast and crupper straps hold the blanket securely upon the horse, so that he will not be so liable to get it off as when fastened in the ordinary way with ordinary breast and crupper straps.

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

A horse-blanket having the holes *a a'* near the rear end and the side stays, B B', converged from the front toward the rear, the stay B being provided with the perforated extensions *b b'*, and the stay B' having end buckles, as shown and described.

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