

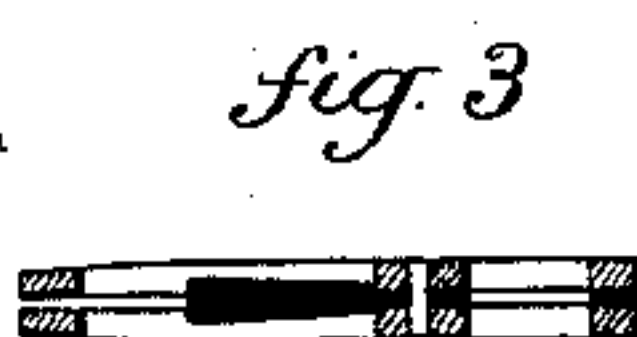
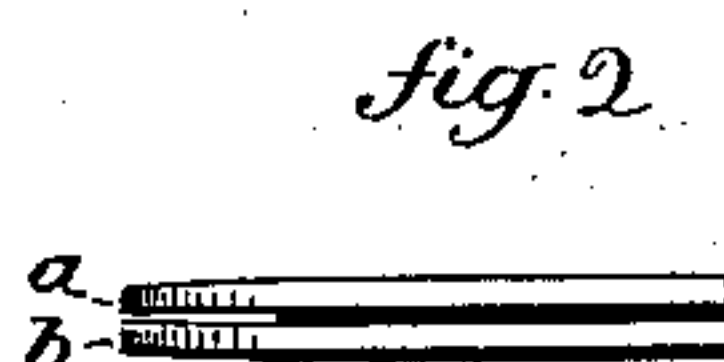
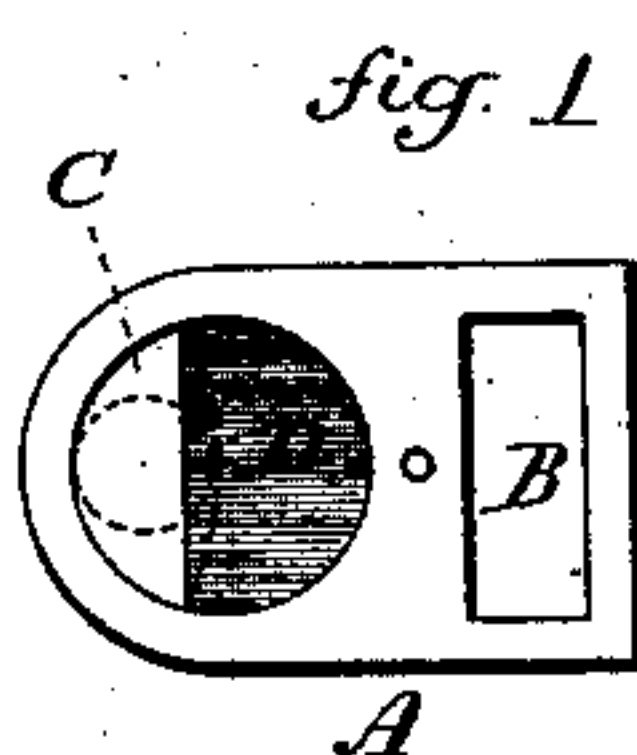
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WINFIELD R. COE, of Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Check-Rein Fasteners; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a top view; Fig. 2, an edge view; Fig. 3, a longitudinal central section.

This invention relates to a device to be used in connection with the check-rein of a bridle to engage the rein with the water-hook, the object being to hold the rein upon the hook and prevent its accidental disengagement; and the invention consists in the construction hereinafter described, and more particularly recited in the claim.

A represents the frame, made of two thicknesses of thin metal, *a b*, Fig. 2. At one end a loop, B, is formed for attachment to the check-rein. This attachment is made by simply passing the rein through the loop, it being left free on the rein, so as to permit the rein to work freely through it in the turning of the horse's head to the right or left, as the rein would do were it attached directly to the hook. At the opposite end is an opening, C, considerably larger than the body of the hook. Into this opening an elastic or flexible material, D, is introduced, extending rearward, but preferably leaving an uninterrupted opening at the rear side. This elastic or flexible material is cut to substantially the shape of the frame and laid between the two thicknesses, as seen in Figs. 2 and 4, and then the two thicknesses of the frame riveted together, as seen in Fig. 3. This completes the article. It is attached to the rein as hereinbefore described, and then, when it is desired to engage

the rein with the water-hook, the frame is passed over the hook, the flexible material D readily yielding for this purpose, as indicated in broken lines, Fig. 1, and when the frame is in its proper position this flexible or elastic material bears against the back of the hook with sufficient force to prevent accidental movement of the frame in the direction of disengagement, and will also prevent this metal frame from rattling on the hook.

A rein with this attachment is more readily disengaged from the hook than the rein can be when attached directly to the hook, for the reason that in most hooks the mouth of the hook is very narrow, and it is necessary to twist the rein in order to pass it through the mouth of the hook. Again, this fastener may be used with a simple stud on the harness-body instead of a hook, thus lightening the appearance of the part of the harness.

I am aware that an elastic bushing has been introduced into a check-rein holder, and therefore do not claim, broadly, such a construction, the essential feature of my invention being making the frame in two thicknesses, and enclosing the plate of elastic material between said two thicknesses, whereby it is rigidly and firmly attached.

I claim—

The herein-described check-rein fastener, consisting of the frame composed of two thicknesses of metal having the loop B at one end to receive the rein, and an opening, C, through the two thicknesses at the opposite end, with a plate of elastic or flexible material, D, introduced between said two thicknesses, the said two thicknesses and elastic material secured together, substantially as described.

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