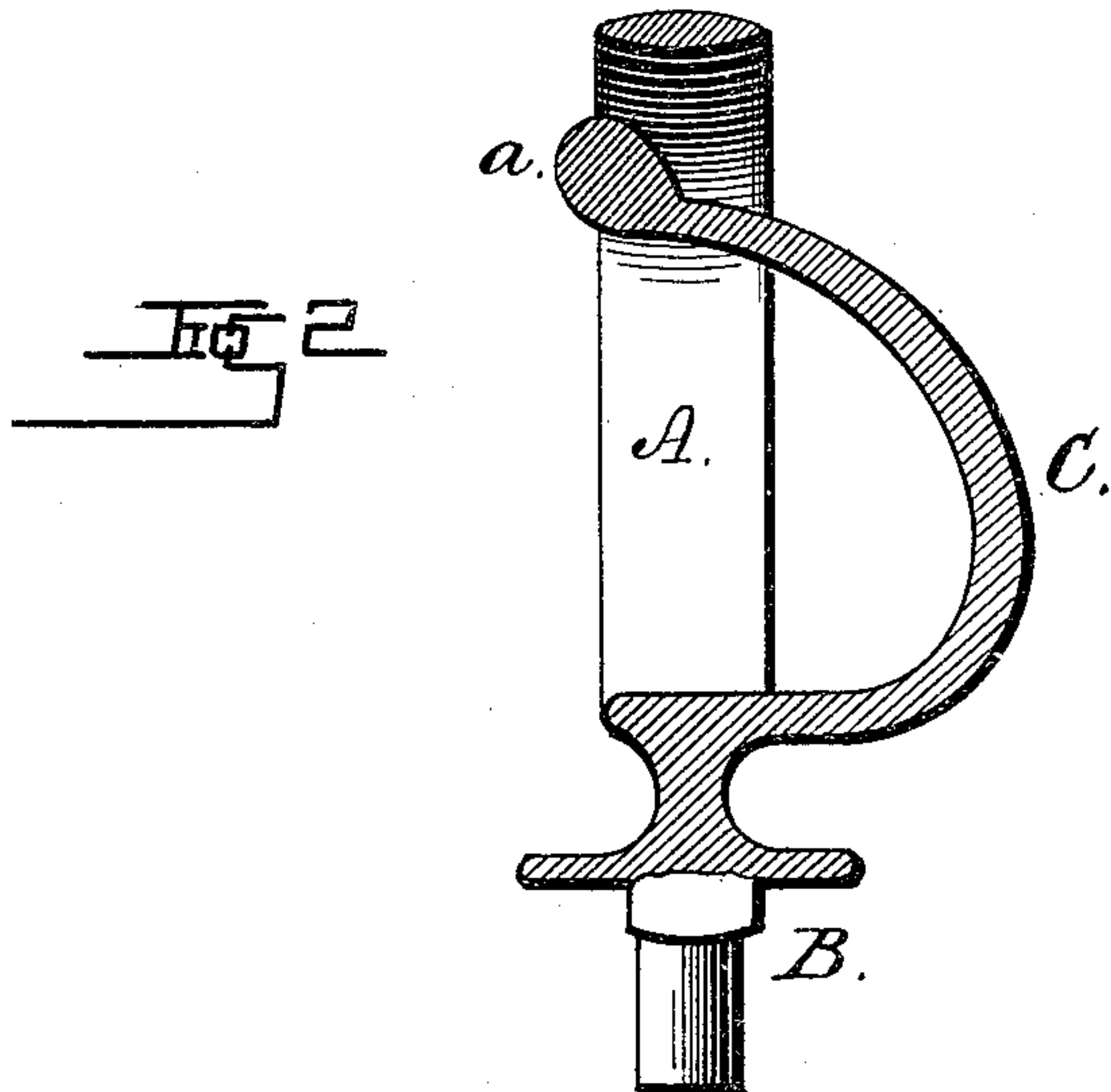
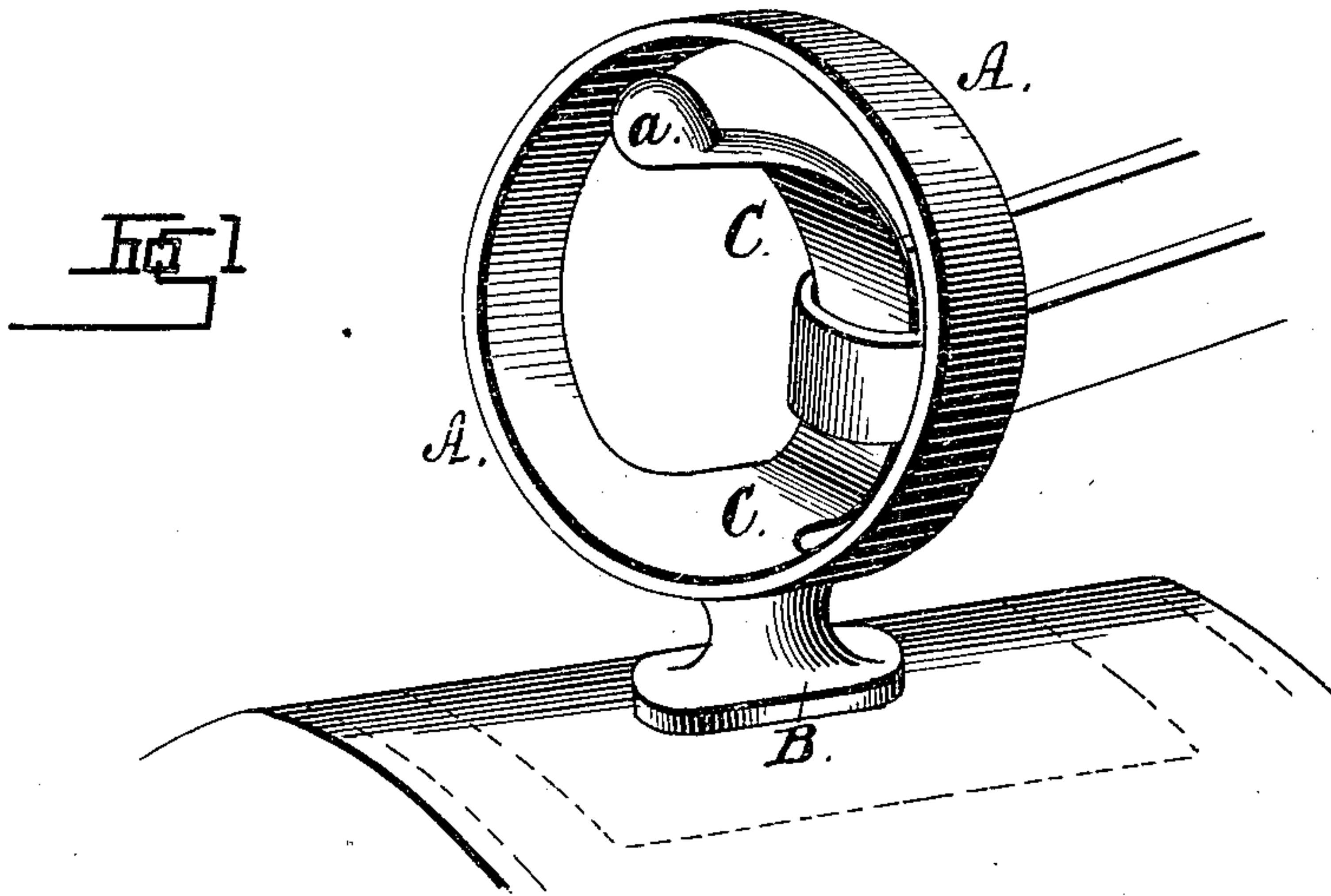


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD W. OWEN, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Check-Rein Hooks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference
10 being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to check-rein hooks or holders attached to the saddle of harness; and
15 my said invention consists of a ring or band similar to the terret-rings through which the driving-reins pass, upon which ring a hook is formed and so arranged in relation to the ring as to hold the check-rein and prevent the ac-
20 cidental displacement of the same.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a hook for check-reins of harness constructed according to my invention in position upon the harness-saddle with the check-rein placed therein.
25 Fig. 2 represents a detached vertical sectional elevation of the hook.

A is a ring or cylindrical band somewhat similar in size and form to the usual terret-
30 rings of harness through which the driving-reins pass, having the usual base, B, for fastening the same in place to the saddle. At one side of this band A, at the bottom thereof, is formed in one casing and as an integral part
35 thereof a hook, C. This hook commences at the forward lower perimeter of the ring, and, after projecting slightly forward, extends upward and curves rearwardly through the ring, the end of the hook terminating adjacent to the
40 top and slightly beyond the rear edge thereof,

as shown in Fig. 2. An enlargement, as at *a*, is formed to the end of the hook, and the said hook is so arranged relatively to the ring that the top end of the hook and the under surface of the top of the ring will be sufficiently separated from each other to permit of the pas-
45 sage of the check-rein when the same is placed in a horizontal position. In other words, the space between the top end of the hook and band or ring is slightly greater than the or-
50 dinary thickness of the strap composing the check-rein, so that to insert the rein in position upon the hook it becomes necessary to twist the same and insert it over the hook edge foremost.

The advantage of this form of check-rein
55 hook is that the ready displacement of the check-rein upon the elevation of the horse's head, causing a slacking of the rein, is prevented by reason of the reins coming against
60 the ring, and because of the rear extension of the hook and its close proximity to the top of the ring. To remove the rein it has to be drawn back beyond the end of the hook, then
65 twisted and passed edgewise above the hook, which could not possibly occur accidentally.

I claim—

A check-rein hook for harness, formed of the band or ring A and hook C, attached at the front lower perimeter of the ring, then passing
70 outward, upward, and rearwardly through the ring, and terminating near the top and beyond the rear edge of the ring, as shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two
75 witnesses.

RICHARD W. OWEN.

Witnesses:

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