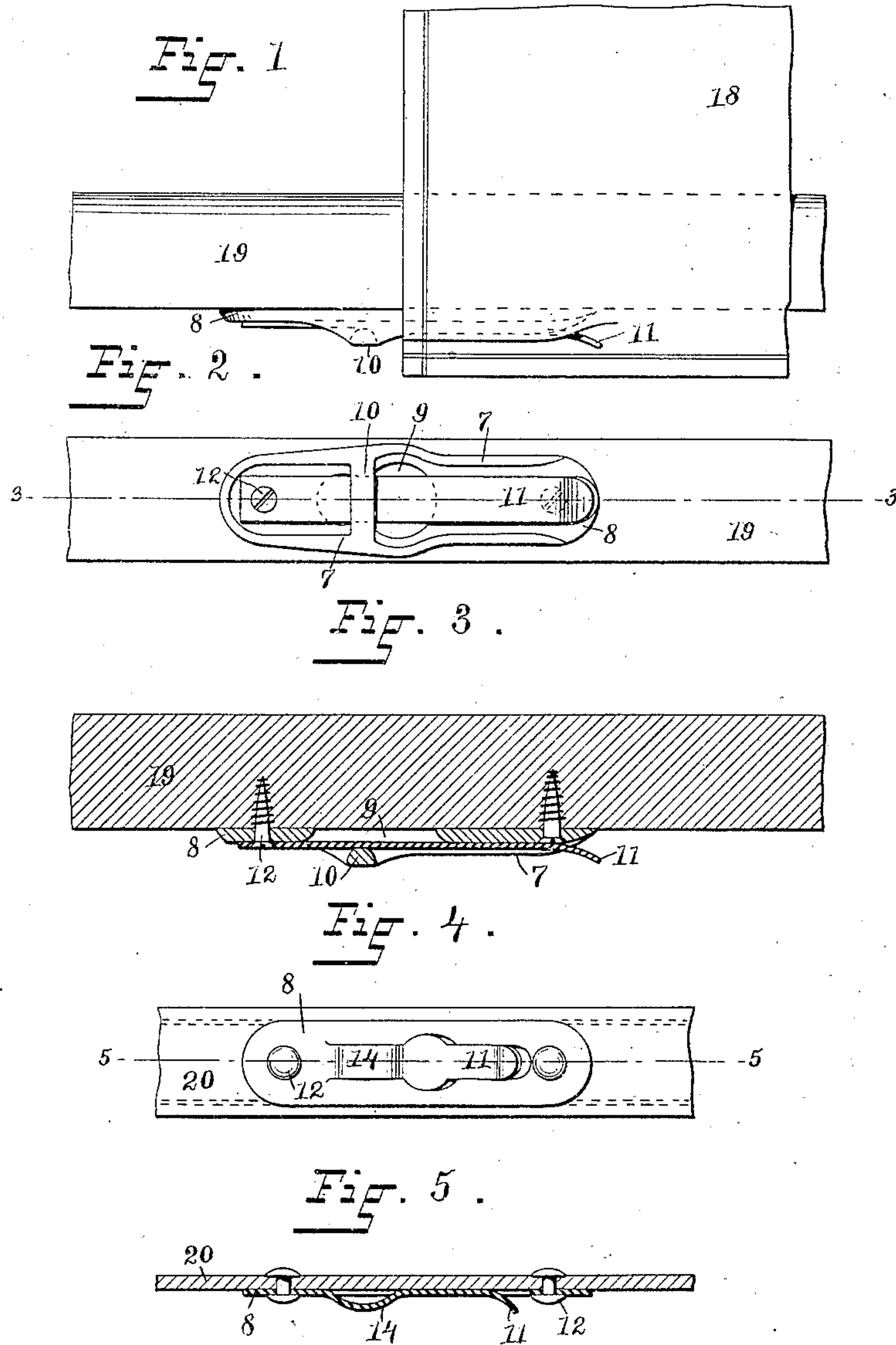


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONARD A. WHITE, of Taunton, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Horse-Blanket Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to a particular device for holding or retaining a horse-blanket in position when placed over the animal.

The objects of my invention are to provide a simple and neat device for securely maintaining or holding the blanket in any position in which it may be desired.

To the above purposes my invention consists of the novel and peculiar constructions and arrangements of the device, all as herein after fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side view of a portion of a wagon-shaft and a horse-blanket, showing their relative positions when the blanket is covering the horse, also showing my peculiar device secured upon the shaft and holding the blanket in position. Fig. 2 represents an under side view of Fig. 1, with the blanket omitted. Fig. 3 represents a sectional view of the holder and adjuncts, taken on line 3 3, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 represents a plan view of a modified form of my holder, shown as attached to a portion of the harness. Fig. 5 represents a longitudinal central sectional view of Fig. 4 on line 5 5.

In the said drawings similar numbers of reference designate corresponding parts throughout.

Referring to the drawings, the securing-plate 8 is formed oblong-shaped, with a flat securing-face and with the other face thereof provided with a ridge, 7, irregular in shape and curved on the inner side, said ridge extending one along each of the long sides of the plate, forming a curved channel or depression between the said ridges on the upper face of the plate, as the drawings clearly show.

The check or stop piece 10 is formed integral with the plate 8, and spans across the ridges near the center of length. Beneath the check 10 is an opening, 9, merely for the purpose of facilitating the casting of said plate and check in one casting.

The spring-finger 11 is made fast at one end to the securing-plate by means of one of the fastening-screws 12. The spring-finger extends under the check-piece 10 and lies in the said depression lengthwise of the plate, as shown. The free end of the spring-finger is bent up slightly to form a handle, for readily raising the end of the finger up from the plate against its own resiliency when the blanket 18 is to be placed therebetween. In the modified form of Figs. 4 and 5 the spring-finger 11 is cut out from the securing-plate in the peculiar shape shown, and has one end integral with said plate. The finger 11 in the modified form is bent transversely of its length, as at 14, in order to increase the spring-power of said finger. The ends of the securing-plate are formed with perforations, to allow the passage of the screws or rivets 12 therethrough, in order to firmly secure the plate to the desired object. It will now be evident that the spring-finger 11, together with the securing-plate, forms a firm nipping device, and when the edge of a blanket, as 18, is placed in the nip, transversely to the same, it will be there retained against displacement.

The primary form is shown as made fast to the under face of an ordinary wagon-shaft, 19, (shown in portion,) and with the horse-blanket 18 held by the spring-finger on an edge of the blanket near one of the corners toward the hind quarters of the animal, after the blanket has been placed in position to properly cover the animal. In Figs. 4 and 5 the modified form is shown as attached upon a trace, 20, (shown in portion,) by means of the rivets 12. This is designed to act in the same way as the primary form. The holder may be placed anywhere on the wagon-shaft, or on any part of the harness of the animal suitably to maintain the blanket in proper position to cover the animal. By virtue of the use of these holders—for instance, one placed on each shaft of a wagon in the position shown, and above described—the blanket may be held securely against displacement.

In the modified form of the holder the displacement of the spring-finger 11 cut from the securing-plate forms the desired depression under the finger to constitute the required nipping quality in a manner corresponding to the depression formed between the ridges in

the primary form, said depression allowing ample room for the blanket to take in when clamped or nipped.

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

1. A blanket-holder comprising the combination of a securing-plate adapted to be secured to an object and formed with a longitudinal depression, a spring-finger mounted
10 longitudinally on said plate and within said depression, and a check or stop fixed on said plate and acting to check said finger, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the securing-plate 8, provided with ridges 7, the check-piece 10 15 across said ridges, the spring-finger 11, fixed to said plate, the screws 12, set through said plate, and said plate secured upon the shaft or harness, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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