

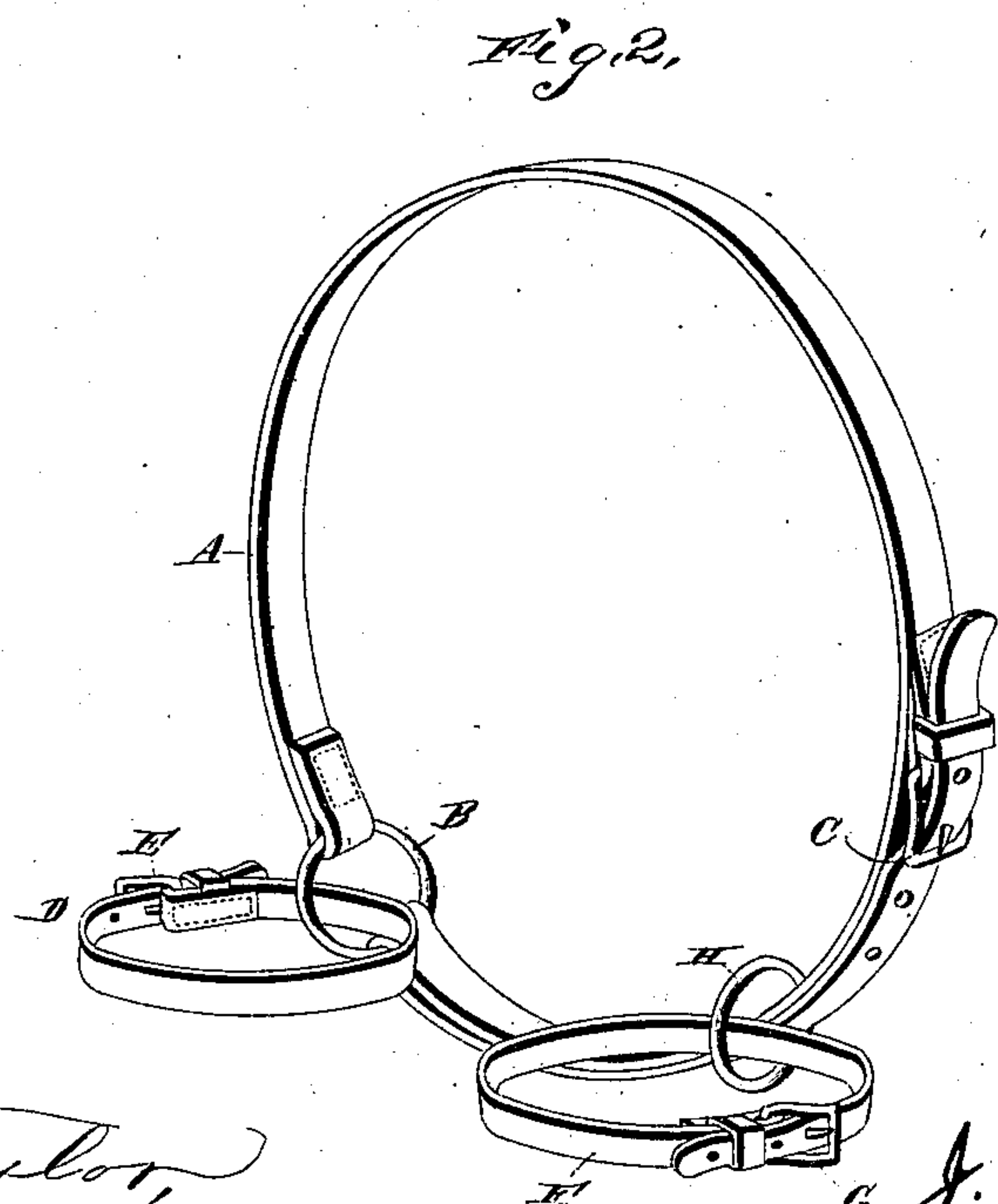
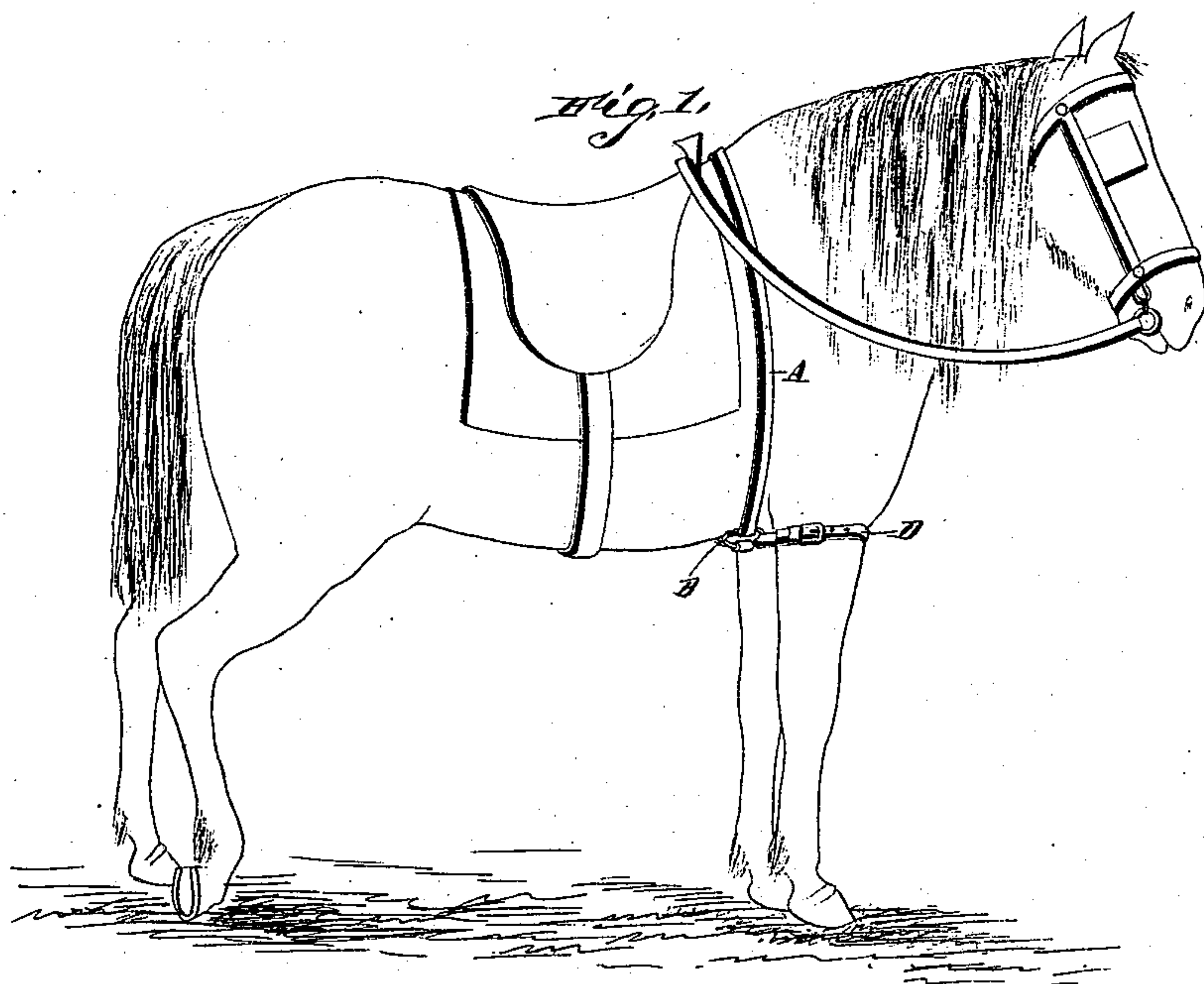
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSIAH FREEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Goodlettsville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hopples, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved device for breaking young horses to the saddle; and its object is to provide a device, which, when applied to the horse, will prevent his moving until after the rider has mounted, when his gait can be regulated by the said rider. This object I accomplish by the use of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and the novelty resides in certain features thereof, hereinafter first fully described, and then pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings referred to, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my device in operative position; and Fig. 2 is a similar view showing it removed from the animal.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A indicates the body-strap, having one end secured to a ring, B, and its other end is passed through said ring and then doubled on itself and fastened by means of a buckle, C, secured at a suitable intermediate point of said strap.

D designates a loop or strap which is held by the ring B, and provided with a fastening and adjusting buckle, E, as shown; and F is a similar loop or strap provided with a fastening and adjusting buckle, G. The loop F is carried by a ring, H, similar to the ring B, and loosely mounted upon the main or body strap A, between the said ring B and the buckle C.

In practice the strap A is passed around the horse's body close up to the fore legs and in front of the saddle, and the loops D F passed around the fore legs close up to the body. The several straps are then drawn tight, the buckle C of the body-strap being arranged at the left side of the animal's body, as shown. The

straps being drawn tight, the animal's fore legs will be held rigid and stiff, so that all attempts to run, rear, or plunge will be effectually prevented and the rider may mount without danger of being thrown. When the rider has mounted, he grasps the reins in his right hand, and with his left hand he gradually loosens the body-strap, so that the horse may walk or run at the desired gait, which is regulated by loosening or tightening the body-strap, as will be readily understood.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided a very simple and efficient device, the advantages of which are obvious.

Having thus described my invention, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A device for breaking horses, comprising the body-strap A, having one end secured to a ring, B, and its other end passed through said ring, and then doubled on itself and fastened by a buckle, C, the loop D, carried by the ring B, and the loop F, loosely mounted on the body-strap between the ring B and the buckle C, substantially as set forth.

2. A device for breaking horses, comprising the body-strap A, provided at one end with a ring, B, and at an intermediate point with a buckle, C, the free end of the strap passed through the ring B, and then doubled on itself and secured by the buckle C, the loop D, carried by the ring B, the ring H, loosely mounted on the doubled portion of the strap A, between the ring B and the buckle C, and the loop F, carried by the ring H, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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