

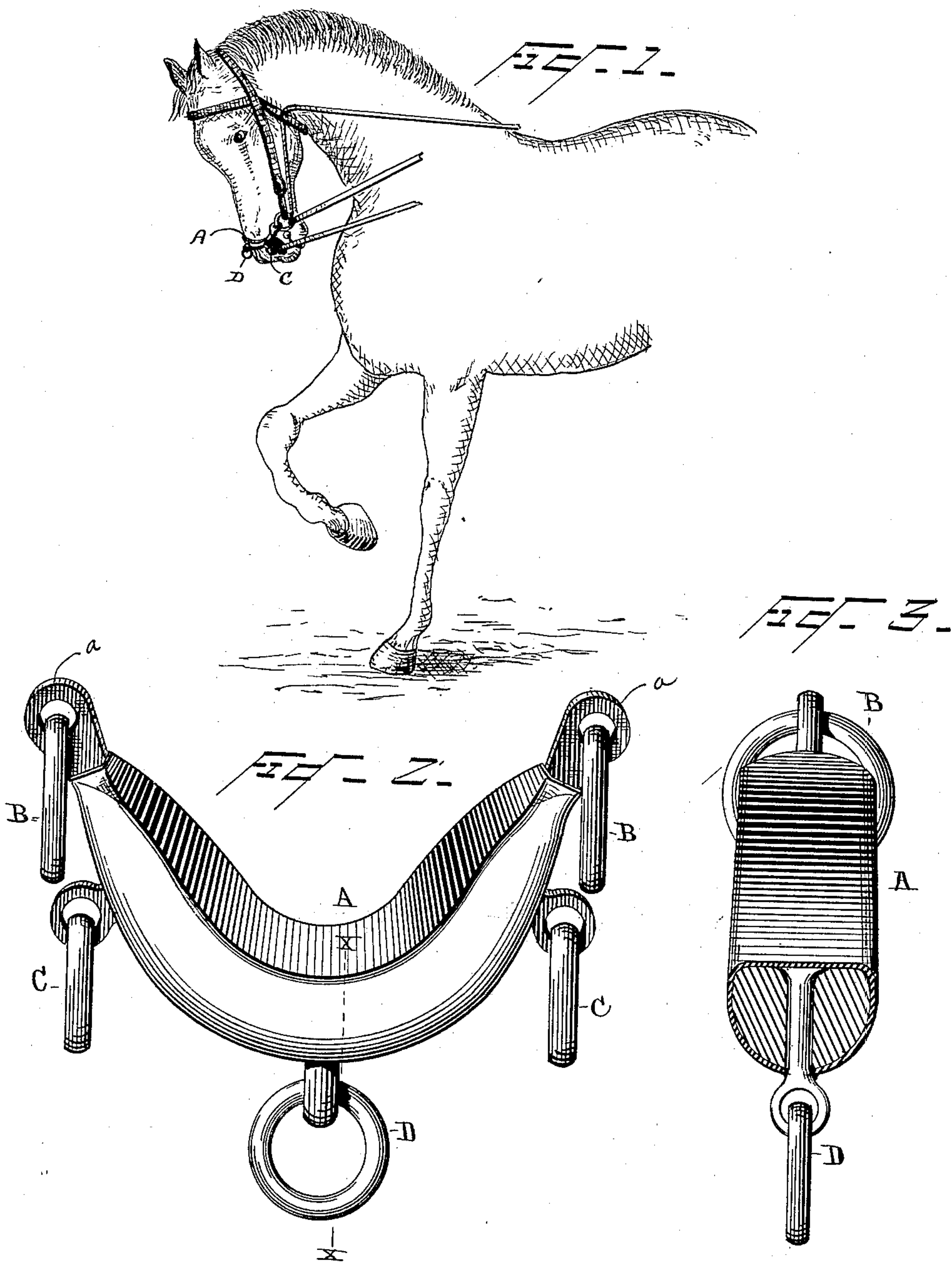
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADOLPH GEENEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Beloit, in the county of Mitchell and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Nose-Pieces or Horse-Breakers; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a device for controlling fractious and runaway stock, and has for its object the production of a contrivance for the purpose aforesaid that will be efficient and durable and can be quickly applied and readily handled.

The improvement consists of a nose piece of peculiar construction, which is adapted to be attached at its ends only to the bridle or halter, and which has rings connected by a swivel-joint therewith intermediate of its ends for the attachment of lines which may extend back to the driver or for the application of a tether or leading-strap. A pull on the said lines or strap causes the device to turn about its ends and press the nose of the animal and shut off his wind and bring him under control. The nose-piece is preferably made of rigid and unyielding material, so it will retain its shape and perform its work effectively, and is made of metal to possess weight which materially aids its operation.

The improvement further consists of the novel features hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and shown in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the fore part of a horse, showing the application of my invention; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the device on an enlarged scale, and Fig. 3 a cross-section of the device on the line X X of Fig. 2.

The nose-piece A is approximately semicircular, and is provided at each end with a ring, B, by which it is attached to the bridle or halter, as the case may be, and between its ends on its outer circumference the nose-piece

has rings C C and D, the rings C being near the ends of nose-piece A, and the ring D midway of said ends. When driving, supplemental lines are attached to the rings C, and extend within convenient reach of the driver, and for hitching or leading the animal a strap is fastened to the ring D. The nose-piece fits about the nose of the animal, and is supported at its ends only, which are the poles of the axis about which the device turns. Now, by pulling on said lines or strap the outer end of nose-piece A will be depressed and bind against the nose of the animal and compress his nostrils proportionate to the force applied and shut off his wind, thus forcing him into submission.

The rings B are held in eyes *a*, formed in the ends of the device, and when rings B are closed and nose-piece A is cast the latter is cast about rings B. The rings C and D are secured to nose-piece A by eyebolts, which are connected with nose-piece A to swivel, to prevent the twisting of the lines or strap or to facilitate untwisting them if perchance they should become twisted.

The nose-piece is made straight on the inside and convex or rounding on the outside, and is covered by leather or other material to prevent the roughened surface of the metal from chafing the animal.

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

1. The nose-piece of rigid material, having rings at its ends, and having rings intermediate of its ends connected therewith by the swivel-connections, substantially as set forth.

2. The herein-described nose-piece of cast metal, having eyes at its ends, and rings held in the said eyes, and the rings intermediate of the said ends and held to the nose-piece by swivel-connections, said nose-piece being covered by leather, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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