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HORSE BLANKET.

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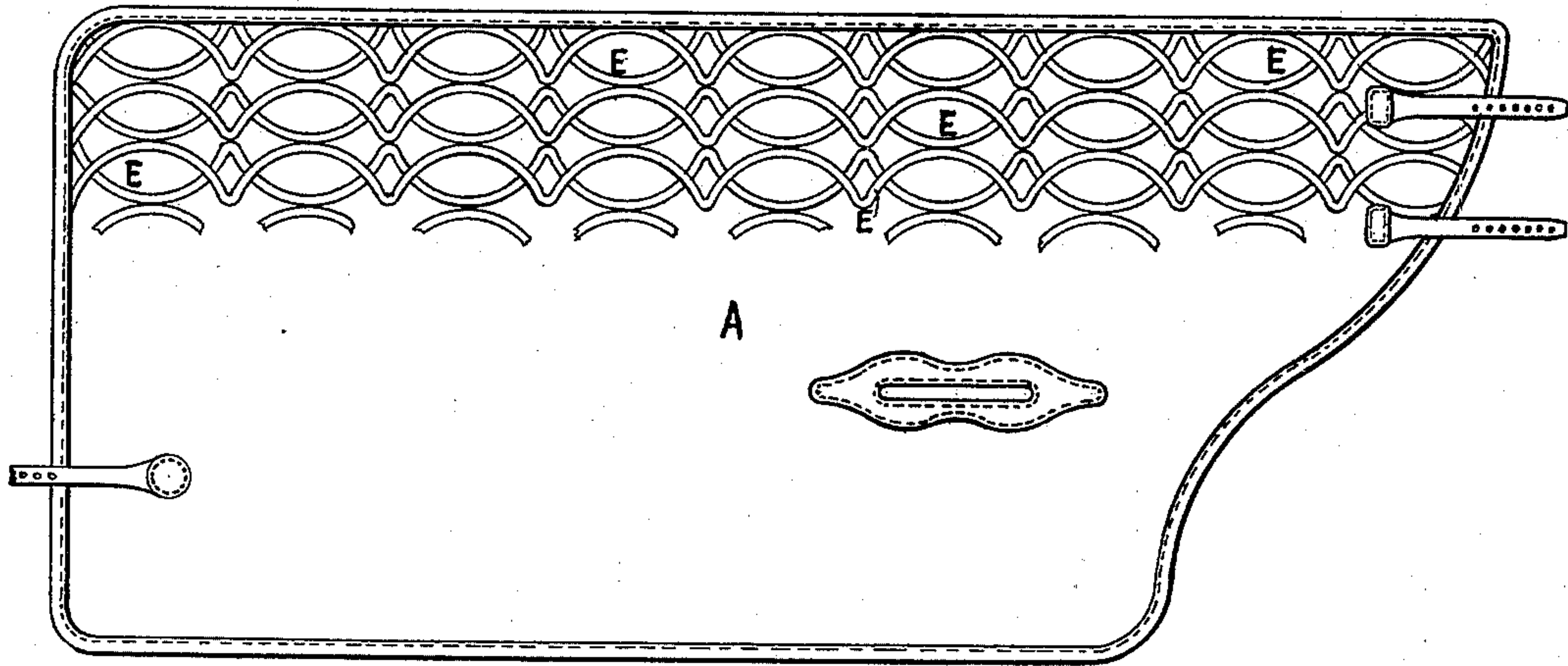


Fig. 1.

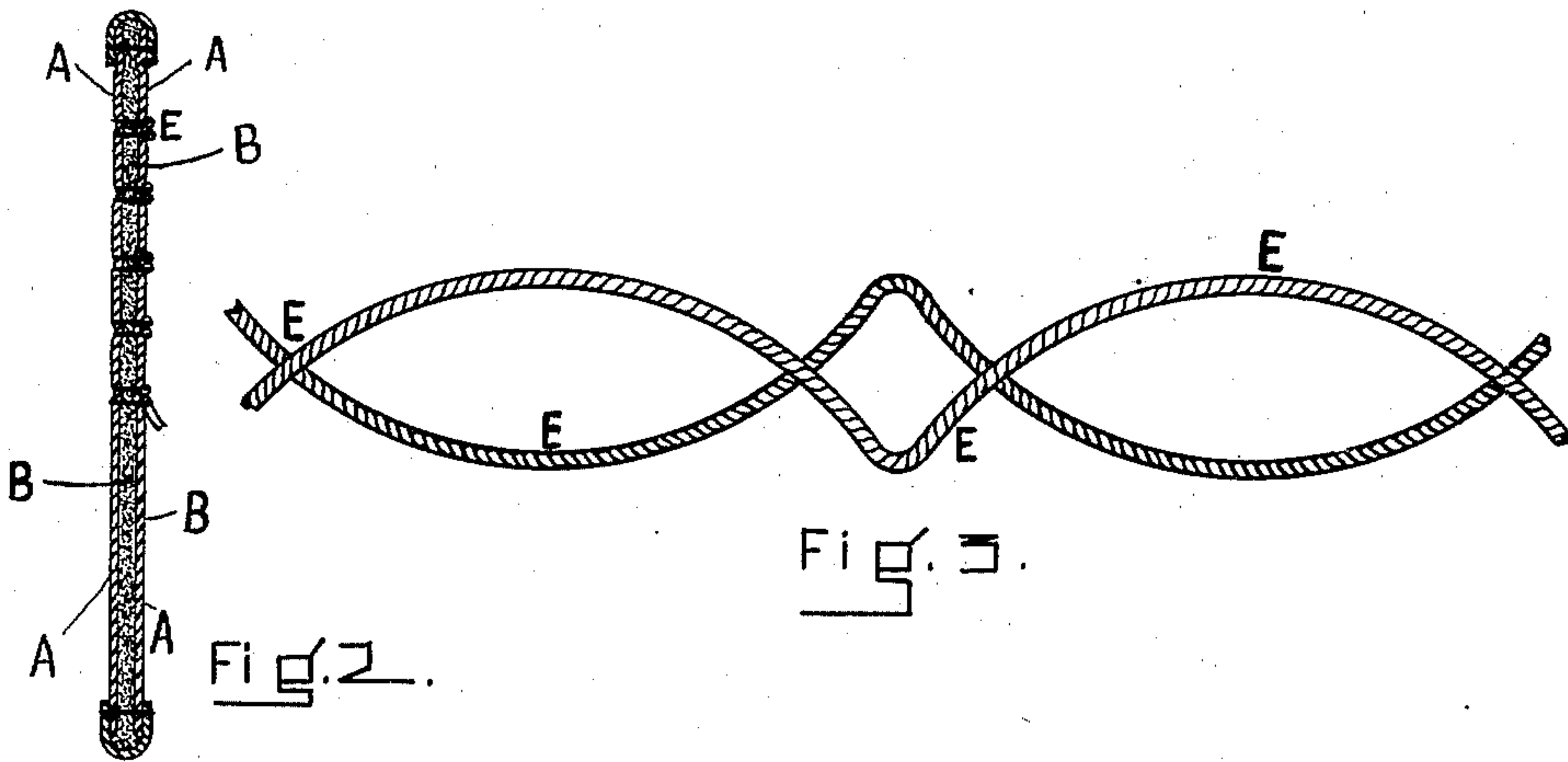


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED M. CROOKER, of Watertown, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Horse-Blankets, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of my invention are to provide a cheap, light, warm, strong, and durable blanket filled with an absorbent padding and stitched or re-enforced by means of a series of cords or netting stitched upon the surface of the same; and it consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of the several parts composing the blanket, as hereinafter more fully described, and particularly set forth in the claim.

In the drawings hereto annexed and which form a part of the following specification, Figure 1 represents a side elevation showing a horse-blanket constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical cross-section of the same; and Fig. 3 represents the re-enforce or strengthening cords in their relative positions when stitched on the blanket, drawn on an enlarged scale.

In carrying my invention into practice I employ burlap fabrics composing a lining and an outside, and apply a tow, jute, hemp, or similar padding material between the same, and then stitch upon the outside a series of crossing cords, the stitches passing through both fabrics, the intervening padding, and the cords simultaneously, whereby the padding is retained in position between the fabrics. The strengthening or re-enforce cords are firmly secured in position at a single operation. Then the edges are bound and the blanket finished in the usual manner heretofore employed on common blankets.

In the drawings, A represents a woven fabric known as "burlap," and which may be of a thin light quality and printed, stamped, or dyed in any desired colors. I place between these two, or outside and inside, fabrics a layer of tow, jute, hemp, or similar fibrous material, B, formed into sheets, as wadding or padding. I find this material has a great tendency to absorb sweat or moisture when used as a covering for horses when in a state of perspiration, and that the padding is not liable to become packed when wet, like cotton padding. By forming the two fabrics for the outside and inside of an open mesh the moisture will pass through the same very rapidly, as it is well ventilated, notwithstanding the filling or padding B is interposed between the fabrics. Now, in order to strengthen the blanket as formed of these light fabrics liable to be torn, I stitch upon the outside of the blanket a series of cords, E, formed of strong jute, hemp, linen, or like material, which may be of any desired colors to give a pleasing effect to the finished blanket.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The herein-described horse-blanket, consisting of the two burlap fabrics A, having an intervening padding, B, and provided with a series of re-enforce cords, E, stitched on the blanket, as described, as and for the purposes set forth.

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