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Fig. 1.

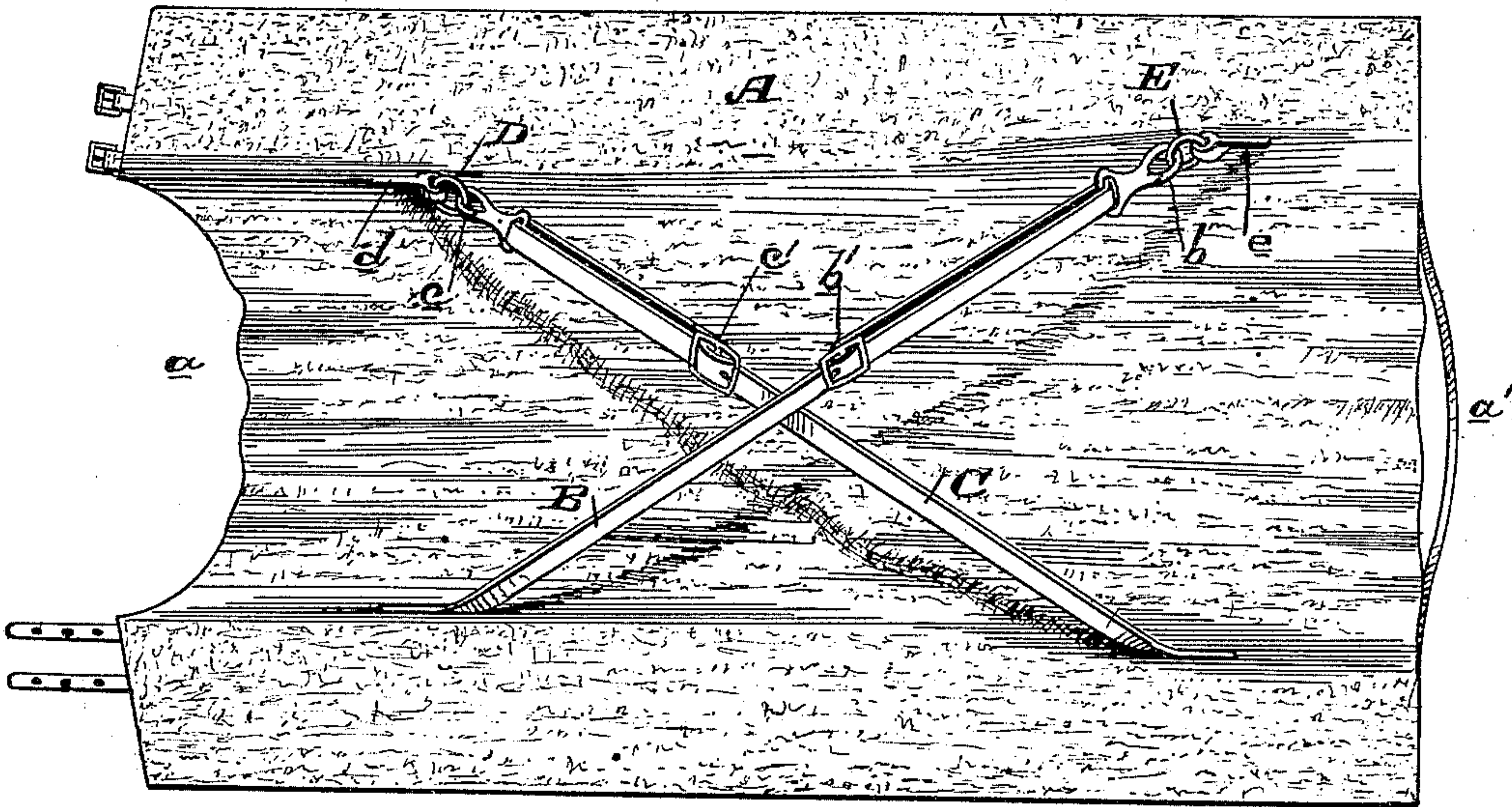
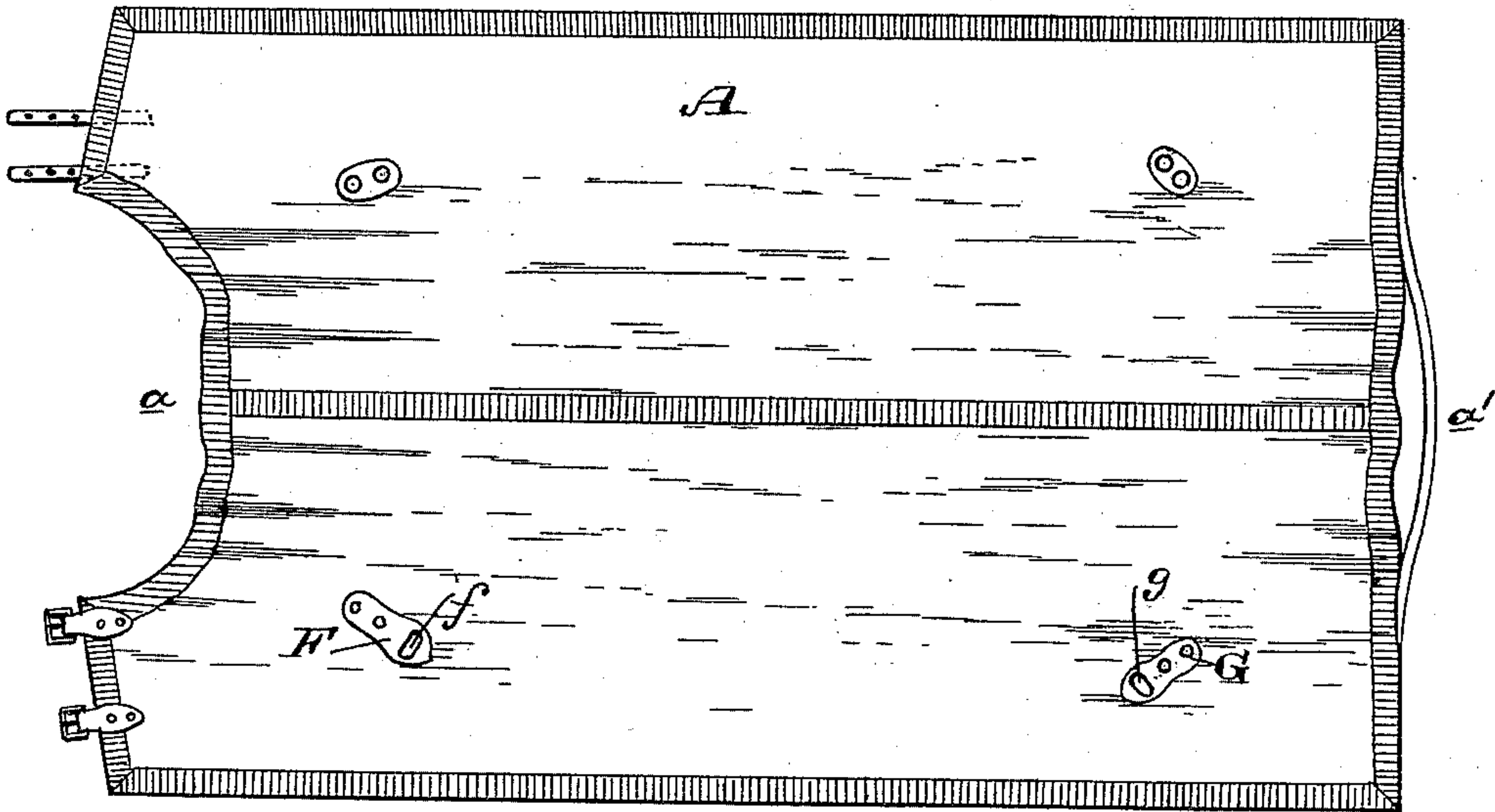


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. FOSTER, of Ferndale, in the county of Humboldt and State of California, have invented an Improvement in Horse-Blankets; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to horse-blankets; and my invention consists in the hereinafter-described novel straps, belts, or bands for holding the blanket in place.

The object of my invention is to provide simple, convenient, and effective devices for holding the blanket on the horse and dispensing with the usual surcingle commonly employed for this purpose.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the under side of my blanket. Fig. 2 is a view of its upper side.

A is a horse-blanket having the usual neck portion *a* and tail portion *a'*. To the under side of the blanket, near the neck portion and at a point on one side of the central longitudinal line of said blanket, is attached the strap B, and to said blanket, near the tail portion and at a point on the same side of the central longitudinal line thereof, is attached a strap C. A ring D is attached by a strap *d* to the under side of the blanket at a point on the opposite side of the central longitudinal line corresponding to the point of attachment of strap B, and a ring E is attached to the blanket by a strap *e* at a point on said opposite side of the central longitudinal line corresponding to the point of attachment of strap C. The strap B is provided at its free end with a snap-hook *b*, and has let into its length an ordinary shortening and lengthening adjusting device *b'*. The strap C is likewise provided with a snap-hook *c* and an adjusting device *c'*. All these devices are attached to the under side of the blanket.

To the upper side of the blanket are attached, at points over the ring-straps *d* and *e*, the leather or other plates F and G, the ends of which have slots *f* and *g*, and said plates are secured by the same rivets which secure straps *d* and *e* respectively, and serve also as stiffening-plates for said rivets.

The blanket is secured as follows: When thrown over the horse and its neck and tail portions secured, as usual, the strap B is car-

ried diagonally under the horse's belly and its hook *b* is snapped onto the ring D. The strap C is likewise carried diagonally, crossing strap B, and its hook *c* is snapped onto ring E.

If preferred, the hook *b* may be snapped onto the slotted end of plate F on the outside of the blanket, and the hook *c* may be snapped onto the slotted end of plate G.

By arranging both straps B and C on the same side of the longitudinal center of the blanket, and the rings D and E and plates F and G on the other side of said center, the snapping of said straps onto the rings or the plates may be effected from one side of the horse, thus making it more convenient than if it had to be done from both sides.

It will also be noticed that the points of attachment of the strap B and ring-strap *e* near the neck portion of the blanket are slightly closer to the longitudinal central line of the blanket than the points of attachment of the strap C and ring-strap *d* near the tail portion, thus conforming better to the contour or shape of the horse's belly and drawing in the blanket snugly at all points.

I do not confine myself to the use of straps in this connection, as bands or belts of any character may be used. Nor do I confine myself to the particular fastenings of the several parts, the essence of my invention lying in the diagonally-directed straps crossing each other under the horse's belly.

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

1. In combination with a horse-blanket, straps, belts, or bands secured by one end to the under side and near the opposite ends of the blanket and crossing each other near the center of the blanket, said straps having connecting devices on their other ends, and the plates secured to the outer side of the blanket and with which the connecting devices of the straps engage, substantially as described.

2. In combination with a horse-blanket, straps, belts, or bands secured at one end there- to on the same side of the longitudinal central line of the blanket, one near the neck portion and the other near the tail portion of said blanket, said straps crossing each other near

the center of the blanket, and fastening devices secured to the blanket, with which the other ends of the straps engage, and arranged both on the other side of the longitudinal center of the blanket, one near the neck portion and the other near the tail portion of said blanket, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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