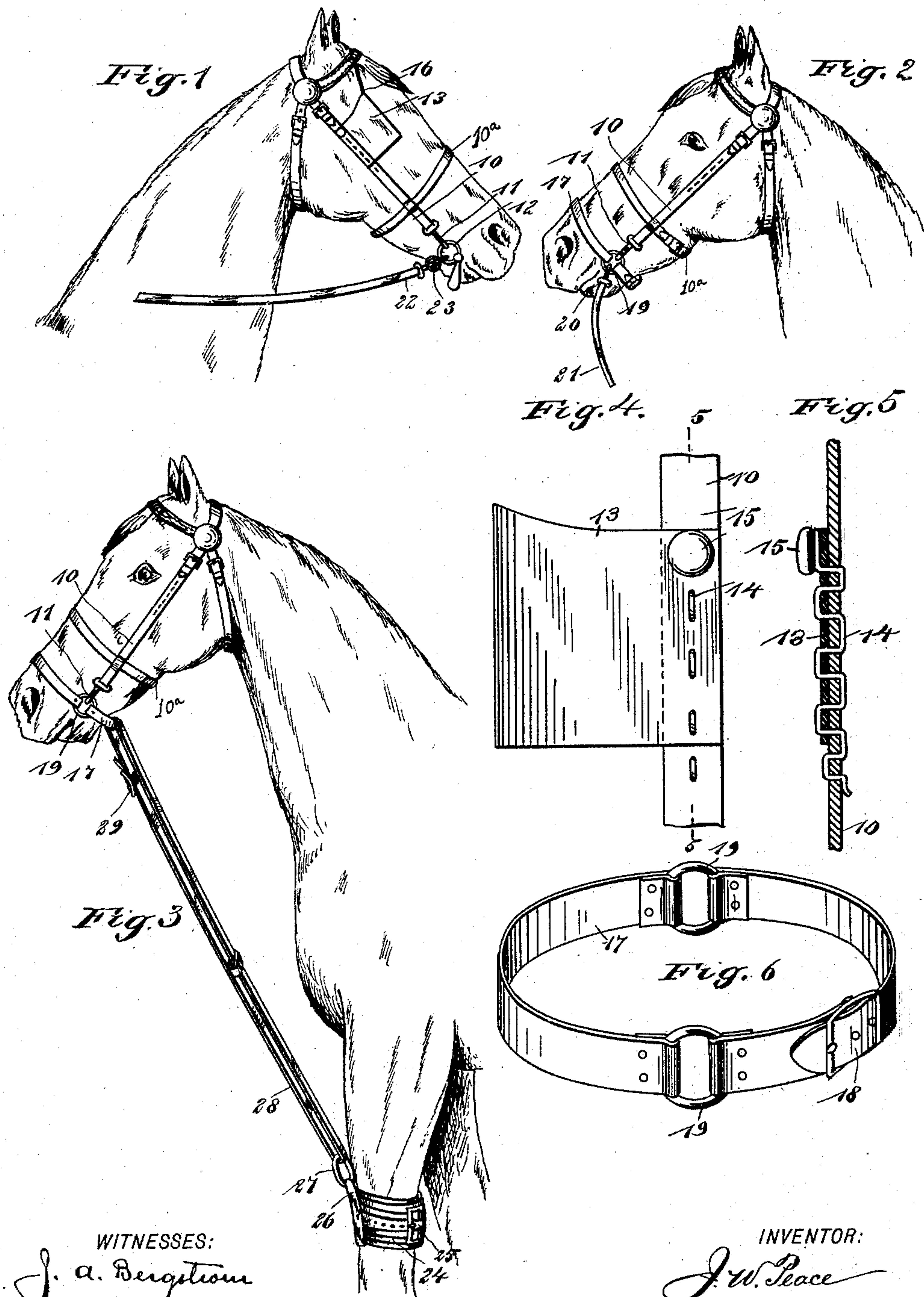


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. PEACE, of Rhea Springs, in the county of Rhea and State of Tennessee, have invented new and useful
5 Bridle Attachments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in harness-bridles and in attachments therefor; and the object of my invention is to produce
10 a simple, convenient, and handsome bridle, which may be quickly and easily changed from a blind driving-bridle into an open riding-bridle, or vice versa, which may also be easily converted into a good halter and which is
15 adapted for use as a hopple.

To this end my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, which will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

20 Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the blind-
25 bridle as applied to a horse. Fig. 2 is a view of the same with the blind removed and with the bridle converted into a halter. Fig. 3 shows the use of the device as a hopple. Fig. 4 is an enlarged side elevation of a blind and
30 a portion of the cheek-piece, showing means of attaching one to the other. Fig. 5 is a vertical section on the line 5 5 in Fig. 4, and Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail perspective view of the nose-band.

35 The bridle is of the same general shape as an ordinary bridle, and it may be made in any style, the improvements in the bridle proper being in the removable blinds and in the fact that the cheek-pieces terminate at
40 their lower ends in snap-hooks to facilitate the attachment and removal of the bits, &c.

The cheek-pieces 10 are secured to the bridle at the top in the usual way and at their lower ends they terminate in snap-hooks 11,
45 which are adapted to engage the rings 12 of the bits, and this enables any form of bits to be used and quickly changed when necessary. The cheek-pieces 10 are connected by a brace-band 10^a, which buckles around the horse's
50 muzzle and holds the cheek-pieces in place while the several changes described below are

being made. The bridle is provided with blinds 13 of the usual kind, and these are attached by a thong 14, which terminates at one end in a button or rosette 15, and the thong 55 is worked in and out through holes in the blind and in the cheek-piece, as shown in Fig. 5, and pulled tightly to place, thus securing the blind. When the blind is to be removed, it is only necessary to pull out the thong. The
60 blind is braced and prevented from flapping by a thong or strap 16, which leads upward from the front upper corner of the blind and is secured to the head-strap, as shown in Fig. 1.

In connection with the bridle a nose-strap 65 17 is used, this being adapted to be used when the bridle is converted into a halter. The nose-strap is adapted to extend around the muzzle of the horse and its ends are connected by a common form of buckle 18, so that the
70 strap may be adjusted. In opposite sides of the strap are rings 19, and when the bridle is converted into a halter it is only necessary to remove the bits from the snap-hooks 11 and snap the hooks into the rings 19. When used 75 as a halter, a hitching-rein 21 is used, the rein having a snap-hook 20 at one end, which may be hooked into one of the rings 19.

The bridle may be provided with the ordinary reins 22, and the snap-hook, which en- 80 gages the bits, has a ring 23 therein, as shown in Fig. 1, thus providing means for attaching a martingale, if desired. The bridle is also provided with means for making it into a convenient hopple, so that a horse may be turned 85 out to pasture and easily caught, and to this end a wide easy strap 24 is adapted to be secured to the leg of a horse, as shown in Fig. 3, the strap being fastened by a buckle 25, and extending transversely across the front por- 90 tion of the strap is another strap 26, which terminates at its end in a ring 27, to which the hopple-strap 28 may be secured. This strap is also passed around the nose-band 17, and its ends are secured together by a buckle 95 29, which enables the strap to be made of any necessary length.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the bridle and the attachments provide convenient means for supplying either a 100 blind-bridle, a driving-bridle, a halter, or a hopple.

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

1. The combination, with a bridle, of a re-
5 movable blind and an attaching-thong extending in and out through perforations in the blind and the cheek-piece of the bridle, substantially as described.

2. In a bridle, the combination, with the
10 cheek-pieces having snap-hooks at their ends,

of a brace-band secured to the cheek-pieces below the brow-band, and a nose-band provided with rings at opposite sides with which the snap-hooks engage, substantially as described.

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