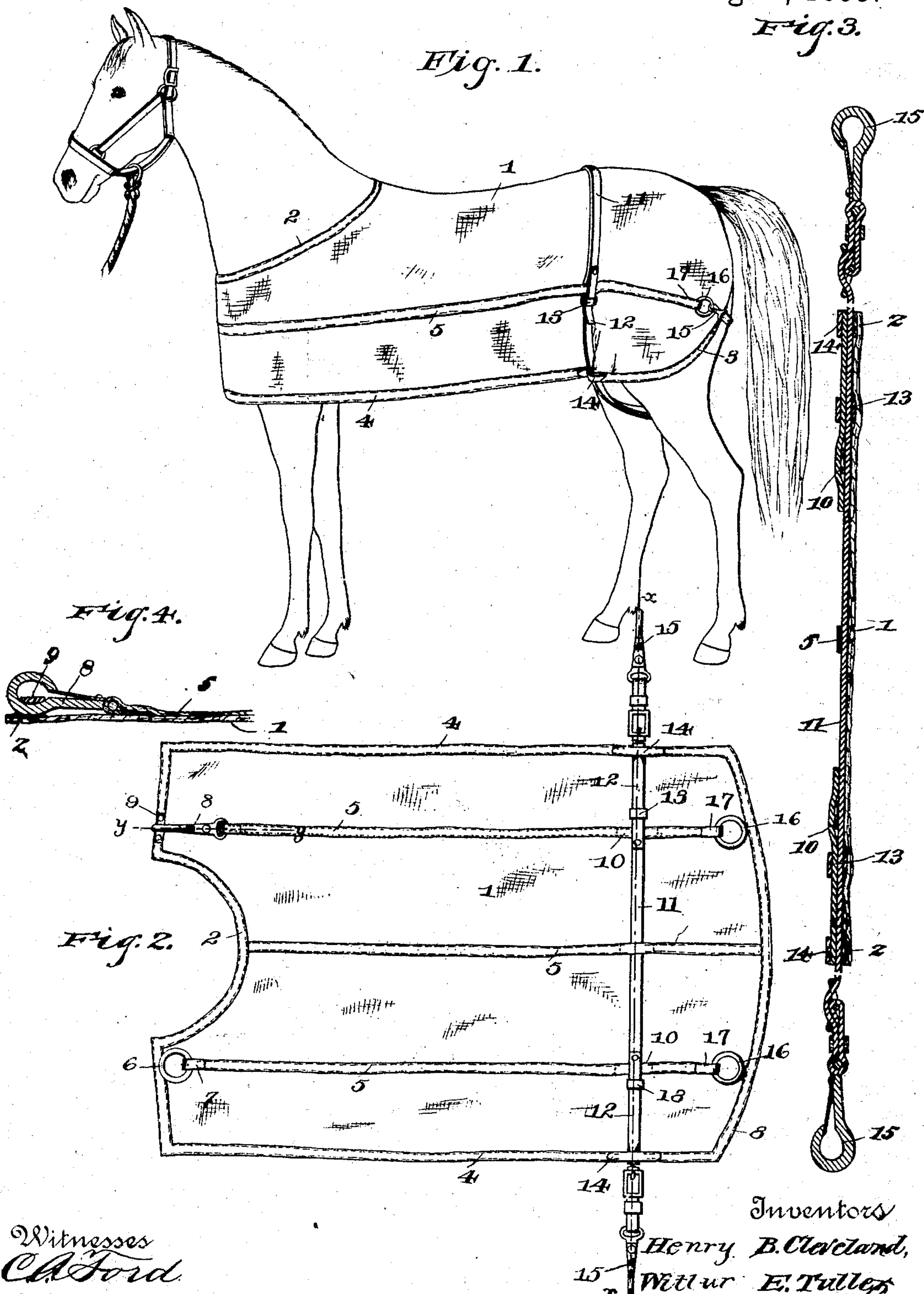


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, HENRY B. CLEVELAND and WILBUR E. TULLER, citizens of the United States, residing at Prophetstown, in the county of Whiteside and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Horse-Blanket, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to horse blankets, and has for its object to improve devices of this class in such manner as to render the same easily and readily applied, and after they are in position to securely hold the same in place by a novel arrangement of binding-straps and other fastenings.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved blanket shown applied. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the improved blanket detached and shown on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a section on the line  $x-x$ , Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a section on the line  $y-y$ , Fig. 2.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates the body of the blanket, which is constructed of suitable material and has at the front of the same a neck-recess 2, and at the rear it is curved inwardly on opposite sides toward the center to form a clear space at the back when applied for the movement of the tail of the animal, and also for the ready securement of the rear part of the blanket in position. The blanket is formed with a suitable edge-binding 4, and extending longitudinally of the body of the same is a series of binding-straps 5, one being located at the center, and one on each side of said centrally-located one.

To the front end of one of the side straps 5 is loosely attached a ring or eye 6, that is retained by a loop 7, formed at the front end of the said strap and is adapted to removably engage a snap-hook 8, secured to the front end of the opposite side strap 5, the said snap-hook being held down in position to make a close fitting and attachment by a leather loop

9, that always holds the said snap-hook in position to be engaged by the ring or eye 6. The side straps 5 at the rear are each formed with a loop 10, through which is passed a transverse securing-strap 11, having billet-straps 12 secured thereto adjacent to the loops 9 in the rear parts of said binding-straps 5, and arranged to engage billet-loops 13, to thereby hold the said straps 10 from sliding across the blanket and becoming loose. At the points of the opposite sides of the horse-blanket where the said strap 10 passes thereover, suitable leather loops 14 are applied that are engaged by the ends of the billet-straps and also hold the said strap 10 in proper position relatively to the blanket. The outer opposite ends of the strap 10 are extended beyond the opposite sides of the blanket a suitable distance and have snap-hooks 15 secured to the same that are adapted to be passed under the animal and around to the rear and engage rings or eyes 16, loosely attached to the looped ends 17 at the rear of the side straps 5. By this means each hind leg of the animal is inclosed in a loop which absolutely prevents the blanket from slipping or rolling.

As shown in Fig. 1, and by means of the securing-strap 10, and also the fastening described at the front of the blanket, provides for securing the latter quickly and readily over the animal in such manner that it cannot become displaced, and when desired may be readily detached, it being seen that the animal is allowed to have free movement and is not obstructed by the blanket. It will be seen that the straps 5 form stays that extend longitudinally of the blanket and hold the latter closely against the animal and obviate a too loose application of the blanket.

Changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. In a horse blanket, the combination with the blanket proper, of stays extending longitudinally thereof from end to end at the opposite sides and center and having loops there-



in adjacent to the rear of the same, a snap-hook attached to the front end of one of the side-stays, a ring or eye attached to the front end of the opposite side-stay, rings or eyes at-  
5 tached to the rear ends of both of said side-stays, and a securing-strap extending across the rear part of the said blanket and having snap-hooks on the projecting ends thereof that are adapted to removably engage the  
10 rings or eyes at the rear ends of said side-stays, substantially as described.

2. In a horse-blanket, the combination with the blanket proper, of stays extending longitudinally of the same at opposite sides and in  
15 the center thereof and having loops formed near the rear ends thereof, leather loops attached to the opposite edges of the blanket in line with the said loops in the stays at the rear thereof, a securing-strap extending trans-  
20 versely across the rear part of the blanket and passing through the loops in the stays

and at the edges of the blanket, billet straps and loops applied to said securing-strap to hold the latter in place, snap-hooks connected to the opposite projecting ends of said secur- 25 ing-strap, a snap-hook attached to the front of one side-stay and held downwardly in position by another loop passing thereover, a ring or eye attached to the front end of the opposite side-stay, a pair of rings or eyes at- 30 tached to the rear ends of the side-stays, and a binding surrounding the edge of the blanket, the said blanket at the rear being cut inwardly on curved lines, substantially as described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as 35 our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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