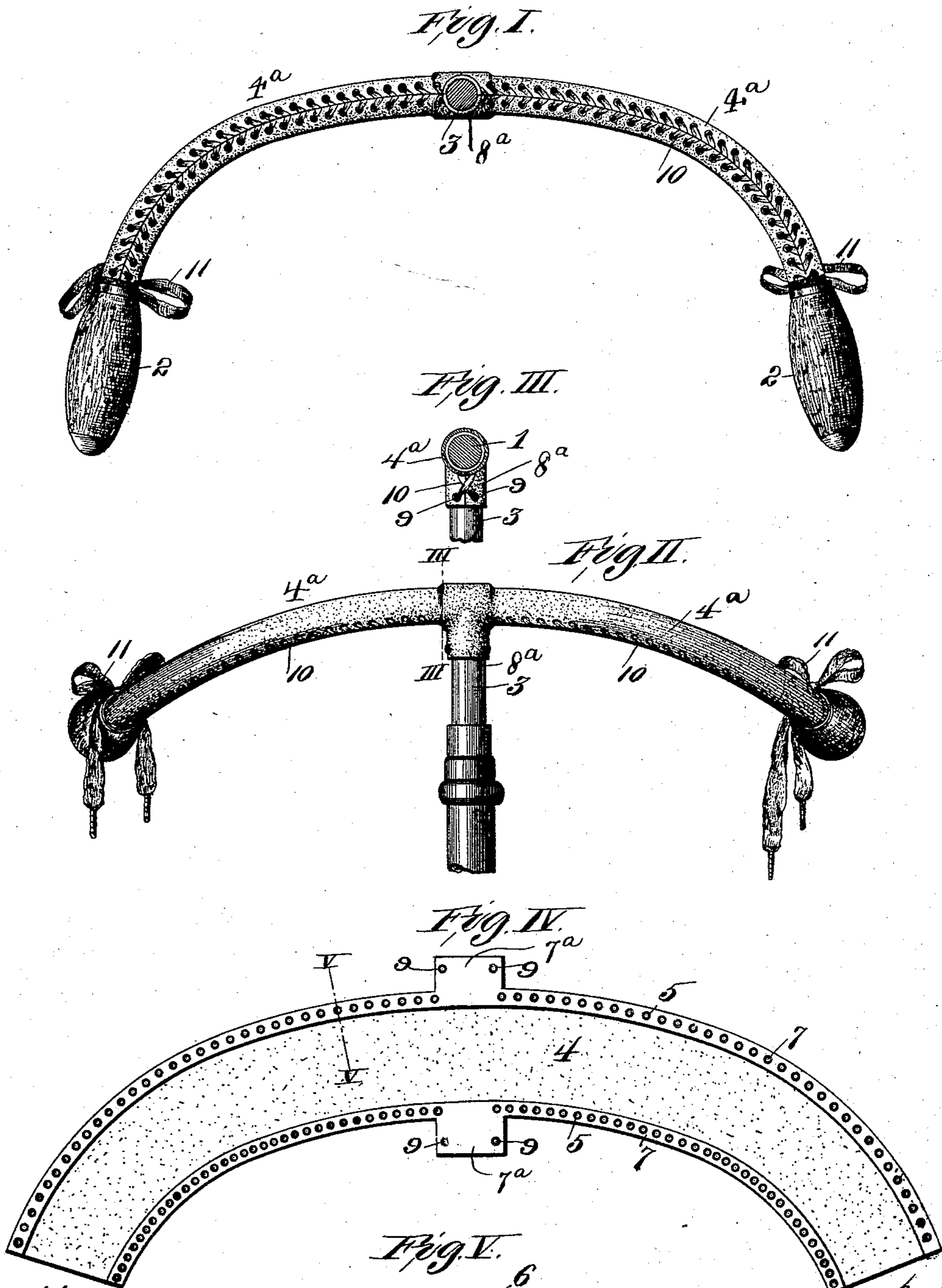


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, ELIZA M. SPAMER and RICHARD F. SPAMER, citizens of the United States, and residents of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Removable Covers for Bicycle Handle-Bars, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The object of our invention is to provide neat, serviceable, and handsome covers for the handle-bars of bicycles; and our invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Figure I is a view looking at the under side of a handle-bar of a bicycle provided with our cover. Fig. II is a front view showing part of the post-head of the wheel. Fig. III is a section taken on line III III, Fig. II. Fig. IV is a diagram illustrating the cover opened out and looking at the inner side of it. Fig. V is an enlarged section taken on line V V, Fig. IV.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the handle-bar of a bicycle, 2 the handles, and 3 the handle-bar post. 4 represents the cover, preferably of leather, to which our invention relates. This cover is cut out substantially in the shape of the handle-bar it is to cover, as shown in Fig. IV, and its edges are provided with a series of holes 5, preferably reinforced by eyelets 6, as shown in Fig. V. Each edge of the inner face of the cover is lined with a strip 7, through which the eyelets 6 pass. These strips are preferably composed of rubber or some equivalent material which will form a good frictional contact with the metallic handle-bar when the cover is applied, so as to avoid the possibility of the cover twisting on the bar.

The cover has a flap or wing 8 at each side at its central part to form a sharp pendent tube 8<sup>a</sup> to embrace the post 3, as shown in Figs. II and III, and these flaps or wings are provided with holes 9, that are also preferably reinforced by eyelets.

The cover is preferably secured to the handle-bar by ribbons or strings 10, laced through the holes 5 and 9 and tied in bows 11 at the ends of the cover, thus forming a closely-fit-

ting tube 4<sup>a</sup> extending over the post-head and occupying the space between the handles.

By providing the cover with the wings or flaps 8, that embrace the post 3, and by securing the flaps around the post, a provision is afforded for keeping the cover from moving longitudinally of the handle-bar. We prefer to face the wings or flaps 8 with the facing 7<sup>a</sup>, as shown in Fig. IV.

Our invention provides for a firm grip upon the handle-bar by the rider, adds to his ease and comfort, provides a distinctive feature for identifying the machine, as the covers may be made of different materials, of different colors, and secured by different-colored ribbons, and the cover affords a means of protecting the handle-bar when new and for hiding the bar when it becomes old and worn.

We claim as our invention—

1. A removable cover for bicycle handle-bars, comprising a body having its opposite edges provided with lacing-holes, and adapted to form a tube extending over the post-head for embracing the handle-bars between the handles, and flaps having lacing-holes, located at opposite sides of the body, and adapted to form a short pendent tube for embracing the post beneath the post-head and preventing the longitudinal displacement of the cover; substantially as described.

2. A removable cover for bicycle handle-bars comprising a body having its opposite edges provided with frictional facing-strips and lacing-holes, and adapted to form a tube extending over the post-head for embracing the handle-bars between the handles and prevented from twisting on the handle-bars by the contact of the facing-strips therewith, and flaps provided with frictional facing-strips and lacing-holes, located on opposite sides of the body and adapted to form a short pendent tube for embracing the post beneath the post-head and thus preventing the longitudinal displacement of the cover and prevented from twisting on the post by the contact of the facing-strips of the flaps therewith; substantially as described.

3. The combination, with the handle-post, post-head, handle-bars, and handles of a bicycle; of a removable cover for the handle-bars comprising a body having its opposite edges provided with lacing-holes and forming

a tube extending over the post-head and embracing the handle-bars between the handles, flaps having lacing-holes, located at opposite sides of the body and forming a short pendent  
5 tube embracing the post beneath the post-head and preventing the longitudinal displacement of the cover, and lacings extending

from the short tube to the opposite ends of the cover; substantially as described.

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