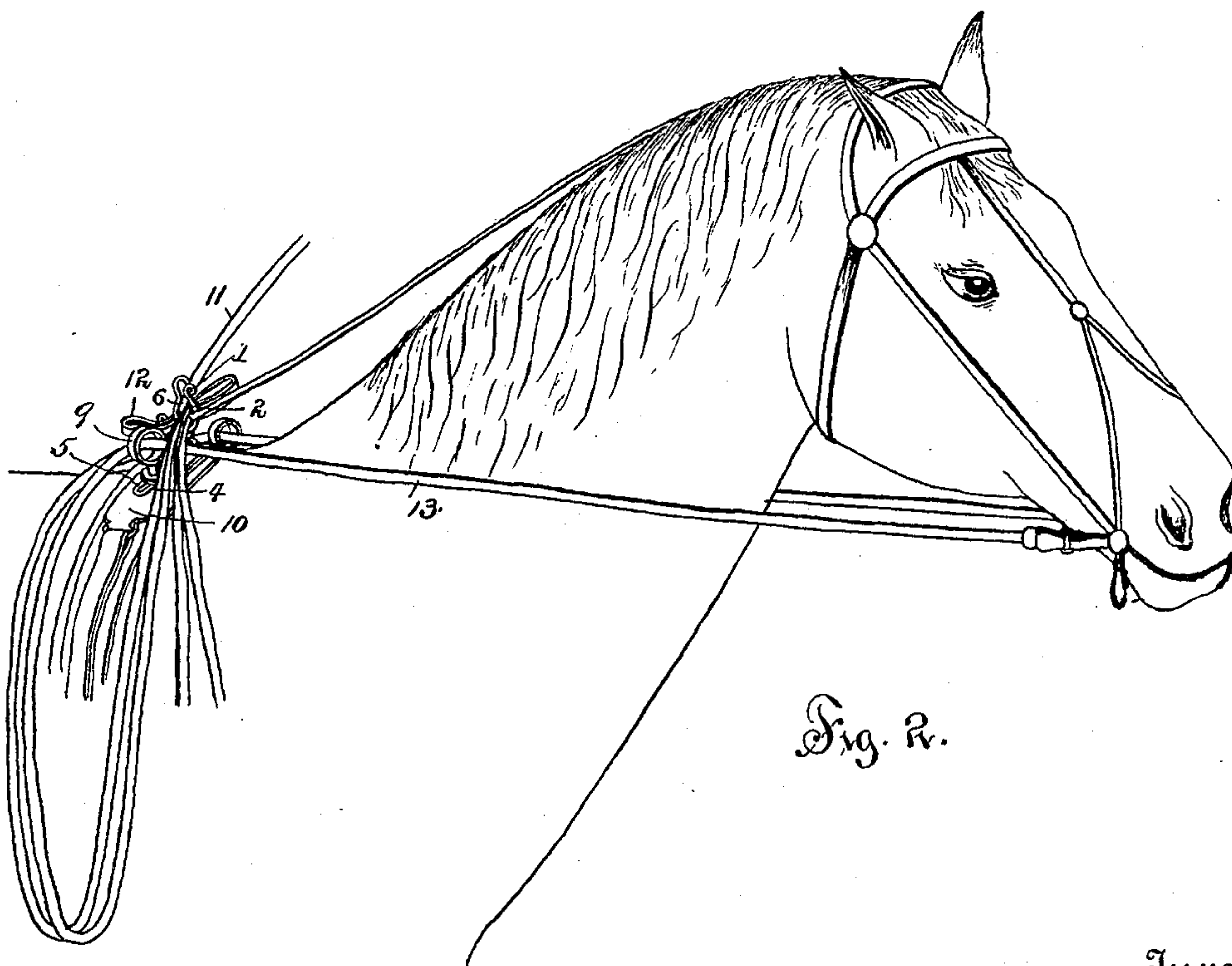
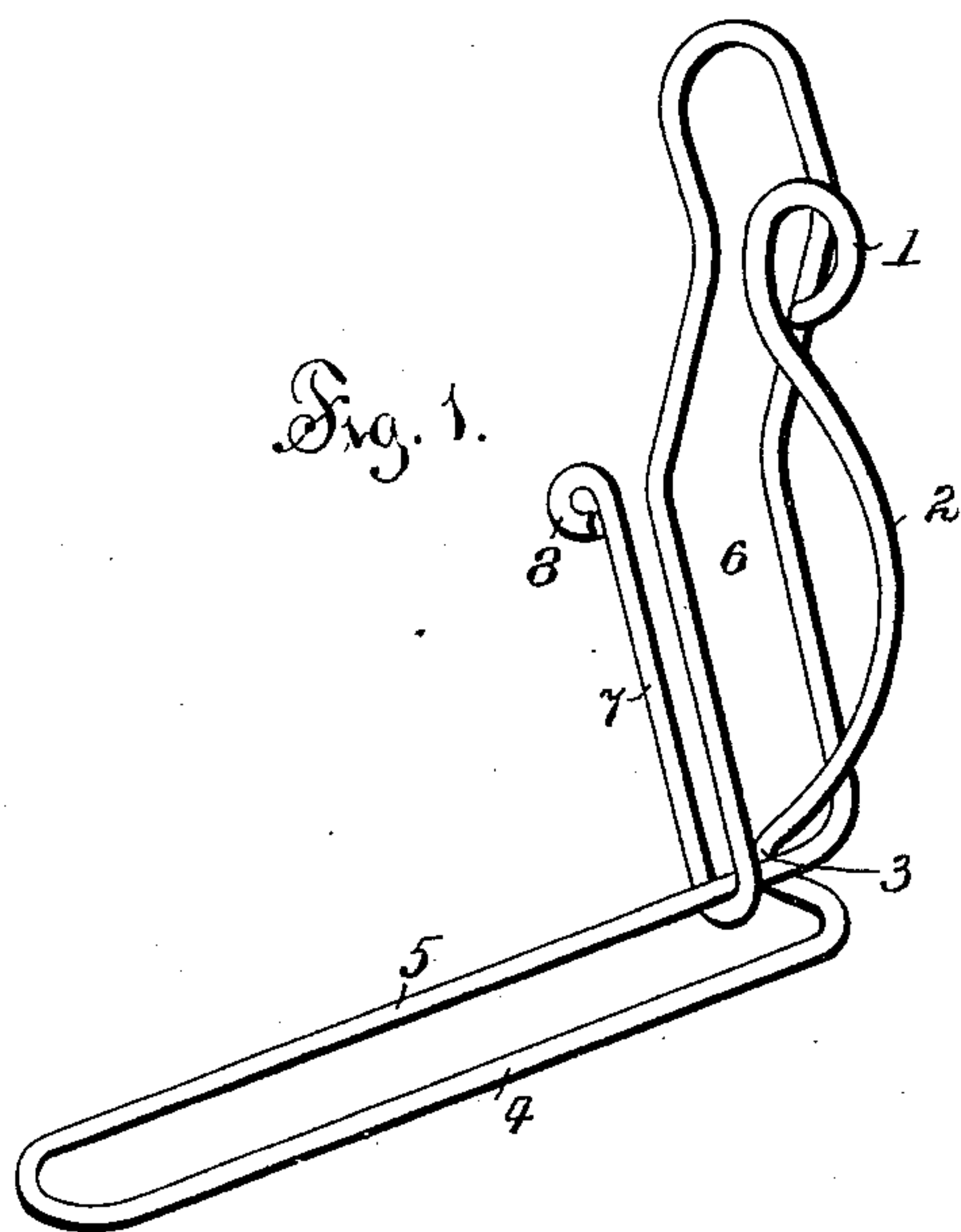


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## CHECK-HOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ORMOND W. GARTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Paulina, in the county of O'Brien and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Hooks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to check-hooks for holding and retaining the bridle-rein, and is adapted to be secured to the gig-saddle in an easy manner. Moreover, my invention comprises a simple device for holding the halter-strap and for holding the reins when out of use, the whole being constructed from a single wire.

I will first describe my invention with the aid of the accompanying drawings, and will then show its operation.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention before being secured in place. Fig. 2 represents the same in place with the halter-strap, bridle-rein, and reins held in position.

In both of the views the same numerals indicate the same parts.

As has already been intimated, my invention is formed from an integral wire of sufficient stiffness to present proper resistance and resiliency. This wire is bent at one end first in the guard-loop 1, then in the arcuate arm 2, the sharp angle 3, the lateral arm 4, the return-arm 5, passing through vertex of the angle 3, thence in a return elongated loop

6, disposed in the same direction as the arm 2 and straddling the loop 1, back and about the arm 5, adjacent to the angle 3, and thence in a parallel return 7, ending with the guard-loop 8.

I attach my invention to the gig-saddle at the arms 4 and 5 in some convenient manner, but preferably by removing the terret 9 of the gig-saddle 10 and securing the device under the same at the arms 4 and 5. The halter-strap 11 may be fastened up by merely slipping the loop 12 into the spring-clip formed by the loop 6 and the return 7. The reins may be secured in a somewhat similar manner by laying them in the loops 12, which are thrust in the spring-clip formed by the loop 6 and the arm 2.

The bridle-rein 13 may be secured to either of the clips or to the entire hook in a simple manner, but preferably it is placed with the halter-strap.

Having described my invention and its operation, what I claim is—

A check-hook of integral wire, comprising the securing-arms 4 and 5, and the projecting arms 7 and 2, and the projecting loop between them, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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