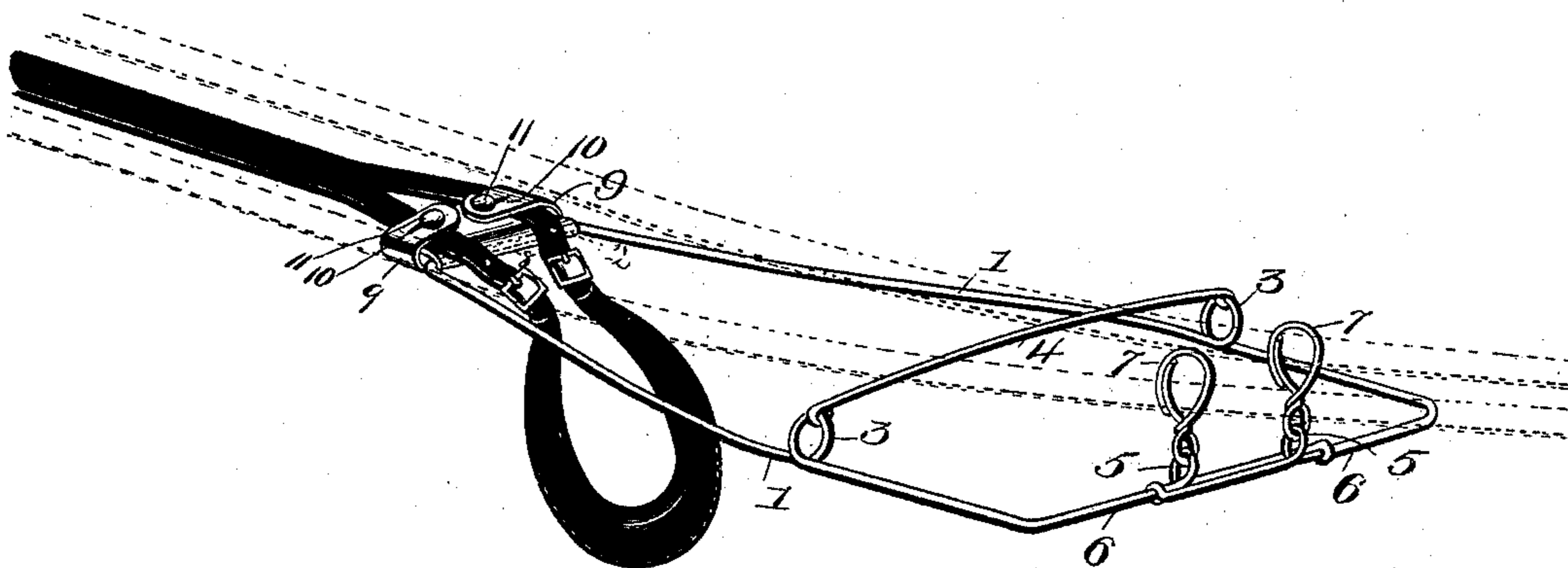


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. WILSON, residing at Paris, in the county of Henry and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rein-Fenders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, and to the figures of reference thereon.

This invention relates to improvements in rein-fenders adapted to be carried by a part of the harness, its object being to prevent the horse from getting his tail over the reins; and the invention consists in certain novel details of construction and combination and arrangements of parts, all as will be now described, and the particular features of novelty pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing the figure is a perspective view showing the device in position on the harness.

In carrying my invention into practice a piece of wire of suitable length and weight is bent at two points in its length equidistant from the middle, forming the two side pieces 1 1 and leaving the straight bar or connecting portion 2, (shown in dotted lines.) The side pieces 1 1 diverge with a gradual curve from the bar 2 toward the outer extremity, eyes 3 being formed at intermediate points in the side piece 1. A stay rod or bar 4 is secured at each end to the eyes 3, thereby strengthening the device, and which also prevents the device from falling over the horse's tail when in place. At suitable points in the side pieces the wire is turned inward at right angles to the side pieces and formed into eyes 5 5, the ends of the wire being then carried past each other and secured to the inturned portion 6 6.

7 7 are lap-rings hung loosely in the eyes 5 5, and into which the reins are slipped when the device is in position.

The device is to be attached to a suitable part of the harness—as, for example, the crupper-strap—and any suitable attaching means may be employed. The means which I prefer, and which I have illustrated in the drawing, consist of a loop or strap 8, of leather or other suitable material, which loosely surrounds the bar 2, being formed with end extensions or tabs 9 9, having buttonholes therein, which are passed under and over the crupper-strap and fastened to the loop by the buttons 11 11, carried by the loop, as will be readily understood.

The device, it will be seen, is simple, can be readily applied to the harness, in no way interferes with the horse, and effectually prevents the horse from getting his tail over the rein.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. A rein-fender formed of a single piece of wire, bent to form the side pieces 1, 1, and bar 2, and having the outer ends of the wire bent inward at right angles to the side pieces and carried past each other and secured to the opposite inturned portion, and having a loop or strap loosely surrounding the bar 2, provided with end tabs for securing the device to the crupper-strap; substantially as set forth.

2. In a rein-fender of wire, the combination with the bar 2, the side pieces 1, 1, formed with eyes 3, 3, and having the inturned outer ends formed with eyes 5, 5, and secured to each other as described, the cross-bar 4, secured at each end to the eyes 3, 3, the lap-rings loosely hung in the eyes 5, 5, and the securing-loop surrounding the bar 2, and formed with end tabs for securing the device to the harness; substantially as set forth.

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