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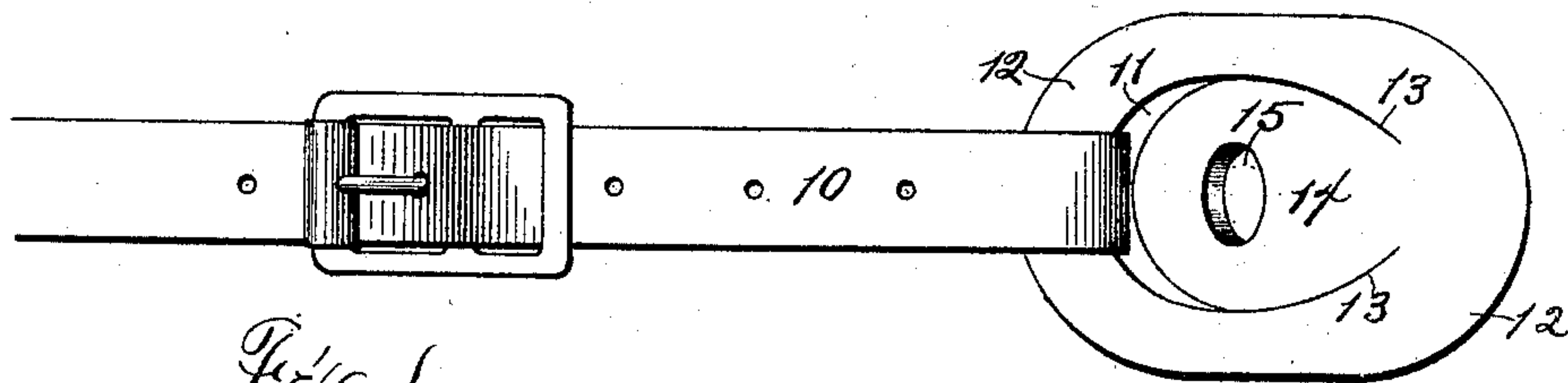


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

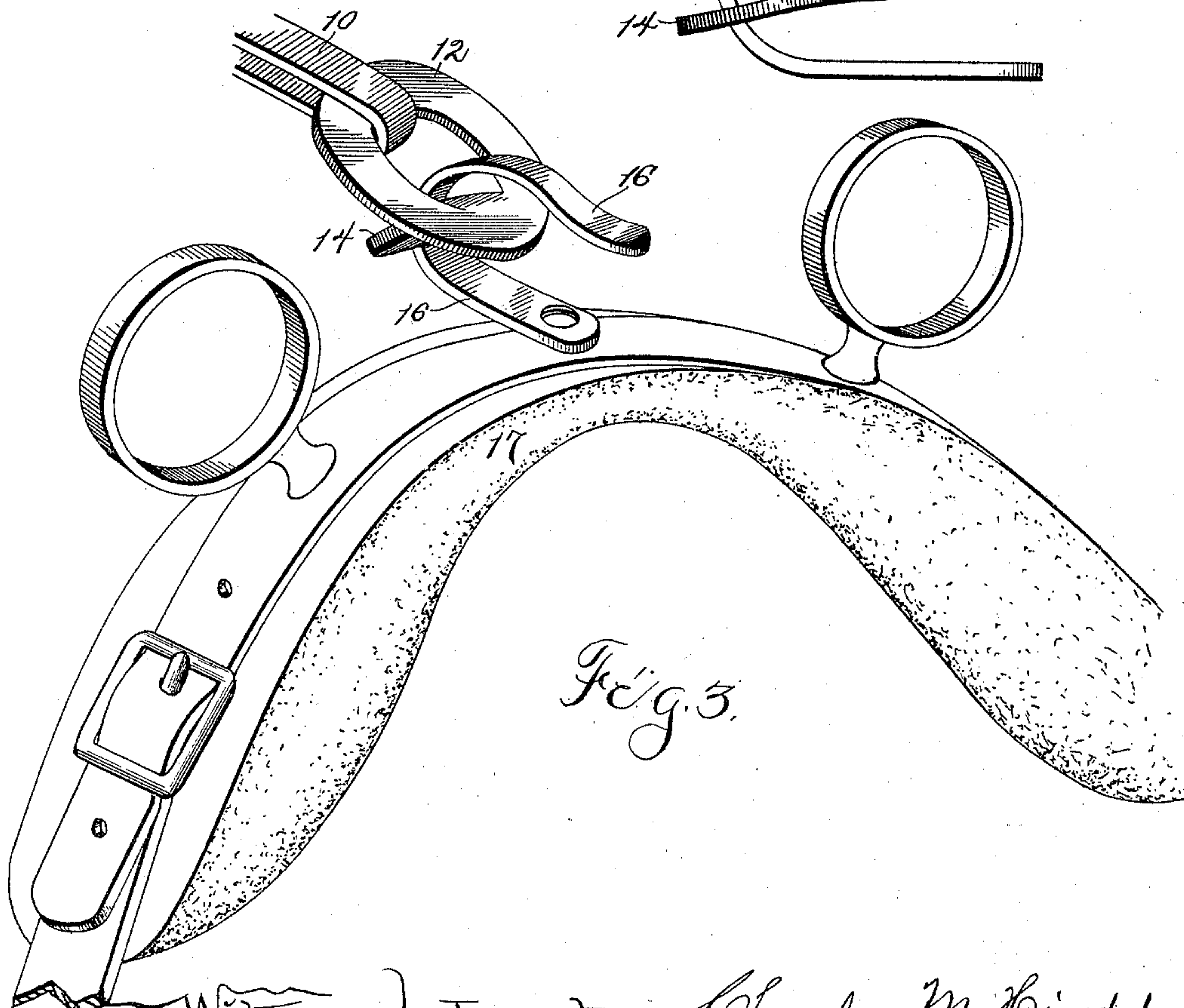
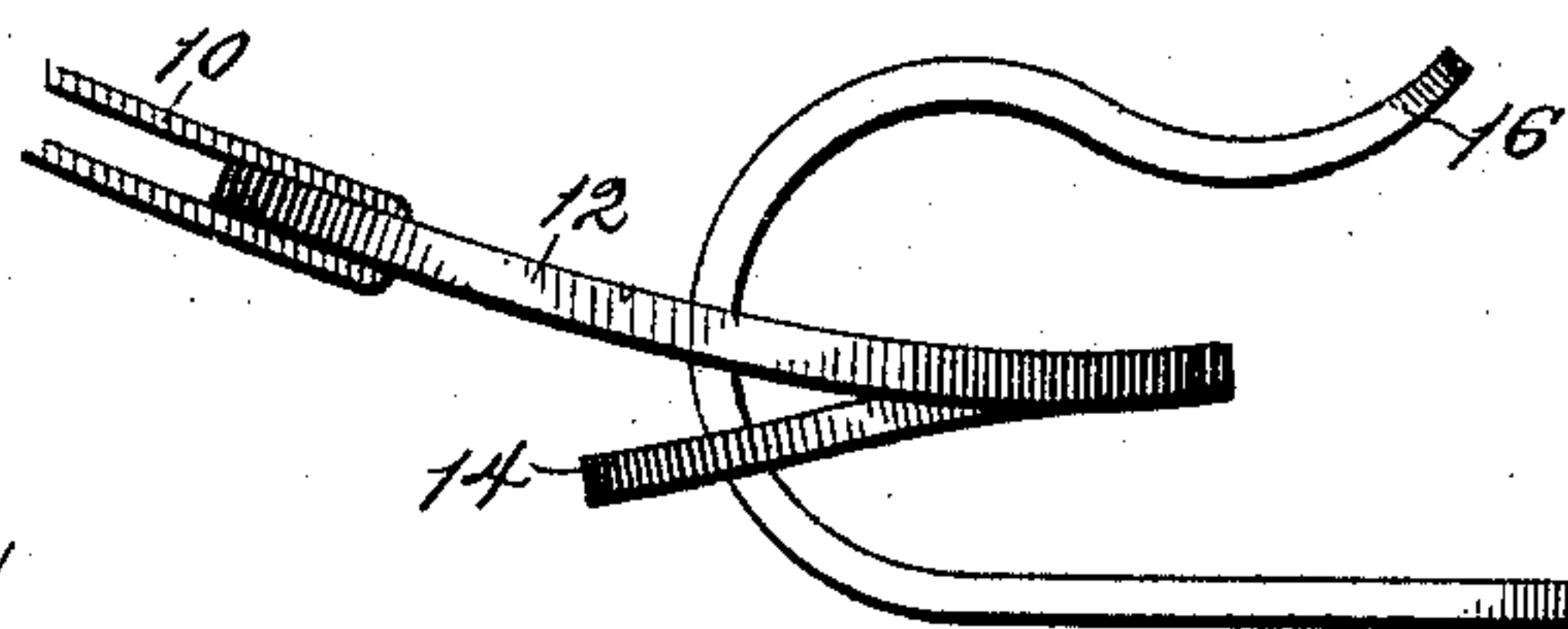


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES M. HINSDALE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newton, in the county of Jasper and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Checkrein-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide improved means for connecting a checkrein with a hook on a harness-saddle detachably and at the same time providing for a resilience or flexibility of the connection tending to relieve the strain and jar occasioned by the constant vibration of the head of the horse wearing the harness-saddle and checkrein, the connection being so disposed and constructed as to render accidental detachment thereof practically impossible.

My invention consists in the flexible connecting device, combined with a rein and a hook, as hereinafter set forth, pointed out in my claims, and illustrated by the accompanying drawings, in which--

Figure 1 is a plan illustrating my improved connecting device attached to a portion of a checkrein. Fig. 2 is an elevation illustrating my improved connection in conjunction with a checkrein-hook. Fig. 3 is a perspective illustrating the improved means employed by me to connect the checkrein and harness-saddle by means of my flexible device as required for practical use.

The numeral 10 designates a portion of a checkrein, the rear end of which is looped and passed through a crescent-shaped slot 11, formed in my flexible connecting device, formed of leather approximately of the size and thickness shown and has a horseshoe-shaped slit or transverse cut 13 formed therein, producing a tongue 14 in the central portion thereof. The tongue 14 is depressed into the position shown, thereby forming the crescent-shaped slot 11, through which the rear end portion of the checkrein 10 is passed. The tongue 14 is apertured to form an oval opening or seat 15 in the center of its forward portion, which opening 15 is designed to embrace, inclose, and be hooked upon a checkrein-hook 16. The checkrein-hook 16 preferably is made of bar metal approximately

rectangular in cross-section and is fixed at its rear and lower end to the harness-saddle 17.

The checkrein 10 extends upwardly and forwardly from the checkrein-hook 16, and the connecting device forms the connection between the checkrein and hook. When a pull or strain is applied to the checkrein by a forward and downward movement of the head of the horse, the rim or outer portion of the connecting-plate is drawn forwardly relative to the major portion of the tongue 14 and causes a flexing of the tongue and establishes a resilient characteristic therein that tends to minimize and compensate for the strain on the head of the horse that would otherwise be occasioned. Furthermore, the resilient and flexible connection between the tongue 14 and part 12, taken in conjunction with the function of the oval opening 15, embracing the flat substance of the hook 16, prevents the accidental removal of the connecting-plate from the saddletree-hook. In the lateral vibration of the horse's head the strap or checkrein 10 moves slightly laterally of the rim portion of the connecting-plate and the tongue 14 remains in its normal position circumferentially of the hook.

It is obvious that my flexible device can be readily formed complete in one piece by simply cutting it from a piece of leather or other suitable flat flexible material and advantageously combined with a checkrein for detachably connecting the rein with a checkhook on a harness-saddle.

I am aware a piece of leather has been doubled through a metal loop and the overlying parts of the leather provided with coinciding holes and stitched together so the leather and metal loop could be jointly slipped off and on a hook. A single piece of leather provided with a tongue having a hole to admit a hook and integral projections adapted to form a loop by sewing their ends together has also been provided. A metal frame having an opening to admit a hook and another opening to admit a checkrein has been covered with leather, and a metal plate has been provided with two openings, one to admit a hook and the other a checkrein, but in no instance has a checkrein-holder been made

of a single piece of leather of such peculiar and advantageous form as shown and described, and

Therefore what I claim as new, and desire
5 to secure Letters Patent therefor, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture a check-
rein-holder consisting of a single piece of
leather having a crescent-shaped incision to
admit a checkrein and to produce an integral
10 tongue and a hole in the tongue to admit a
check-hook, in the manner set forth for the
purposes stated.

2. An oblong piece of leather having an in-
cision shaped like a horseshoe to produce a
loop adapted to admit a checkrein and an in- 15
tegral tongue provided with an opening to
admit a check-hook in combination with a
rein as shown and described for the purposes
stated.

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