

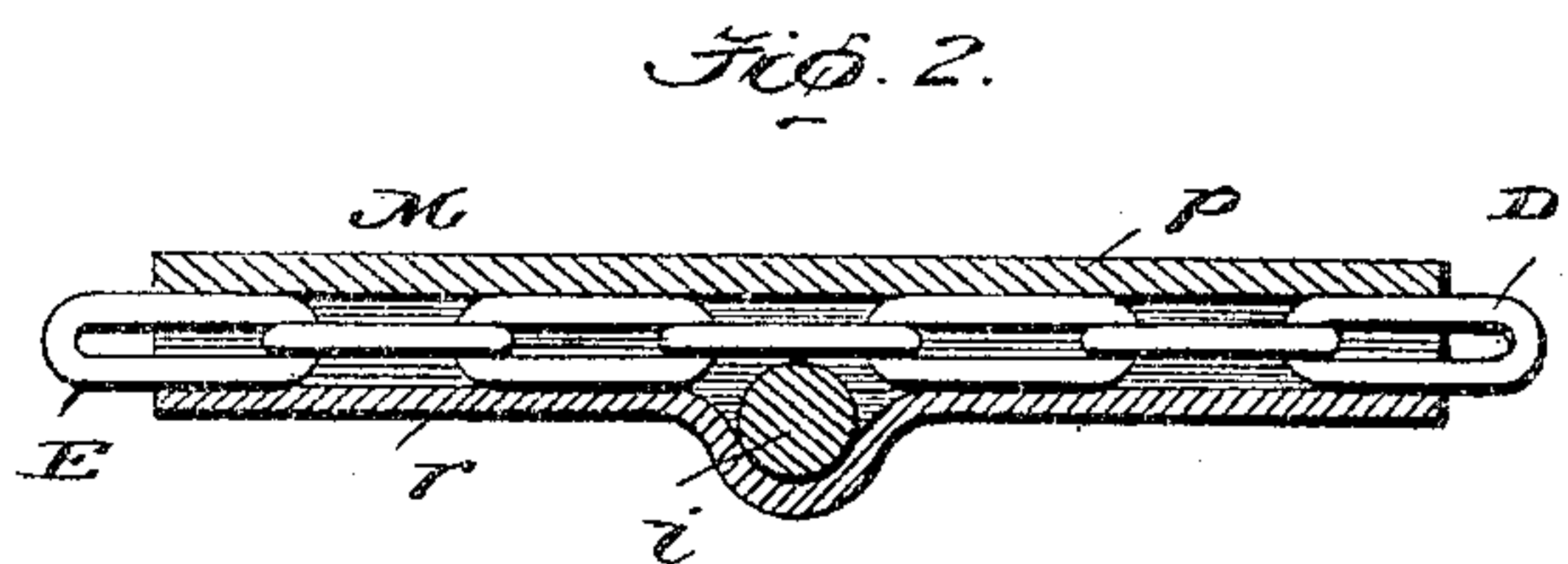
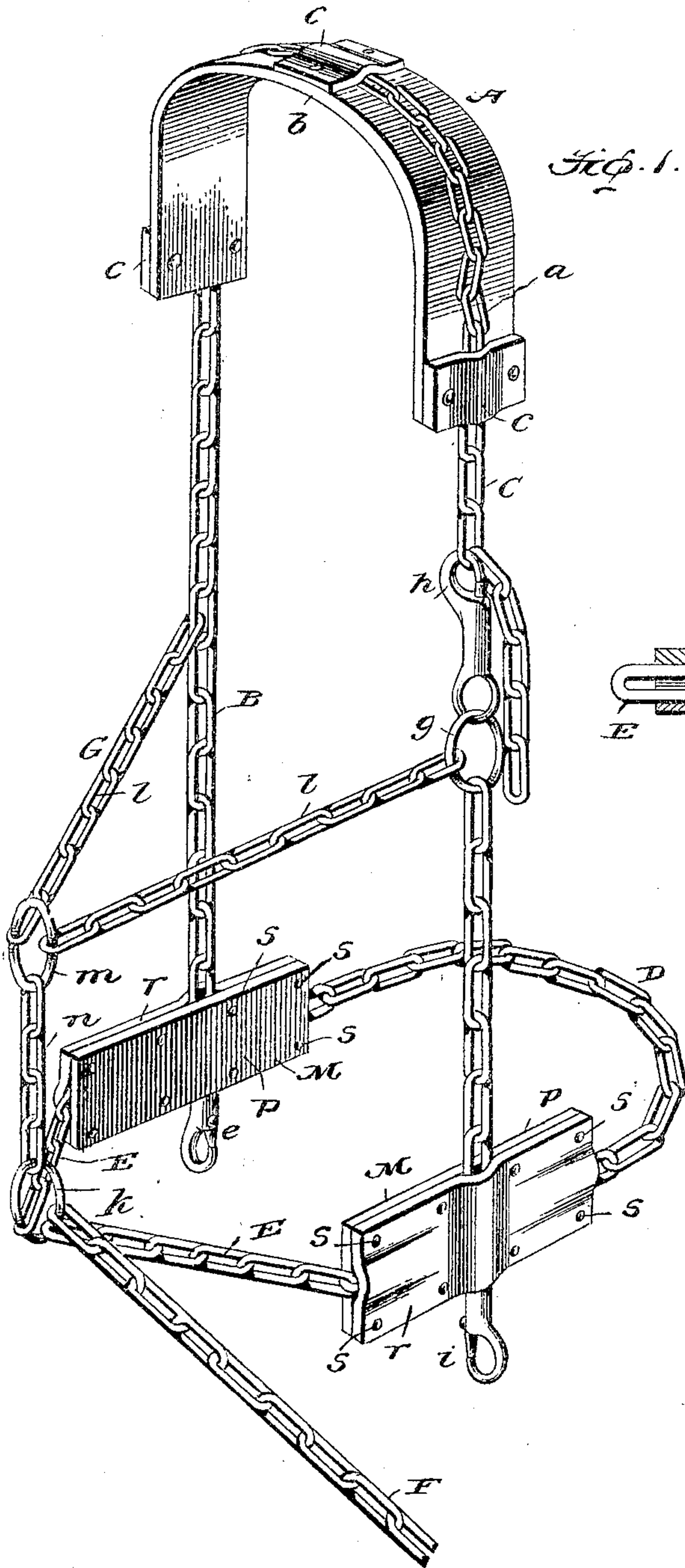
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MILES McGEHEE STOKES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented new and useful Improvements in Halters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to halters; and it contemplates the provision of a very strong and durable halter, all of the parts of which are permanently connected together with a view of preventing disconnection and loss of any one of the parts, and one which is adapted to be expeditiously fastened on the head of a horse or mule in such manner that it is not liable to be casually displaced while in use.

Other advantageous features of the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the halter constituting the present and preferred embodiment of my invention, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged horizontal section taken through one of the novel pads at the junction of the cheek, nose, and jaw pieces of the halter.

Similar letters designate corresponding parts in both views of the drawings, referring to which—

A is the headstall of my novel halter. This headstall comprises a portion *a*, of chain, and a pad *b*, of leather, arranged at the inner side of the portion *a* and connected to the same by leather loops *c*, which extend across the portion *a* and are riveted to the pad *b*, as shown. At one end the chain portion *a* of the headstall terminates in a cheek-piece B, also of chain, which in turn terminates at its lower end in a snap-hook *e*. The other cheek-piece C on the headstall comprises lower and upper portions of chain, an intermediate ring *g*, a snap-hook *h*, connected to the ring, and a snap-hook *i* at the lower end of the lower chain portion. The snap-hook *h* is designed to be detachably connected to one of the links of the upper chain portion, after the manner shown in Fig. 1, and hence it will be apparent that the halter may be expeditiously and nicely adjusted to and fastened on the heads of horses and mules of different sizes. The snap-hook *i* and the snap-hook *e* are provided in order that a bit (not shown) may be readily attached to the halter when it is desired to convert the same into a bridle.

D is a nose-piece of chain, connected at its

ends to the cheek-pieces. E E are jaw-pieces of chain, also connected to the cheek-pieces and having their adjacent ends connected by a ring *k*. F is a lead-chain connected to said ring *k*.

G is a throat-latch made up of chains *l*, a ring *m*, and a chain *n*, as shown, and M M are pads for protecting the opposite sides of the horse's head at points adjacent to the mouth against chafing and being rendered sore by the chains. The said pads M are identical in construction, and therefore a detailed description of the one shown in Fig. 2 will suffice to impart a definite understanding of both. The said pad M, Fig. 2, comprises an inner layer *p*, of thick leather, disposed at the inner side of the cheek, nose, and jaw pieces at the intersection of said pieces, and an outer layer *r*, disposed at the outer side of said pieces and connected to the inner layer by rivets *s*. In this connection it will be noticed that in addition to connecting the two layers of the pad the rivets *s* serve to securely hold the pad in proper position on the chain-pieces.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that my novel halter is capable of withstanding extraordinary rough usage and strains, and no one of its parts can be detached and carried off by an unscrupulous person, both of which are important advantages. It will also be apparent that while the chain-pieces lend strength and durability to the halter the pads *b* and M may be depended on to prevent said chain-pieces from injuring the animal or rendering the halter uncomfortable. In this connection it will be appreciated that the pads described are quite as strong and durable as the remainder of the halter.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A halter comprising a headstall of chain, a cheek-piece of chain depending from the headstall and terminating at its lower end in a snap-hook permanently connected thereto, a second cheek-piece depending from the headstall and having a lower portion of chain terminating at its lower end in a snap-hook permanently connected thereto and also having an upper portion of chain and a snap-hook permanently connected to one of said portions and engaged with the other, jaw-pieces of chain permanently connected to the cheek-pieces, a throat-latch of chain permanently connected to the cheek-pieces and

jaw-pieces, a nose-piece of chain permanently  
connected to the cheek-pieces, a pad of  
leather arranged at the inner side of the  
chain headstall, loops riveted to said pad and  
5 extending over the headstall, and pads hav-  
ing inner layers of leather arranged at the in-  
ner sides of the cheek, nose and jaw pieces at  
the points of intersection thereof and also  
having outer layers of leather arranged at  
10 the outer sides of said pieces and riveted to  
the inner layers.

2. In a halter, the combination of cheek-  
pieces, a nose-piece and jaw-pieces; said pieces  
being formed of chain and being permanently

connected together, and pads having inner 15  
layers of leather arranged at the inner sides  
of the cheek, nose and jaw pieces at the  
points of intersection thereof and also having  
outer layers of leather arranged at the outer  
sides of said pieces and riveted to the inner 20  
layers.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand in presence of two subscribing wit-  
nesses.

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