

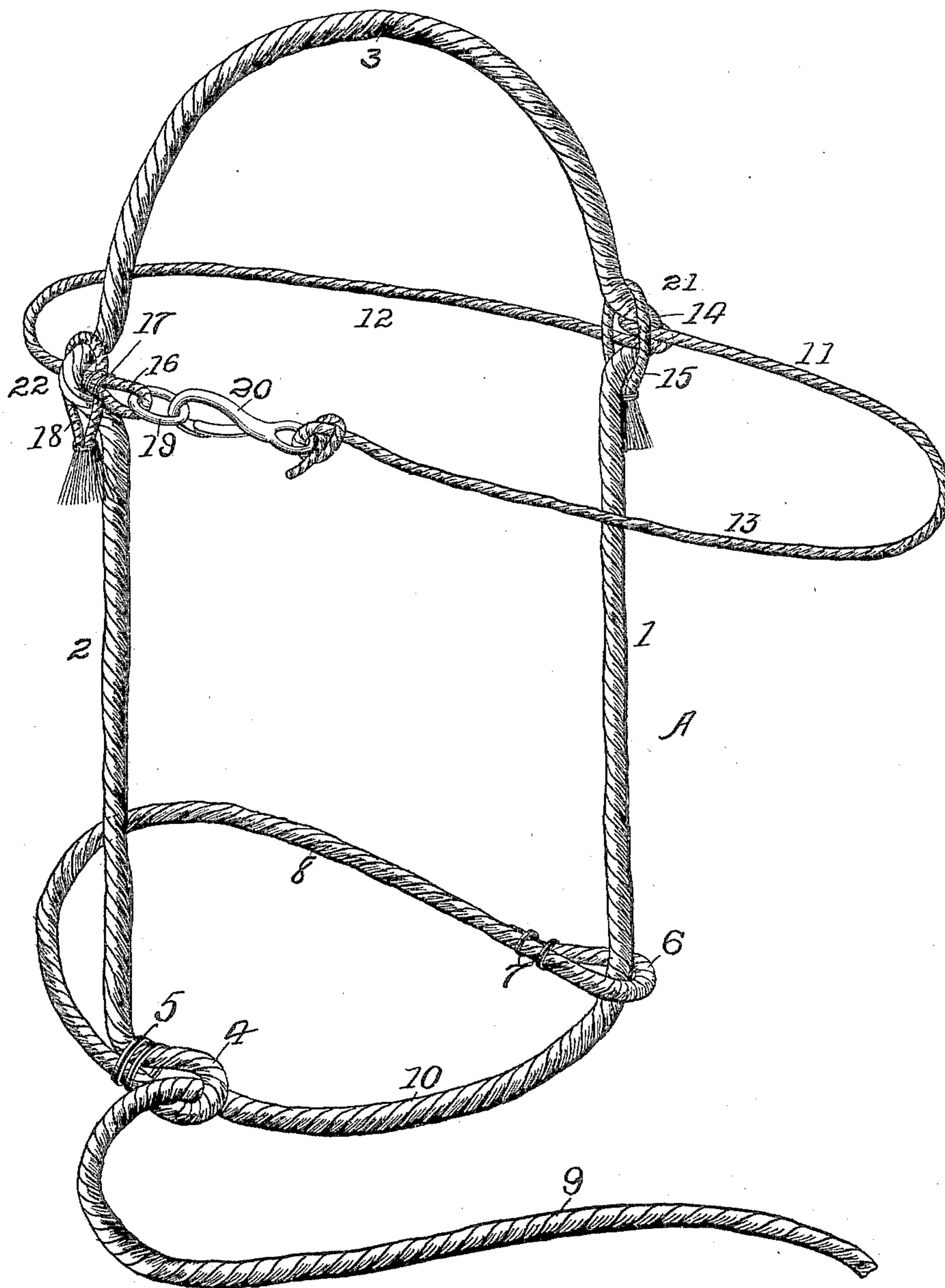
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. SMOUSE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Cedar Rapids, in the county of Linn and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Halters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in halters, and contemplates the provision of a halter formed of an integral piece of rope and provided with a brow and throat strap formed of an integral piece of rope and adjustably secured upon the halter, the constituent elements being so constructed and arranged as to have the greatest degree of adjustability possible.

Heretofore the brow-strap and crown-piece have been non-adjustable in their relative positions upon the halter. This is also true of the throat-strap and nose-loop. Hence a halter of average size will not fit a horse having a head greater or smaller than the average or a head out of proportion to the size of the throat. My invention completely overcomes this disadvantage, the wide range of adjustability enabling the halter to be used upon a head of any size or proportions.

The detailed construction will appear in the course of the following description, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, the figure being a perspective view of the halter with the various elements assembled in their proper relative disposition.

The halter A is formed of an integral section of rope and embodies two cheek portions 1 and 2 and an upper crown portion 3, bent between the cheek portions. The cheek portion 2 is looped a short distance from its end, as at 4, and encircles the halter-rope 9, which is a continuation of the cheek portion 1. The loop 4 is maintained in a distended position by means of a fastening of twisted wire 5. The remaining portion of loop 4, which is a continuation of the cheek portion 2, is looped at its ends, as indicated at 6, and encircles the cheek portion 1, the last-named loop being held in a distended position by a twisted-wire fastener 7, similar in construction to the fastener 5. The portion of the rope between the loops 4 and 6 forms a nose-loop 8, and that portion of the halter-rope 9 passing through the loops 4 and 6, which is designated by the numeral 10, is disposed beneath the

throat of the animal and serves to tighten or loosen the nose-loop 8.

The brow-strap and throat-piece are formed from an integral section of rope, which is preferably of smaller diameter than the rope of the halter A and is adjustably secured thereto at points adjacent the crown-piece 3 and the integral section of rope 11. The section of the rope 11 in front of the crown-piece 3 serves as the brow-strap 12, and the section of rope 11 in the rear of the crown-piece 3 serves as the throat-strap 13. The rope 11 is looped upon itself and encircles the cheek portion 1, as indicated at 14, being adjustably held in position by virtue of an ornamental loop 15 of the same material encircling loop 14 and adjustably disposed in the rear of said loop, so as to afford a secure fastening means. The free end of the brow-strap 12 is looped, as at 16, the loop being held in a distended position by means of a twisted-wire fastener 17, said brow-strap being held upon the cheek portion 2 adjacent the loop 16 by virtue of an ornamental rope loop 18, encircling the cheek portion 2 on each side of the loop 16 and disposed in the rear thereof. A ring 19 is held within the loop 16 and serves as an eye to receive a snap-hook 20, carried upon the free end of the throat-piece 13, whereby the throat-piece may be readily detached from the brow-strap.

Should it be necessary to adjust the relative position of the brow-strap and throat-piece upon the cheek portions, this can be accomplished by loosening the cheek portions 1 and 2 at their respective points 21 and 22 adjacent the loops 15 and 18, where the cheek portions are bulged out slightly to accommodate the rope 11. When the halter-rope has been loosened, as above indicated, the rope 11 may be slid freely in either direction upon the cheek portions 1 and 2, the said rope being held in any desired position by the tautness of the cheek portions 1 and 2, adjacent the loops 15 and 18, caused by the frictional contact therewith of the said loops, which serve to effectually secure the rope 11 in its position upon the halter.

The portion 10 between the loops 6 and 4 of the nose-loop passes beneath the throat of the animal and is capable of free movement within said loop. Hence a pull upon the halter-rope 9 will serve to tighten the nose-loop should the animal get fractious.

It is clearly apparent that I have constructed a halter which is inexpensive to

manufacture and which possesses a wider range of adjustment than halters heretofore manufactured and which is effectual and serviceable in use.

5 It is obvious that slight minor changes may be made without departing from the general spirit of my invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having fully described my invention, I
10 claim—

1. A halter constructed of an integral section of rope, and shaped to form cheek portions and an intermediately-disposed crown-strap, one of said cheek portions being provided with a continuation which serves as a
15 halter-rope, and the other of said cheek portions being provided with a continuation which serves to form a nose-loop, and which embraces the continuation carried by said
20 first-named cheek portion, and a brow-strap and throat-piece formed of an integral section of rope, adjustably carried by said halter at a point adjacent the junction of said crown-strap and cheek portions and means
25 embracing said cheek portions and said brow-strap and throat-piece for holding the latter at adjusted positions.

2. A halter constructed of an integral section of rope, shaped to form cheek portions
30 and an intermediately-disposed crown-strap, a continuation carried by one of said cheek portions which serves as a halter-rope, and a continuation carried by the other cheek por-

tion, and looped around said first-named cheek portion, which is shaped to form a nose-
35 loop, and a brow-strap and throat-piece formed from an integral section of rope, and adjustably secured to said cheek portions at the junction of said crown-strap, said brow-
40 strap and throat-piece being looped about said cheek portions and being held in position by looped fastenings.

3. A halter constructed from a single section of rope, shaped to form cheek portions and an intermediately-disposed crown-strap,
45 a continuation carried by one of said cheek portions, serving as the halter-rope, and a continuation carried by the other cheek portion and loosely embracing said first-named
50 cheek portion, and shaped to form a nose-loop, and a brow-strap and throat-piece formed from an integral section of rope, and having their free ends detachably connected,
said brow-strap and throat-piece being ad-
55 justably secured upon said cheek portions at a point adjacent to the junction of the crown-strap therewith, and looped fastenings embracing said cheek portions, and said brow-strap and throat-piece.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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