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HALTER.

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Fig. 1.

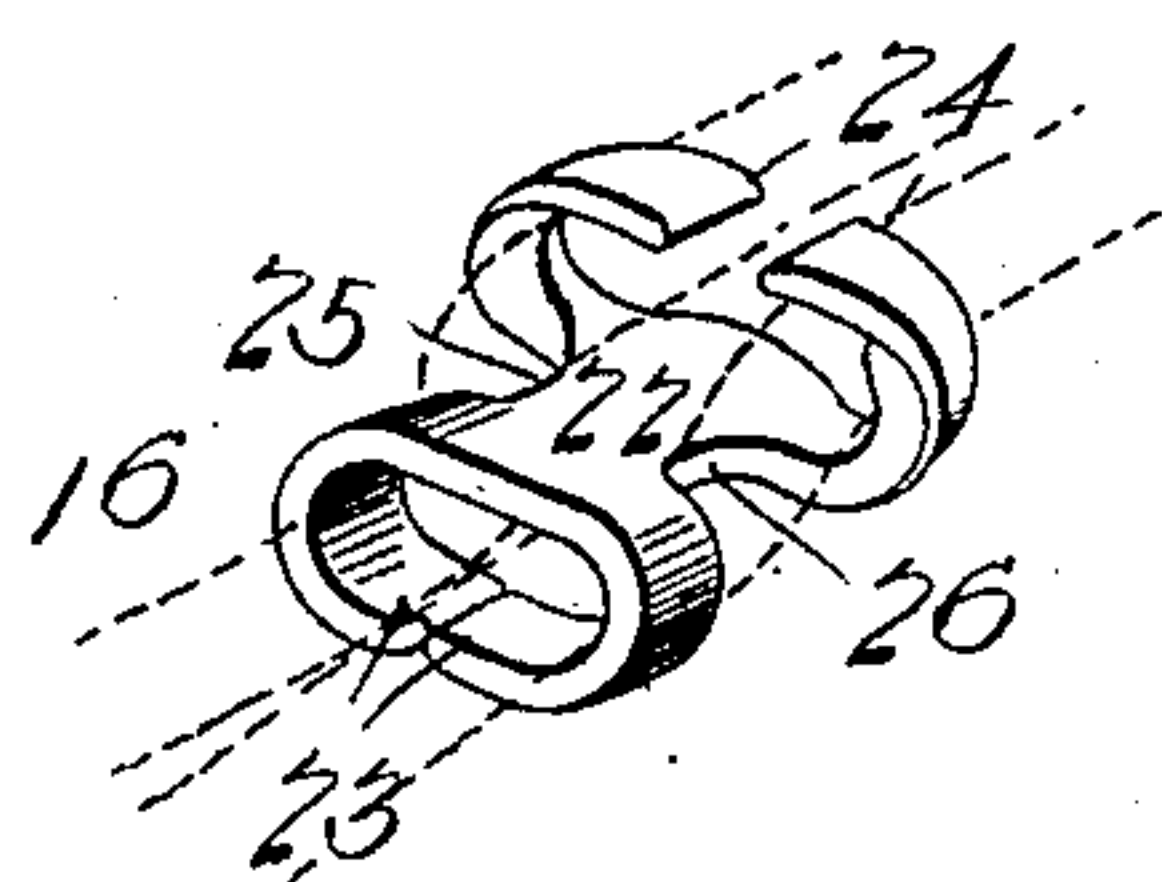
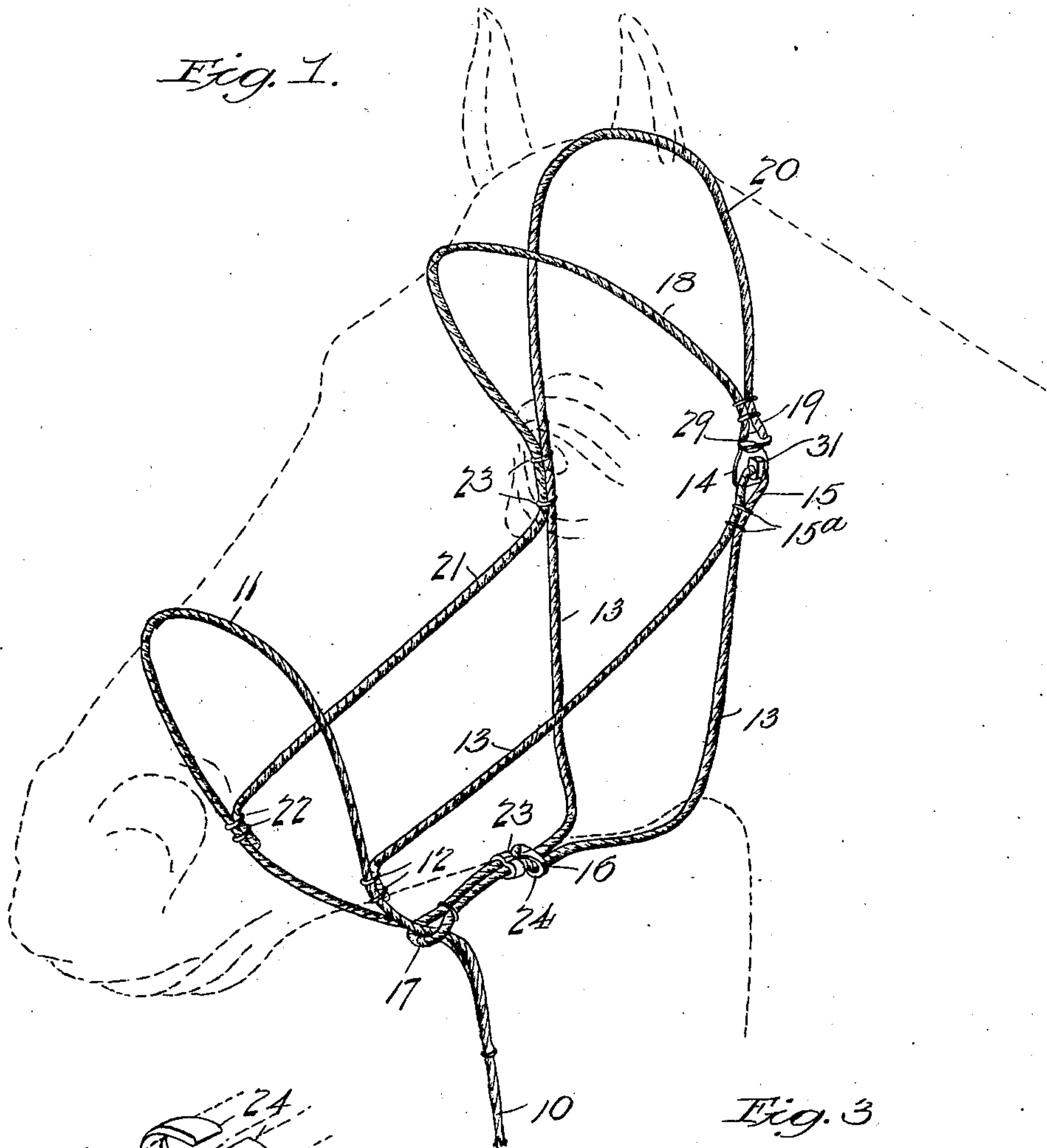


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

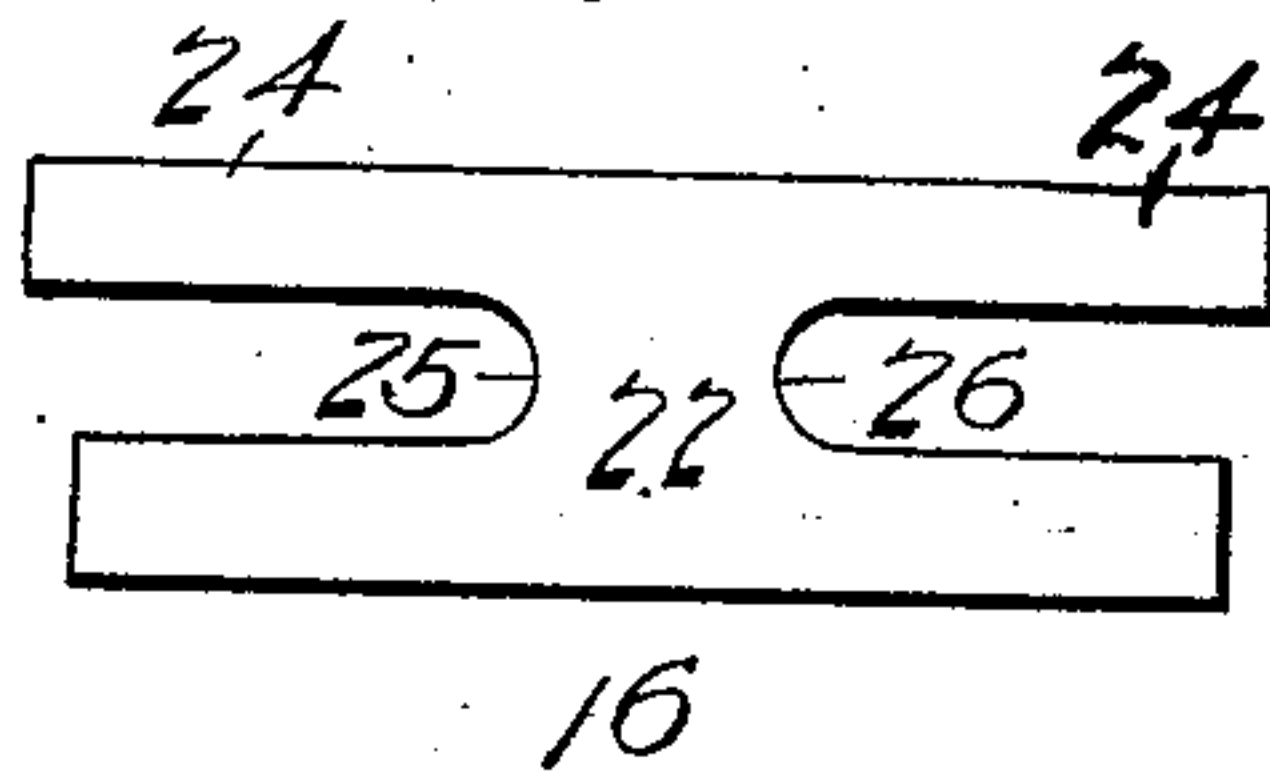
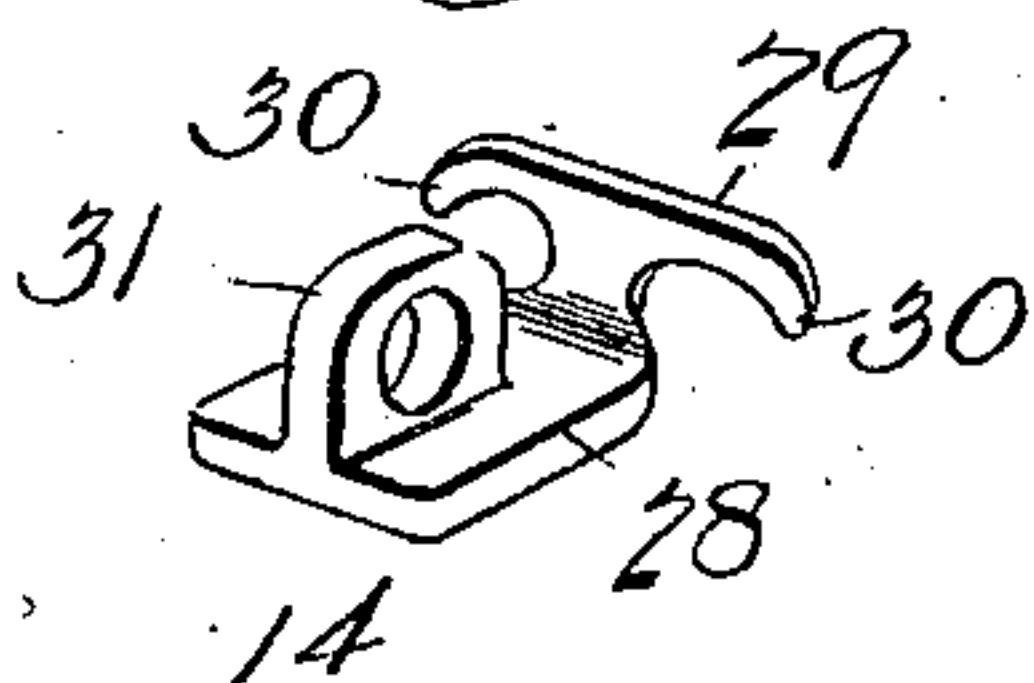


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES N. McCLINTOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rigdon, in the county of Madison and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Halters, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to the subject of harness and has particularly in view an improved halter designed for controlling fractious horses.

With the above and many other objects in view, the invention contemplates a halter made of rope or similar material which may be adjusted to fit different sizes of heads, and in which a tightening of the nose loop and a downward pressure exerted upon the head is had by pulling upon the hitching rope, thereby obtaining complete control over the animal.

In carrying out the invention various modifications may be resorted to, a preferred and practical embodiment of which is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a preferred type of the halter as it appears in practical use. Fig. 2 is a similar view of an adjusting rope clamp especially adapted for use in connection with the present invention. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the adjusting clamp is formed. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a rope coupling used for connecting parts of the halter.

Like characters of reference designate corresponding parts.

In the embodiment of the invention shown in the accompanying drawings, the halter consists of a hitching rope 10, one end portion of which is provided with a loop 11 which serves as a nose loop, to one side of which loop the end 12 of a cheek rope 13 is clamped. The other portion of said cheek rope extends upward and is passed through the lower part of a coupling member 14 (to be described in detail later) and at this point said rope 13 is folded, and held so by clips 15<sup>a</sup> to form a closed loop 15, after which it is passed downward under the throat of the animal, and through one side of a "slip" clamping and adjusting device 16, and has a closed guiding loop 17 formed therein and slidably receiving the rope 10 having the nose loop 11. From the said loop 17, the rope 13 is extended up through the other side of the clamping and adjusting device

16 above which it is looped to form a head stall 20, and then passed about the upper portion of the coupling 14, at which point a closed loop 19 is formed therein to prevent the rope slipping from said coupling. From the coupling member 14 the rope is extended across to form a brow band 18, thence downward forming another cheek rope 21, to the nose loop to which it is permanently connected by means of suitable rope clamps 22, intermediate clamps 23 being used to permanently connect the brow band 18 and head stall 20.

From the foregoing description of the improved halter, it will be seen that the same is composed of two lengths of rope, one of which forms the hitching, or controlling rope and nose band, or loop, the other length being formed into the desired shape and connected together to provide the cheek ropes, the head stall, and the brow band, and that through the coöperation of the guide loop 17 with the said hitching or controlling rope, a pull upon the last mentioned rope will cause the nose loop to be contracted around the animal's nostrils and also impart a strong downward pull upon the head of the animal, thereby assuring the complete control of the animal.

Another distinctive feature of the described halter is that through the arrangement of hitching or controlling rope and the guiding loop, all strains exerted upon the halter center upon such loop, and as the same is substantially reinforced through the various clamps, it will be seen that a strong and serviceable halter has been produced.

In Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings a form of adjusting and clamping member has been shown which is designed especially for use in connection with the preferred type of halter and which comprises essentially a body plate 22, each end of which is provided with outwardly projecting arms 23—24, arranged in pairs. Said arms are bent inwardly to form rope clamping and guiding members which project from opposite sides of the said body plate 22, oppositely located guiding grooves 25—26 being formed in the longitudinal sides of the said plate between each end arm for the reception of the ropes. In said Fig. 2 the position of the ropes in the clamping and adjusting device has been indicated in dotted lines, and by reference to said figure it will be observed that the ropes pass through one of the sets of clamping and guiding arms, thence



around the outer edge of the body plate and then through the other set of clamping arms. It will be understood that by sliding this clamping member up or down on the ropes which pass through and around it, a corresponding increase, or decrease, in the size of the halter may be had.

In Fig. 4 of the drawings an improved form of rope coupling has been shown which is especially adapted for use in connection with this invention and which is used for connecting the looped end of the cheek rope 13 with the loop formed at the junction of the brow band and the head stall, said coupling comprising a body 28 one end of which is upturned and shaped to form a T-shaped hook 29 having downturned ends 30 which serve to retain the rope in engagement with the hook. In the arrangement of the parts shown in the accompanying drawings said hook engages with the loop formed at the junction of the brow band and the head stall. Adjacent to the other end of the body plate an upstand-

ing eye 31 is arranged with which the loop formed in the upper end of the cheek rope 13 engages.

Claim:—

A halter formed of two lengths of rope, one of which is looped to form a nose loop, the other length being formed into cheek ropes, head stall, and brow band, a guiding loop through which said first mentioned length passes, a coupling device for detachably connecting one of the cheek ropes with the brow band, and a slip adjusting device comprising a body plate the ends of which are bifurcated and formed into oppositely projecting eyes and intermediate guiding grooves through which the ropes pass, for varying the size of the halter.

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

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