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Fig. 1.

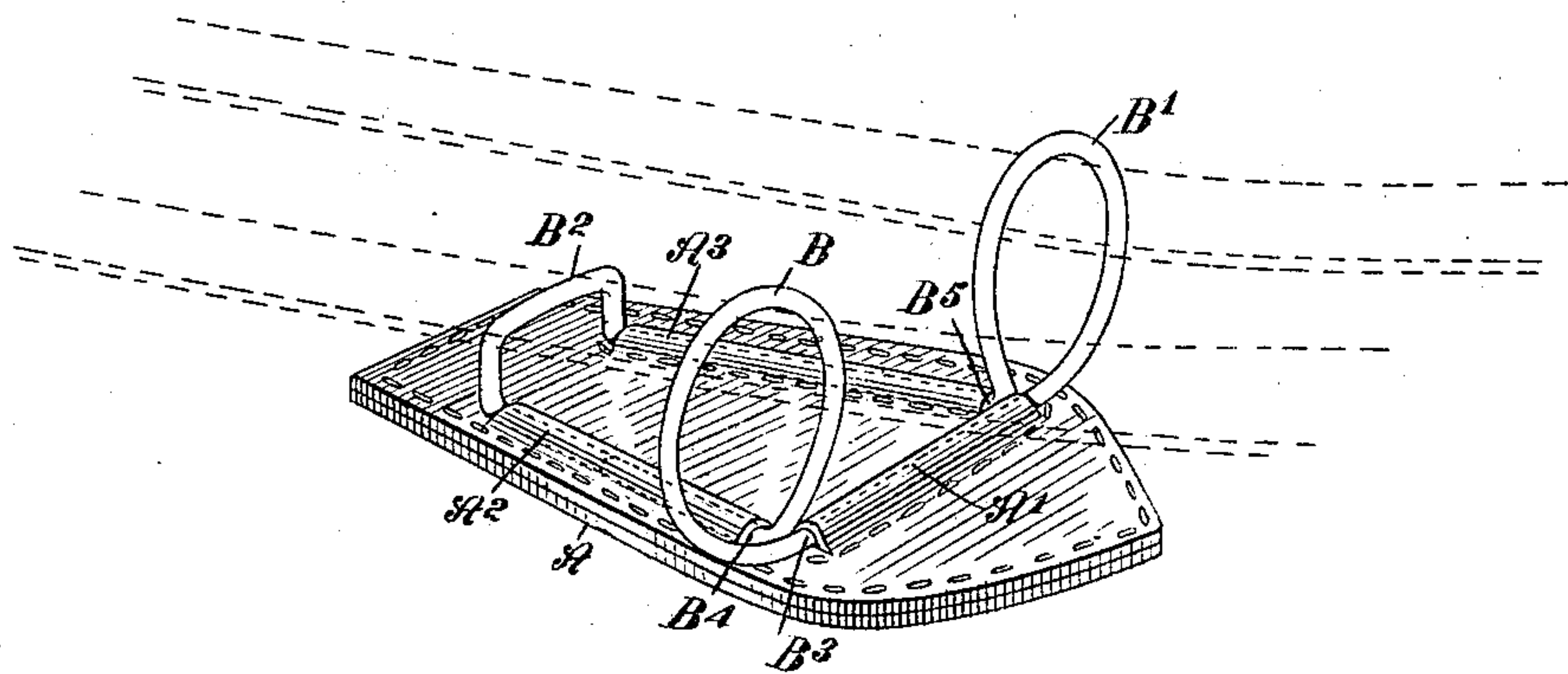
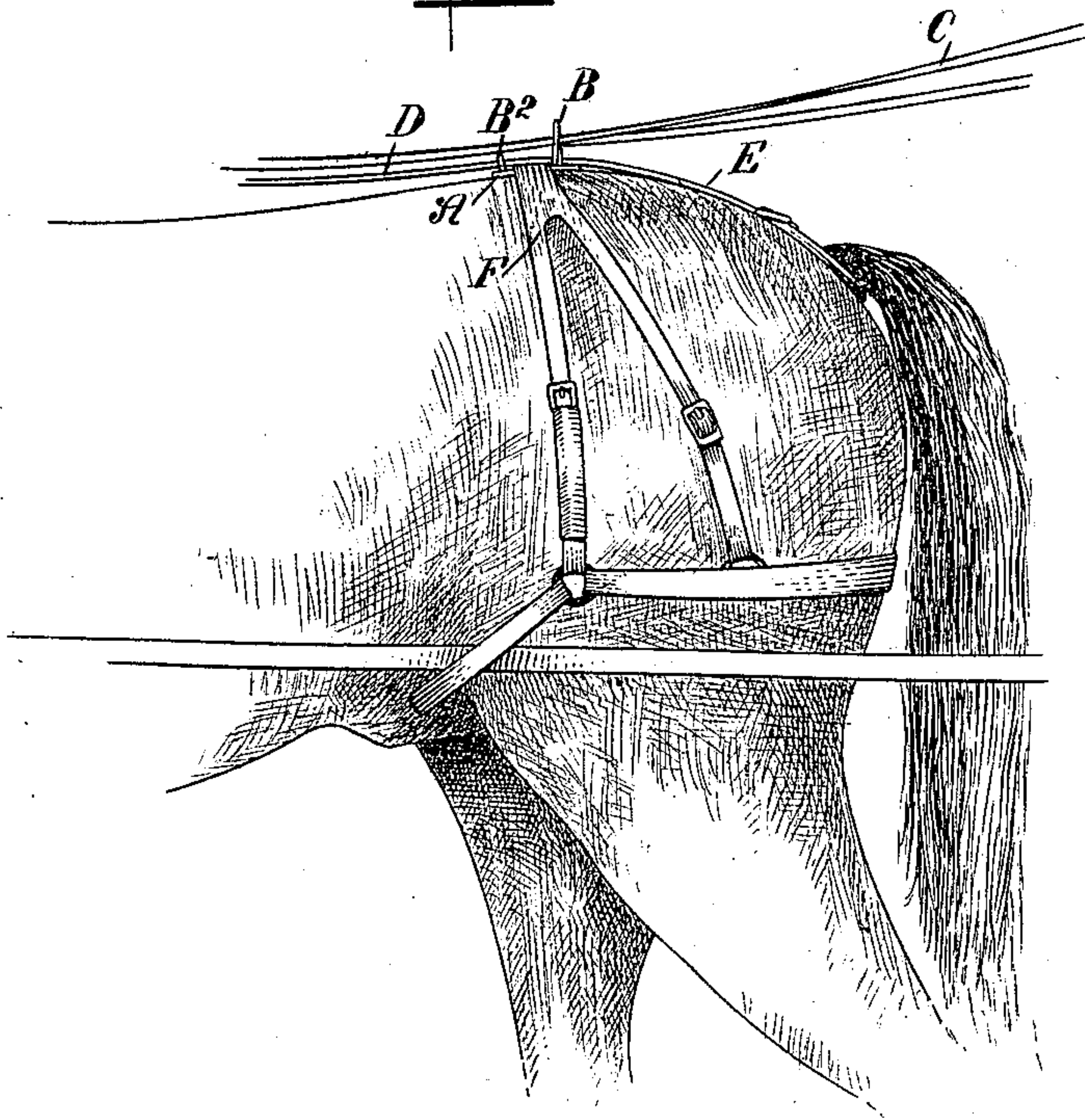


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KNUTE THARRALDSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bloomingdale, in the county of Butte and State of California, have invented a new and Improved Rein-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to harness, such as is used on horses for single driving.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved rein holder, for convenient attachment to the hip pad of the harness, and arranged to hold the reins in position along the back of the animal, to allow free lengthwise movement of the reins, to provide sidewise movement thereof and to permit placing the reins conveniently and quickly in position in the holder or removing the reins therefrom.

For the purpose mentioned, use is made of a base, provided with a keeper for the passage of the back strap, loops on the keeper for the passage of the reins and spaced apart for the passage of the crupper strap, the keeper and loops being spaced apart for the passage of the hip strap.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement as applied; and Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the improvement.

A base plate A, of leather or other suitable material, carries on its top the spaced transversely-extending loops B, B', through which pass the reins C, as plainly indicated in full lines in Fig. 1 and in dotted lines in Fig. 2. The loops B, B' are preferably arranged on the rear portion of the base plate A, and on the front of the base plate is arranged a transversely-extending keeper B² for the passage of the back strap D, connected in the usual manner with the crupper strap E, extending between the spaced loops B and B'. The keeper B² and the loops B, B' are spaced apart for the passage of the hip strap F, as plainly indicated in Fig. 1.

In practice, I prefer to form the loops B, B' and the keeper B² of a single piece of wire, bent to form the said loops and keeper, and also to form a cross bar B³ connecting the loops B and B' with each other, the latter being also connected by longitudinal

bars B⁴, B⁵ with the keeper B². The transverse bar B³ engages a bearing A' formed on the base plate A, and similar bearings A² A³ engage the longitudinal bars B⁴, B⁵, so that the loops B, B' and the keeper B² are firmly secured in position to the base plate A.

The rein holder shown and described is very simple and durable in construction, and can be readily placed in position on the harness. Now by having the back strap D engaging the keeper B² and the crupper strap E extending between the loops B, B', the rein holder is held against transverse movement, and by extending the hip strap F between the keeper B² and the loops B, B', the rein holder is held against longitudinal movement.

By arranging the rein holder in the manner described, it is evident that the reins are not liable to slide down on the sides of the back of the animal, and hence the reins can be handled to better advantage by the driver.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A rein holder for attachment to a harness, comprising a base, a rigid keeper on the base at the front thereof and having upwardly extending side members and a transverse member connecting the upper end of the side members, the said keeper being arranged for engagement by the back strap to hold the base against transverse movement, and a pair of spaced loops for the passage of the reins, the said loops being connected with each other at their lower ends by a transversely extending connecting member resting on and secured to the said base at the rear portion thereof, and over which and between the said loops, the crupper strap is adapted to pass, longitudinally extending members secured to the base adjacent to the sides thereof and connecting the loops with the side members of the keeper, the said keeper and said loops being spaced apart by the said longitudinally extending members for the passage of the hip strap to hold the base against longitudinal movement.

2. A rein holder for attachment to a harness, comprising a base plate, a pair of loops for the passage of the reins, and a transversely extending keeper for the passage of the back strap, the said loops and keeper being formed of a single piece of wire having a transverse bar connecting the

loops with each other, and longitudinal bars connecting the loops with the side members of the keeper, and means for attaching the said bars to the base plate.

- 5 3. A rein holder for attachment to a harness, comprising a base plate, a pair of spaced loops for the passage of the reins, a
keeper for the passage of the back strap, a
transverse bar connecting the loops with
10 each other at their lower ends, a transverse bearing formed on the base plate and through which the said transverse bar extends, longitudinal bars connecting the
loops with the keeper, and longitudinally
15 extending bearings formed on the base plate near the sides thereof and through which extend the said longitudinal bars.

4. A rein holder for attachment to a har-

ness, comprising a base plate, a pair of loops for the passage of the reins, a transversely 20
extending keeper for the passage of the back strap, the said loops and keeper being formed of a single piece of wire having a
transverse bar connecting the loops with
each other, and longitudinal bars connecting 25
the loops with the side members of the keeper, and bearings formed on the base plate and engaged by the said transverse and longitudinal bars.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 30
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