

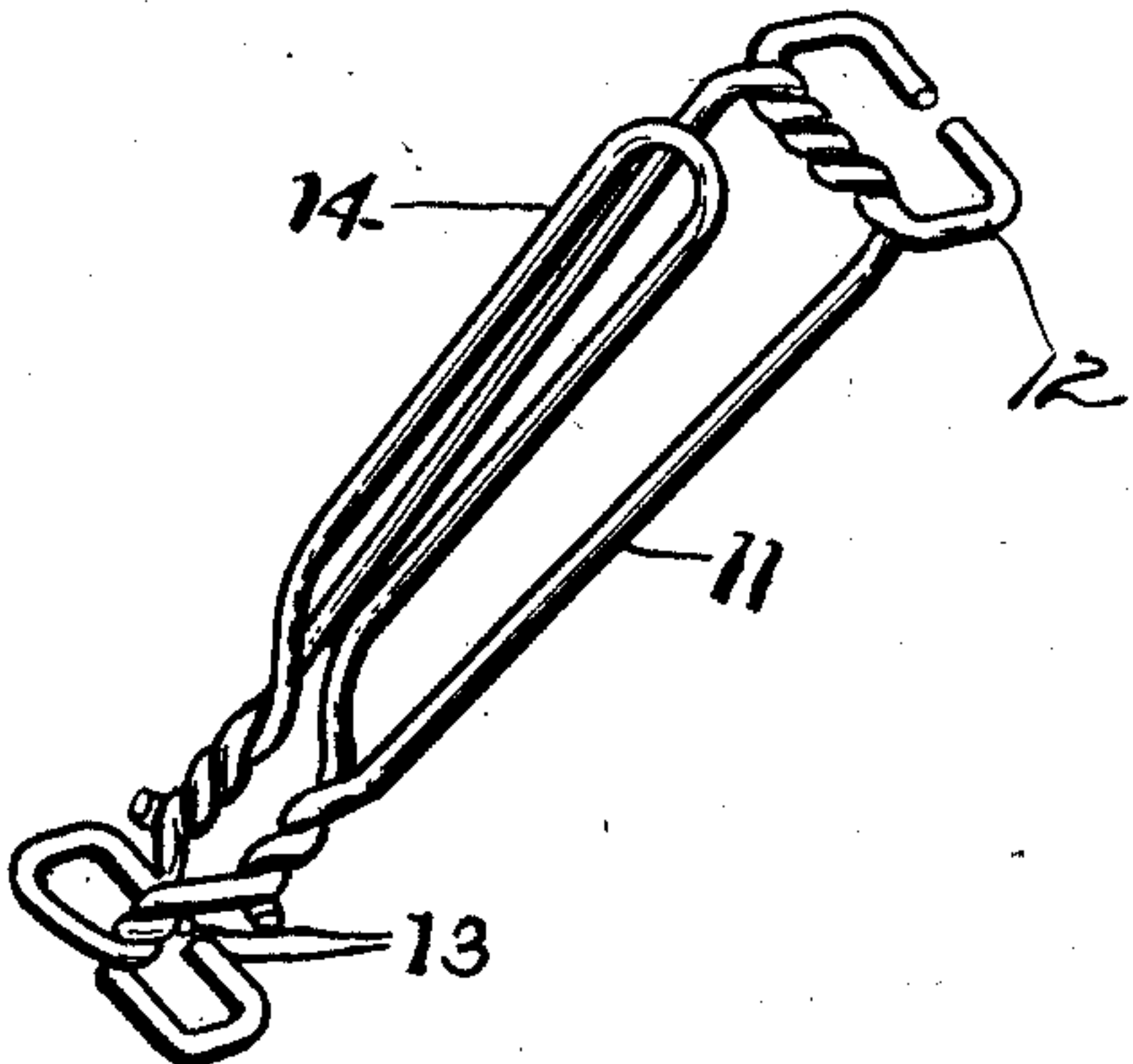
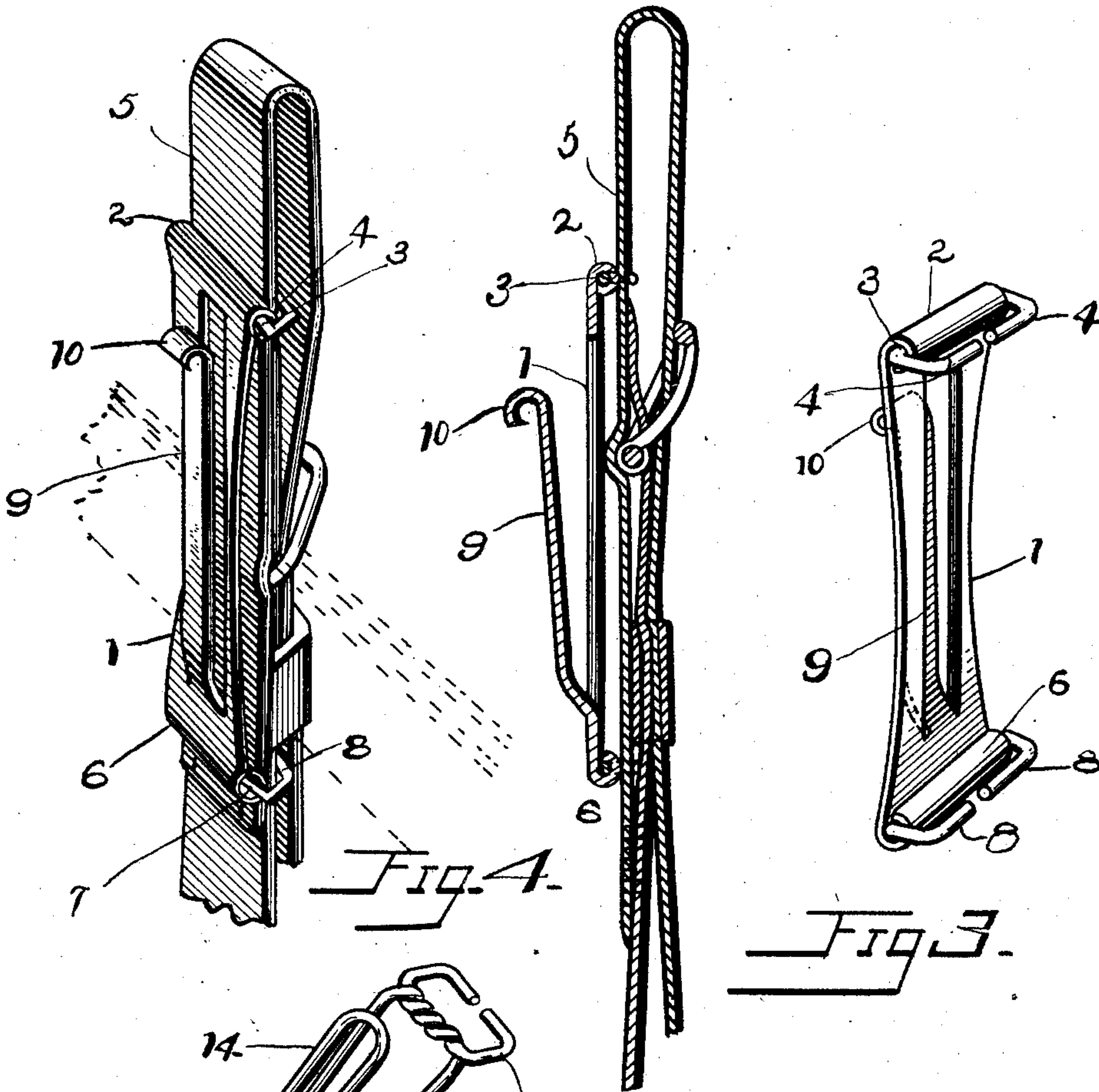
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN FRANK GUIOU, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Presque Isle, in the county of Aroostook and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rein-Holders, of which the following is a specification; reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to rein holders, and the principal object of the same is to provide a device of the character described that is adapted to be attached to the bit loop of reins so that the reins can be suspended therefrom when not in use and thereby dispense with the custom of suspending the reins from the bit rings.

20 In carrying out the objects of the invention generally stated above it will be understood, of course, that the essential features thereof are necessarily susceptible of changes in details and structural arrangements, preferred and practical embodiments of which are shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

25 Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved rein holder attached to the bit loop of a rein. Fig. 2 is a central vertical sectional view thereof. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of a holder shown detached from the rein. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a holder formed of wire.

30 Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, it will be seen that the improved rein holder comprises a flat body 1 that is preferably formed of steel, the upper end thereof being rolled to provide an ear 2 in which the bar 3 is mounted. The ends of said bar project beyond said ear and are bent to provide the embracing arms 4 which are clamped about the bit loop 5. The lower end of said body is provided with a similar ear 6 in which the bar 7 is mounted. The ends of said bar are bent to provide the embracing arms 8 which are also clamped about the bit loop. This arrangement of upper and lower arms provides means for rigidly, but detachably holding the body 1 in parallel relation to the bit loop.

The body 1 is longitudinally slitted and the material bent therefrom to provide a resilient hook 9 that has its lower end connected to said body, and the major portion spaced therefrom. The upper end of said hook 9 is outwardly rolled to provide a guiding surface 10 that facilitates the placing of the doubled reins between said hook and body.

50 In Fig. 4 a holder has been shown in which the body 11 is formed of two strands of wire the upper ends of which are twisted together and outwardly bent to provide the upper embracing arms 12, and the lower ends are similarly connected and bent to provide the lower embracing arms 13. The hook 14 is formed of a single strand of wire that is doubled and has its ends twisted about the lower portion of body 11.

60 In both forms of the invention it will be seen that the holder is retained in rigid relation to the bit loop by the embracing arms, and when the reins are not in use, they can be doubled and placed between the tongue and the body 1 and retained in such position without the necessity of being passed and repassed through the bit rings.

What I claim as my invention is:—

1. A rein holder comprising a flat body, a resilient hook struck from said body and retained in spaced relation thereto, and bit-loop embracing means carried by the ends of said body.

2. A rein holder comprising a flat body provided with rolled ends, said body being longitudinally slitted to provide an outstanding resilient hook, and embracing arms carried by said rolled ends.

3. A rein holder comprising a body, means carried by the ends thereof for engaging a bit loop, and a resilient hook projecting from said body and provided with a rounded guiding surface at the free end.

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

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