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Rein-Holder.

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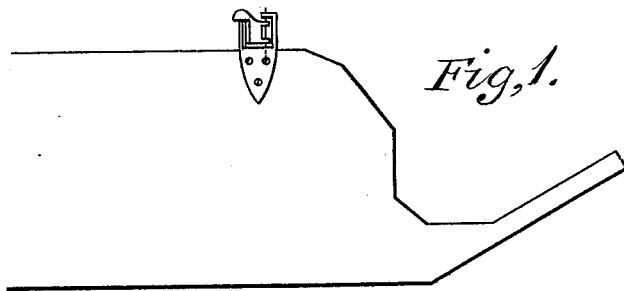


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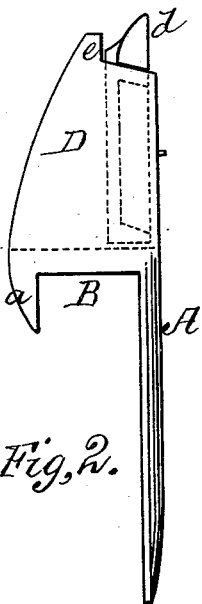


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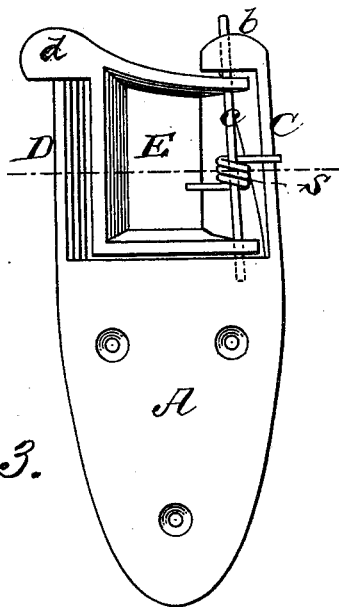


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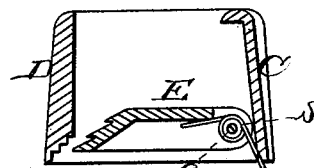


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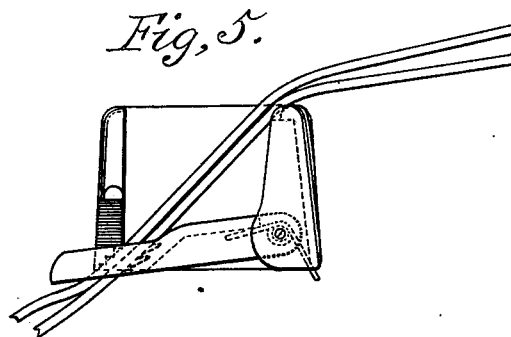


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IMPROVEMENT IN REIN-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, C. M. PARKER and E. R. PARKER, of Mission Centre, in the county of Brown and State of Kansas, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Rein-Holders; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a side view of a vehicle, showing our rein-holder attached; and Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5 are, respectively, side, front, sectional, and top views of the holder detached.

This invention has relation to improvements in rein-holders; and it consists in certain novel combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A designates a metallic plate having formed therein a number of countersunk holes for attachment to the side of a vehicle or a hitching-post. Projecting horizontally from this plate, and cast or formed thereon, is a ledge or platform, B, having at its outer edge the downwardly-projecting lugs *a*, which take upon one side of the vehicle-box, the plate A being upon the other, and the ledge B resting upon the edge of the box. At each end of the said platform B are formed the uprights C D, the first of which has a horizontal lug, *b*, that receives the upper end of a metallic bar or rod, *c*, the lower end of which is stepped in the platform B aforesaid. The upright C also serves as a bearing for the reins when held by the catch or post D. Upon this rod a catch-plate, E, vibrates horizontally, that is provided at its upper corner with a thumb-plate, *d*, that, coming in contact with a stop, *e*, at the upper extremity of upright D, serves not only to check its movements, but also as a convenient means for handling it.

The contiguous edges of the upright D and catch E are beveled transversely and parallel, or nearly so, to each other, and they are also vertically corrugated. The catch is held with its thumb-plate against the post D by a spring, S, coiled around the post or rod *c*, and bearing at its ends against the catch and against the upright C.

The operation of the rein-holder is as follows: The operator, catching hold of the thumb-plate, draws the catch back and introduces the reins in the interstice thus formed between the catch and post D, the post C serving as a bearing when the reins are so placed. He then releases the catch, which, actuated by the spring, clamps the rein against the post D. The serrations above set forth seize upon the reins and hold them securely, the hold increasing in force as the strain increases.

In practice, the plate, platform, uprights, and lugs are cast entire and complete, as is also the catch-plate. This is usually recessed or hollowed out in its front face to render it light.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A rein-holder consisting of plate A and platform B, having projections *a* on the under side, and uprights C D, to one of which is pivoted a spring-catch, E, provided with a beveled serrated edge, and adapted to operate, in conjunction with a similarly-serrated edge on the standard D, to hold the reins, the standard C serving as a bearing for the reins when the device is attached to the side of a vehicle, substantially as specified.

In testimony that we claim the above we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of two witnesses.

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