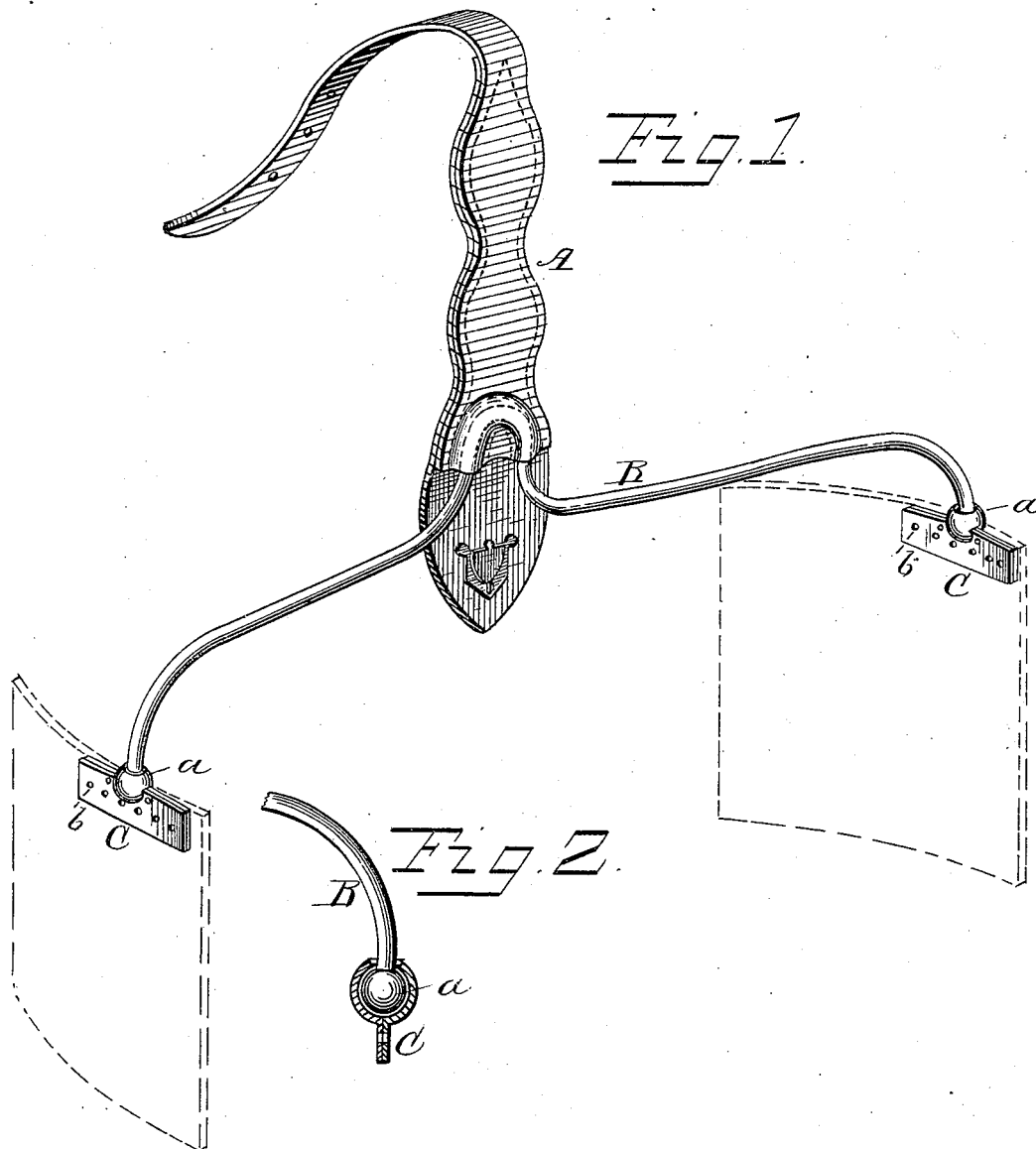


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## BRIDLE-BLINDER STAY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JESSE ALLEN BOWDLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at McComb, in the county of Hancock and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bridle-Blinder Stays; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description 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 perspective view of my invention; and Fig. 2 a detail view, showing the ball-and-socket joint.

This invention has relation to improvements in stays for the blinders of headstalls or bridles, and has for its object to construct such a stay as will prevent the flapping of the blinders and avoid their striking the horse in the face or eyes, and at the same time allowing them to yield when rubbed by the horse against any stationary object, thereby preventing the breaking of stitches or abrasure of said blinders. This object I attain by the construction substantially as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a billet, formed at its lower end with a double thickness of leather, which is intended to be secured to the crown-piece of the headstall or bridle and pass down and under the browband of the same. To this billet is secured, preferably by stitching between the double thickness of leather at its lower end, the blinder-stay B, to the outer ends of which are connected by means of ball-and-socket joints *a*, plates C, which are attached to the upper outer ends of

the blinders by stitching through the perforations or slots *b*, leaving but little of the said sockets to be seen above the upper edge of the blinders, and thereby making a neater and more durable fastening than has heretofore been employed.

By using a ball-and-socket joint to connect the stay to the blinders a free motion is given, causing them to yield when rubbed by the horse against any stationary object, thereby preventing the stitches from becoming broken or the abrasure of the blinder.

Where metal sockets or plates have been used it has been found necessary in practice to allow the billet to hang over the browband of the headstall or bridle to prevent chafing, while in the present invention the billet passes down and under the browband, where it properly belongs, and the stay being stitched or riveted to the billet, all possibility of chafing is avoided, as nothing comes in contact with the horse but the smooth surface of the leather.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a headstall or bridle, the stay B, having connected to its outer ends by ball-and-socket joints *a* plates C for attaching thereto the blinders, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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