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GAG RUNNER.

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fig 1

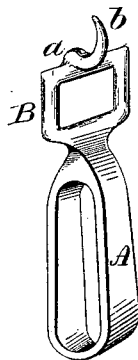
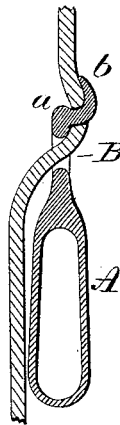


fig 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MELANCTHON E. ZELLER, of Bluffton, in the county of Allen and State of Ohio, have invented a new Improvement in Gag-Runners; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view; Fig. 2, a vertical section, showing the runner engaged with the head-strap.

This invention relates to an improvement in the article of saddlery-hardware commonly called "gag-runner"—that is to say, the eye which is attached to the head-strap and through which the check-rein runs; and it consists in the eye constructed with a loop at its upper end, the upper bar of that loop provided with a tongue turning outward and upward, as more fully hereinafter described.

A represents the eye, which may be of any of the usual shapes. At its upper end is a loop, B, in width corresponding to the width of the head-strap, and in height so as to permit the strap to be passed freely through it. Upon

the upper bar, *a*, and at its center, is a tongue or support, *b*. This support extends outward from the loop equal to the thickness of the head-strap, and is then turned upward, as shown. This completes the article. It is applied as seen in Fig. 2. The head-strap is passed outside the tongue *b*, and thence down through the loop and back of the eye until at the required position. Then the tongue is passed through a perforation in the strap, which holds it firmly in its place, but permits it to be easily adjusted or removed should occasion require.

I do not claim broadly a gag-runner provided with a tongue for engagement with one of the holes in the head-strap, as such, I am aware, is not new; but

What I do claim is—

As an article of manufacture, the herein-described gag-runner, consisting of the eye A, constructed with the loop B at its upper end, and with the hook-shaped tongue *b*, extending outward and upward from the upper bar of the loop, substantially as described.

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