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Fig. 1.

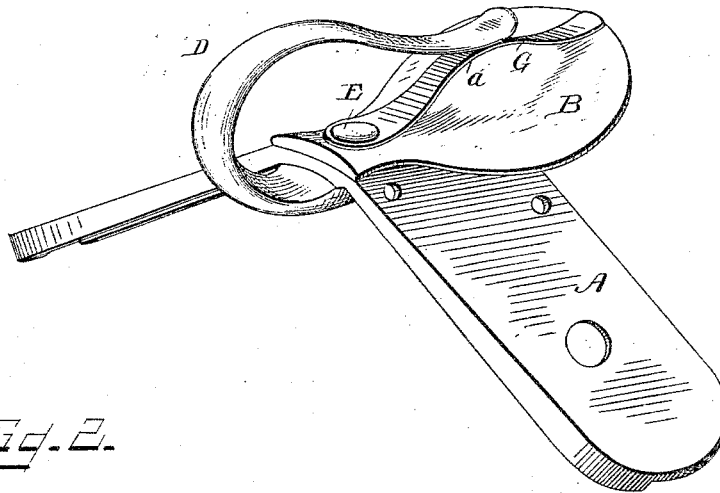
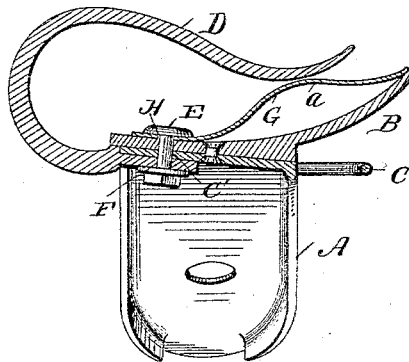


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ANSON E. MOOK and EDWARD W. FROST, citizens of the United States, residing at Colorado Springs, in the county of El Paso and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Check-Rein Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Our invention relates to check-rein hooks; and it has for its object to provide against the accidental displacement or detachment of the check-rein from the hook or holder.

With these ends in view the invention consists in the improved construction and combinations of parts, hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a harness-saddle having my improvement applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same, showing the method of securing the spring to the saddle.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like letters refer to corresponding parts throughout both the figures, A represents a portion of an ordinary harness-saddle having the usual seat, B, and loop C, for the attachment of the back-strap. The forward end of the saddle-plate is provided with a perforation or opening, C'.

D represents the check-rein hook, which is of the usual construction, and is provided near its front end with an opening or perforation, F, which, when in position, registers with the opening C of the saddle-plate.

E represents a bolt passing through said perforations C and F.

G represents a spring, which is provided at its forward end with a perforation, H, adapted to receive said bolt. This is situated between the upper side of the saddle-plate and the under side of the bolt E, at its front end, the rear end resting upon the upper side of the saddle-plate. This spring is provided at about its center with a raised portion, a, which bears

against the under side of the end of the check-rein hook D, and thus securely and effectively retains the check-rein within the hook D and prevents its accidental disengagement.

It will be seen from the above description that by the use of our improved check-rein hook the check-rein may be readily inserted between the spring and the hook by simply depressing said spring, which action is allowed by reason of the rear end of said spring being free and simply resting or bearing upon the saddle-plate. It will also be seen that the spring is not liable to become broken or displaced, so as to interfere with its proper working, and that by its use the check-rein is securely held in engagement with the hook and their detachment thoroughly prevented.

It will be apparent from the above description that our improvement is very simple in its construction, may be readily applied, and may be manufactured at a slight cost. It will also be seen that there are various ways in which our improvement may be applied; hence we would have it understood that we do not limit ourselves to the exact mode of fastening shown and described, but reserve to ourselves the right to use any suitable means for retaining the spring upon the plate.

Having fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a saddle and check-rein hook thereof, of a spring secured to said saddle, curved or bent at about its center to bear against the under side of the check-rein hook, its rear end bearing on the saddle, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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