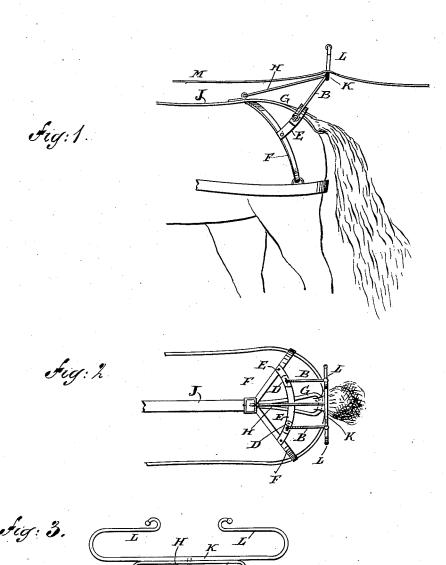
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## REIN-SUPPORT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN A. HOYT, of Lebanon, county of St. Clair, Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Rein-Support, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved device for holding and supporting reins in such a manner that the horse 10 cannot throw its tail over them, which support is easily carried by the horse itself.

The invention consists in a rod having its ends bent to form loops, and which is provided with legs and a brace for holding it on the 15 back of a horse, as will be fully set forth hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate 20 corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved rein-support. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the

same, and Fig. 3 is a face view of the same. A rod or bar, A, is bent **U** shape, so as to be 25 provided at each end with a leg, B, the lower end of which is held in an eye or ring, C, on a foot-plate, D, fastened on a cross-strap, E, uniting the two hip-straps, F, and passing over or under the crupper-strap G. A brace-rod, H, 30 extends from the middle of the rod or bar A to the back end of the back-strap J, where the same is connected with the hip-straps F, the said brace being of such length that the legs B will

be inclined upward and outward from their lower ends resting on the strap E, as is shown in 35 Figs. 1 and 2. On the bar or rod A a rod, K, is secured, which is parallel with the dash-board, and is above the horse's tail. The ends of the rod K are bent upward and inward—that is, toward each other—to form loops L on the 40 ends of the straight part of the rod K, for the purpose of preventing the reins M, which rest upon the rod K, from sliding off.

As the reins rest upon the rod K they are held raised, and the horse cannot throw its 45 tail over them and pull them down.

If desired, the lower ends of the legs B can be secured to pads adapted to rest upon the haunches of the animal; but I prefer the construction shown.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent-

- 1. The combination, with the rod K, having its ends bent to form loops L, of the legs B, for supporting the rod K, and of the brace H, 55 for holding it, substantially as herein shown and described.
- 2. The combination, with the rod or bar A, having its ends bent to form legs B, of the rod K, having its ends bent to form loops L, the 60 foot-plates D, and the brace H, substantially as herein shown and described.

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