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Fig. 1.

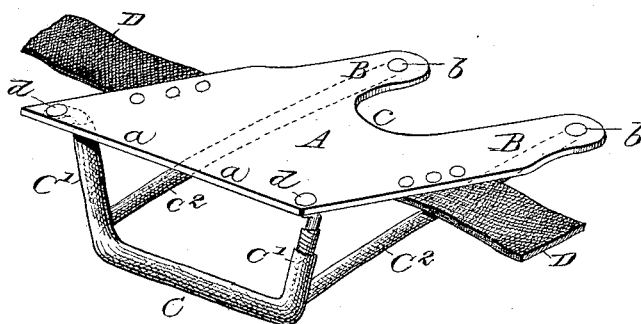
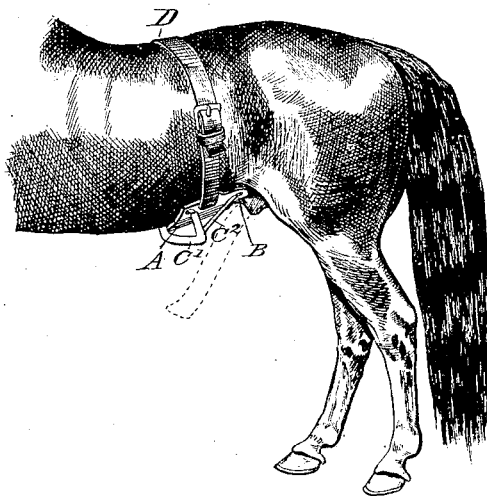


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRVING W. BENEDICT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Cobleskill, in the county of Schoharie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Veterinary Surgery, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to veterinary surgery, and particularly to means whereby masturbation is prevented.

The object of the invention is to devise an appliance which may be readily placed in position on the stallion without any inconvenience to the animal, and which will not interfere with his freedom of movement or prevent his lying down in comfort, and which will effect the object in view—to wit, the prevention of masturbation—without any injury being sustained by the stallion.

The invention is described hereinafter, and its novelty indicated in the claims at the end of this specification.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which like features are indicated by like letters of reference in both views, Figure 1 is an elevation in perspective of an appliance embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a side view of a part of a stallion, showing the manner in which my invention is designed to be employed.

Referring to the drawings, the letter A represents a plate or shield of any suitable material, preferably of leather or rubber, and sufficiently flexible to enable it to be placed flat against the belly of the horse, immediately in front of the horse's sheath and to conform to the rounding shape of the belly. At the back of the shield A, and preferably integral therewith, are the extensions B B, which, when the shield is placed in position, fit around the horse's sheath, where the latter is connected to the belly. The object of this construction is to prevent the shield from being displaced laterally when once secured in position. (See Fig. 2.)

The letters *aa* indicate the front of the shield A, *bb* the rear portion, and *c* the intervening hollowed-out space produced by the extensions B B, which hollowed-out space *c* will be of dimensions suitable to fit comfortably the sheath

of the stallion for which the appliance is intended.

C represents the guard, which is composed of rigid material—such as metal or leather—and is of a shape substantially as indicated in the drawings. This guard C is riveted or otherwise attached to the bottom of the shield A by means of the braces *c' c'*, formed integral with the guard and serving to strengthen the same, and it is so connected to the shield A as to depend therefrom perpendicularly at its front, sufficiently removed from the animal's sheath, and thus serve as an obstruction between the penis and the stallion's belly.

The appliance may be held in place on the stallion by means of any convenient attachment—such, for instance, as the two-part belt D D, which, when employed for that purpose, is secured to the sides of the shield and carried over the horse's back and buckled, as indicated in Fig. 2.

I am aware that it is not new with me to employ devices for preventing masturbation in stallions, and I therefore lay no claim, broadly, to such an appliance. Any device designed to accomplish the purpose in question which at all interferes with the stallion's urinating is of course objectionable, and injurious to the animal. In extending his penis in the attempt to urinate, if it comes in contact with a blunt substance or with any kind of a device placed over or under the sheath, the animal will instinctively withdraw the member, and in consequence thereof retain the urine, to his serious injury; or if, notwithstanding the obstruction, the attempt to urinate is persisted in the urine will be spattered over the ground and the legs and body of the animal, and sufficient of it retained to produce injurious results.

My invention is intended to overcome objections such as above mentioned, and also to prevent the animal from flapping, rubbing, irritating, or exciting his penis on or over his belly in front of his sheath, so that masturbation or abuse will be avoided.

My appliance may be worn by the stallion while lying down with the same ease and comfort as when standing or traveling.

Having thus described my invention, what I

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

1. In an appliance to prevent masturbation or abuse in stallions, a shield to conform to the outline of the belly provided at its front with a perpendicularly-depending guard, and with means whereby the appliance is fastened to the animal, substantially as set forth.

2. An appliance to prevent masturbation or abuse in stallions, comprising a shield provided at its front with a perpendicularly-depending guard and at its rear with extension-pieces, and an intervening hollowed-outspace, whereby lateral displacement of the shield is

prevented when secured in position in front of and around the sheath of the animal, substantially as set forth. 15

3. The shield A, having rearward extensions, and combined with the guard B, having braces c' c'' , substantially as set forth. 20

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