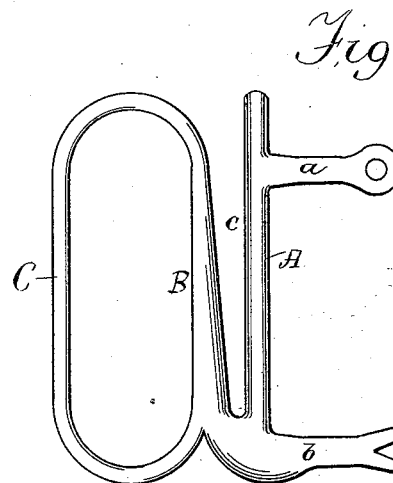
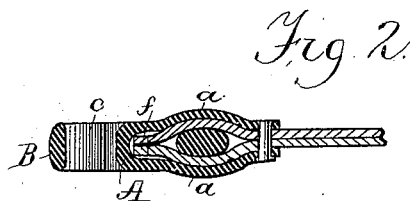
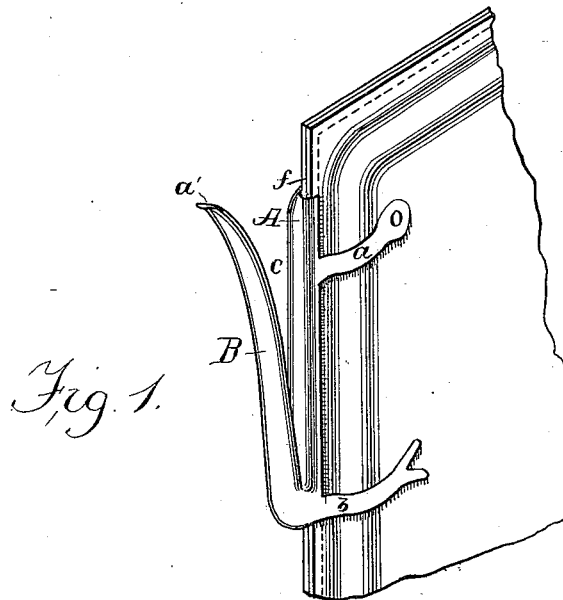


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHAMBERLAYNE PHELPS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Westmoreland, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Rein-Holder and Handle, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a rein-holder adapted to be attached to the dash-board of a carriage, and constructed to securely hold the carriage-reins when not in use. The rein-holder, by a little addition to bar B, may be provided with a handle of suitable size and shape to be readily grasped by and afford assistance to a person in the act of getting into a carriage, as hereinafter fully described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device attached to a dash-board. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same. Fig. 3 is a side view of my combined rein-holder and handle.

The rein-holder consists of an upright bar, A, provided with two sets of arms, *a a* and *b b*, opposite each other, and a bar, B, formed upon the lower end, and extended to the upper end of the bar A, and inclined from it so as to form the wedge-shaped slot *c* between the two bars, to receive and securely hold the reins *d* when not in use. The side of bar A next to the dash-board is grooved or concaved in cross-section, as shown in Fig. 2, to fit over the convex surface or seam *f* of the dash-board. The upper arms, *a a*, are provided with holes to receive a bolt extended through the arms of the holder and through the dash-board, and the lower arms, *b*, are bifurcated to enable them to hold more securely upon the dash-board.

The rein-holder is attached near the upper corner of the near side of a dash-board, one of each set of the arms *a* and *b* extending on each side, and the grooved or concave surface of the bar A being pressed closely to the rounded surface or seam *f*, and the ends of the arms are then bent toward each other, causing them

to tightly clamp and hold upon the sides of the dash-board, and the bolt is inserted, if necessary, through the holes in the ends of the arms *a*, thus securely fastening the holder in place. The bar B terminates with an upward outward curve, *a'*, as shown in Fig. 1, which construction forms simply a rein-holder, as above described, and when that bar is extended over and downward and solidly united to the lower part of the holder it forms the handle C, as shown in Fig. 3, so that when the device is attached to the dash-board, as above described, the handle will be in position to be readily grasped by and afford great assistance to a person in the act of getting into the carriage.

When the reins are not in use, and it is desirable to secure them in the holder, they are placed together side by side and inserted edgewise downward tightly in the wedge-shaped slot *c*, where they are securely held in place.

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

1. The combination, in a rein-holder, of the grooved bar A, the two sets of clip-arms *a a* and *b b*, and the bar B, all formed of one piece, the bars being rigidly connected together at one end, and inclined from each other in position to form between them the wedge-shape slot *c*, which is widest at its open end, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. The combined rein-holder and handle, consisting of the bar A, provided with the two sets of arms *a a* and *b b*, adapted to be attached upon the edge of a vehicle dash-board, and having the bar B inclined from the bar A to form the wedge-shape slot *c*, and provided with the handle C, formed by the curved and extended bar B, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

CHAMBERLAYNE PHELPS.

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