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Fig. 2

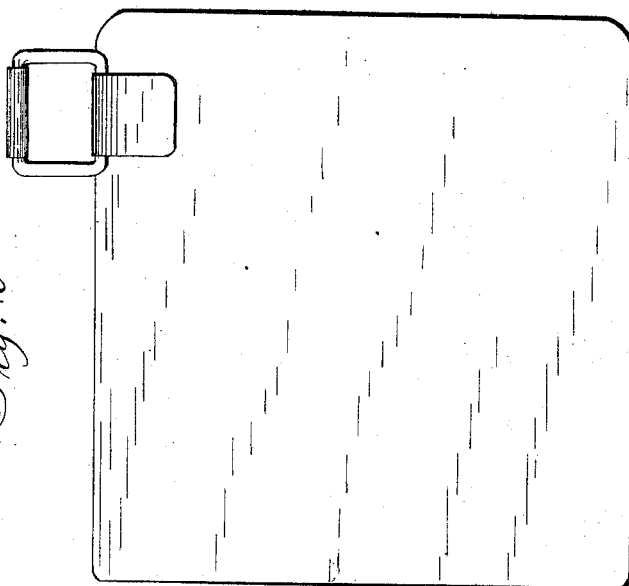
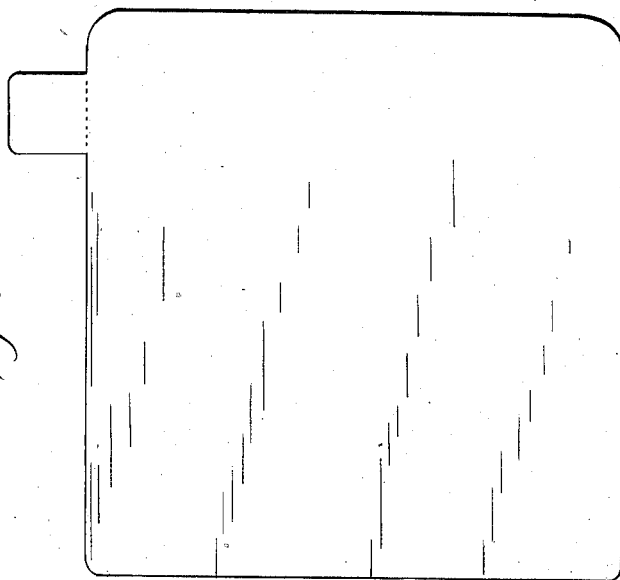


Fig. 1



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## WINKER-PLATE FOR BRIDLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. BOSTON, of Ottumwa, in the county of Wappello and State of Iowa, have invented an Improved Winker-Plate for Harness-Bridles, of which the following is a specification.

My improvement relates to the manner of attaching loops and stays to bridle-blinds, and my object is to facilitate the construction and improve the appearance and durability of a bridle.

My invention consists in the construction of a sheet-metal foundation for a bridle-blind, as hereinafter fully set forth, in such a manner that a loop adapted to receive the end of a stay-strap can be readily attached thereto without riveting or stitching, and the leather coverings of the foundation-plate neatly stitched together around the edges of the plate to conceal the loop-fastening device.

Figure 1 of my accompanying drawings shows the form of my improved winker-plate, which

differs from others heretofore made in that it has a clasp formed integral with its front upper corner, that is adapted to be bent through a loop and pressed flat upon the plate, to be concealed by leather covers placed upon the plate. Fig. 2 shows the clasp doubled back upon the plate and a loop adapted to receive the end of a stay-strap, connected with the plate by means of the clasp, and clearly illustrates the practicability and utility of my complete invention.

I claim as my invention—

A metal winker-plate or foundation for a bridle-blind, having a projection formed integral at its upper edge and front corner, that is adapted to be bent backward to clasp a loop, as shown and described, for the purposes stated.

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