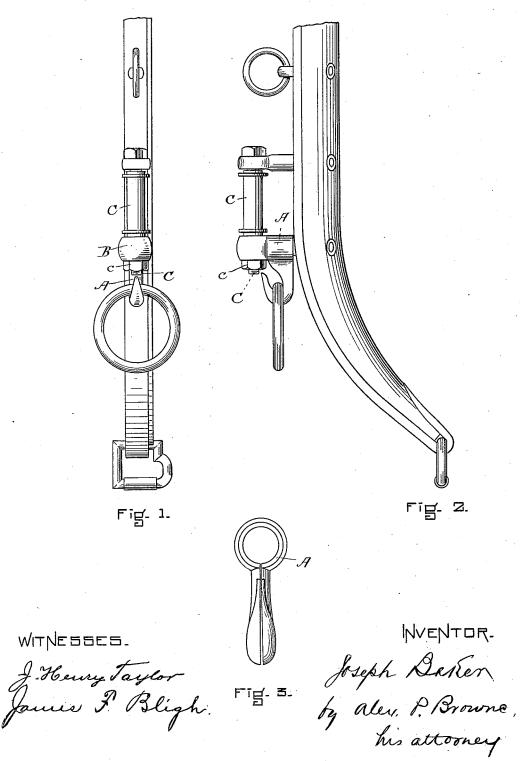
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### HAME ATTACHMENT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Joseph Baker, of Andover, in the county of Merrimac and State of New Hampshire, a citizen of the United 5 States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hame Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to furnish an improved device for the attachment to a hame to of the ordinary breast or pole strap ring, by means of which the ring may be readily attached, removed, or replaced when desired, and at the same time be secured from accidental removal or displacement.

15 In carrying out my invention I provide a hook adapted to be loosely connected with and held by the lower start of the hame, and so formed that when attached and in place the mouth or opening of the hook shall be closed 20 or covered by the end of the draft-bolt when

the latter is also in its place.

In the accompanying drawings I have represented at Figures 1 and 2 back and side views, respectively, of the lower part of a hame 25 of ordinary construction and provided with devices embodying my present invention in the form now best known to me. In Fig. 3 I have shown a convenient modification of the form of the hook.

A represents a hook, loosely or flexibly attached in any desired manner to the lower start, B, of the hame, and C represents the bolt, which, it will be observed, when in place covers or closes the mouth of the hook.

When it is desired to attach the breast or 35 pole ring, the bolt C is withdrawn sufficiently to open or uncover the mouth of the hook. The ring is then slipped in and the bolt C is restored to its position, thus closing or covering the mouth of the hook and preventing the 40 accidental displacement of the ring. The bolt C may be held in this position by a check-nut, c, if desired.

For convenience of attachment of the hook A to the lower start, B, the hook may be split 45 or as represented in Fig. 3, which will allow it to be opened sufficiently to be passed over the start, after which the two split portions of the hook are brought together again, and may be secured to each other by a rivet or other-50 wise, as may be found desirable.

I claim-

The combination, with the bolt and start of a hame, of a holdback-hook mounted thereon, the start, bolt, and hook being all located and 55 arranged as shown, whereby the insertion or withdrawal of the bolt opens or closes the mouth of the hook, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto sub- 60 scribed my name this 4th day of January, A. D. 1886.

JOSEPH BAKER.

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