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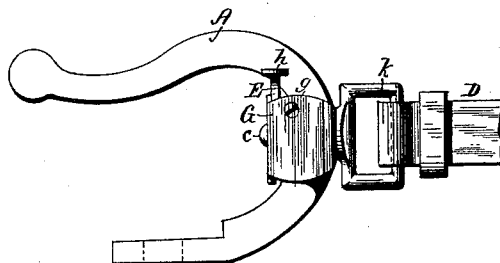


FIG. 1.

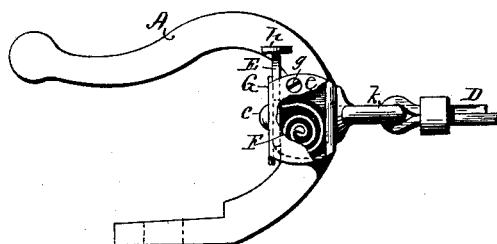


FIG. 2.

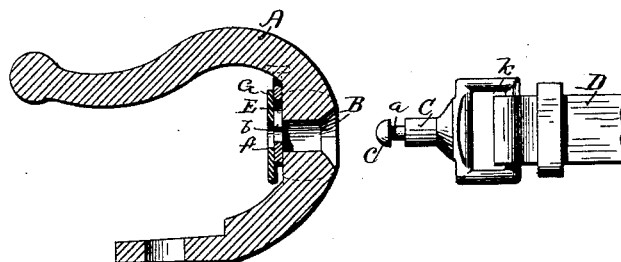


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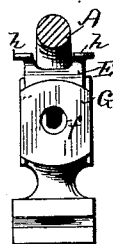


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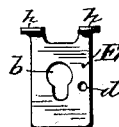


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## CHECK-REIN HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HUXHUM P. KENT, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Check-Rein Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in the combination of a spring-operated sliding catch with the water-hook of the harness to engage with a grooved stud secured to the check-rein strap, as hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the water-hook, showing the check-rein strap locked to the same. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the water-hook with the attached plate broken away to show the coiled spring which serves to operate the sliding catch. Fig. 3 represents a vertical section of the water-hook and an elevation of a portion of the check-rein strap and the grooved stud for engagement with the sliding catch of the water-hook. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the water-hook with the upper portion of the hook broken away. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the sliding catch.

In the accompanying drawings, A is the water-hook, which is to be secured to the harness as usual, and is provided with a perforation, B, adapted to receive the stud C, which is secured to the check-rein strap D by means of an elongated eye, *k*. The stud C is provided at its forward end with the groove *a*, and the sliding catch E is provided with a perforation, *b*, adapted to receive the head *c* of the locking-stud C. The sliding catch E is also provided with a perforation, *d*, to receive the outer end of the coiled spring F, which is arranged in a recess, *e*, made at one side of the

hook, the said recess being covered by means of a plate, G, which is bent in  form to embrace the sides of the hook, and provided with a perforation, *f*, which is adapted to receive the head *c* of the locking-stud of the check-rein strap. The plate G is secured to the hook by means of screws or rivets *g*, and serves to hold the coiled spring F, and the sliding catch E in proper working relation to each other. By simply pressing downward upon the ears *h* of the sliding catch E the grooved stud C will be released from the engaging-catch, and can then be removed from the hook, and in order to again attach the strap to the hook, by simply forcing the catch E downward against the action of the spring F, the locking-stud C can be inserted into the perforation *b*, upon which, by releasing the catch, the stud will be firmly locked to the hook.

The position of the eye *k* for a side check-rein is shown in Fig. 1, which shows the eye *k* as held vertically in the plane of the hook, and the corresponding position of the eye *k* for an overdraw check-rein is shown in Fig. 2, which shows the eye *k* as extending transversely of the plane of the hook A.

I claim as my invention—

In a check-rein-attaching device, the combination of the perforated hook, the locking-catch, its operating spring, and the stud provided with the catch-engaging groove and adapted for attachment to the check-rein strap, substantially as described.

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