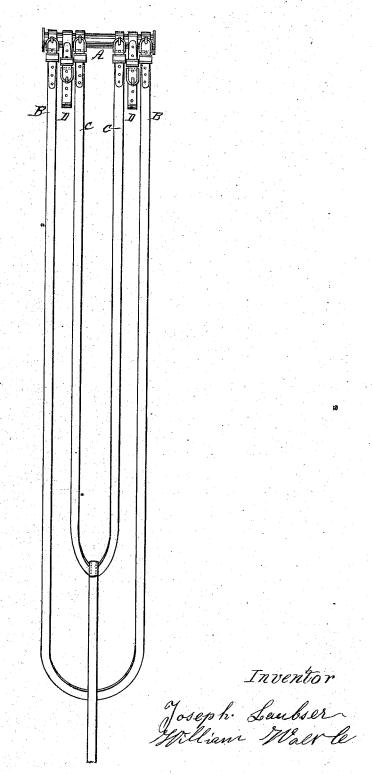
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## IMPROVEMENT IN HORSE-STOPPING APPARATUS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOSEPH LAUBSER and WILLIAM WOERLE, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain Improvements in Horse-Stoppers, of which the following is a specification:

Our invention has for its object the stopping of horses whenever it is necessary to stop them from running away, and consists of a bar of iron or any other rigid substance covered with some kind of soft material, and hung across the breast of the horse, and whenever it is necessary to stop the horse this iron is dropped down so as to come across his legs and prevent his running.

The drawing represents a view of the stop-

per, with the straps to hold it, attached.

A is the stopper. B B the straps which hold it, their inner ends attached to the axletrees of the buggy, or to any other portion of the vehicle which will hold them rigid. C C, the straps which hold the stopper up over the breast of the horse out of the way when not in use. This stopper is hung across the breast

of the horse, the two straps B B running back, and fastened to something in the vehicle in which the party is riding, so that as the stop-per is dropped down it will be held firmly in place. The two straps C C are attached to the stopper and pass through rings or loops in the breast-plate or hames of the harness, and run back into the vehicle, so that they may be under the control of the driver. When it is necessary to stop the horse with the stopper, the straps C C are loosened, and the stopper is dropped down so as to come about to the knees of the horse, and then the horse cannot reach his legs forward to run, and he is stopped. DD are short straps to prevent the stopper from falling too low.

We claim as our invention—

A horse-stopper, consisting of rigid bar A, and straps B B and C C, arranged, combined, and operating substantially as set forth.

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