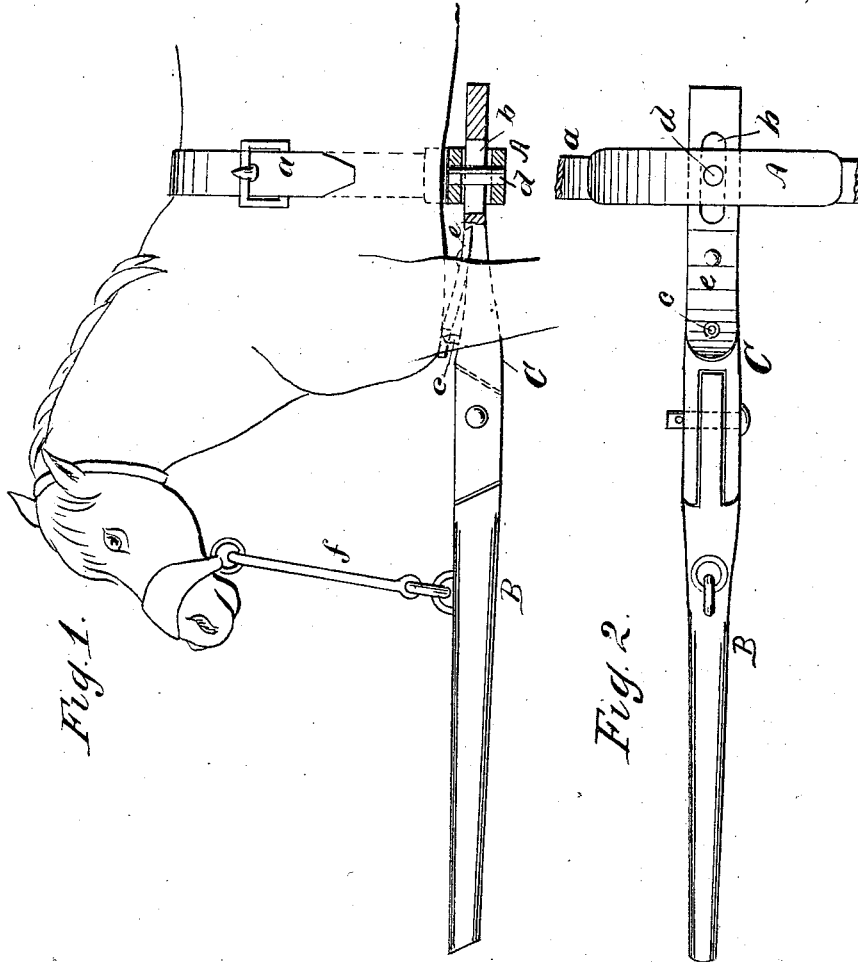


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## IMPROVEMENT IN ANIMAL-POKES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN D. WATSON, of Durant, in the county of Holmes and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and Improved Stock-Yoke, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved stock-yoke, in part section, showing the manner of applying it to a horse. Fig. 2 is a plan view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to provide a yoke that shall prevent animals from jumping over or destroying fences.

In the drawing, A is a saddle, concaved to fit the under side of the body of the horse, and secured in place by the strap *a*, that passes over the horse's back. A mortise is made in the saddle to receive the arm C, which is provided with the slot *b*. A pin, *d*, passes through the saddle A, and through the slot *d*. The arm C is provided with the point *c*, and with a perforated spring, *e*, which

acts as a guard for the said point. B is an arm jointed to the arm C, and capable of being raised into a horizontal position, but is prevented from rising farther by the shoulders of the joint. The arm C is placed between the front legs of the horse, and the arm B is connected with a headstall by a strap, *f*.

When the horse attempts to jump, the raising of the head or striking the arm B into the fence or other object presses the point C through the aperture of the spring into the chest of the horse.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The saddle A, arm C, having the point *c* and spring *e*, arm B, strap *f*, and belt *a*, in combination, substantially as herein shown and described.

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