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Rein-Holder.

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Fig. 1.

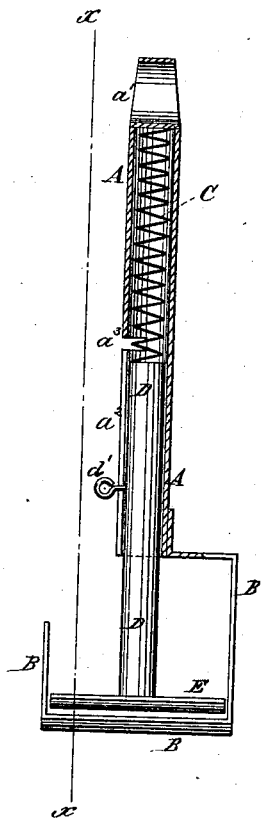
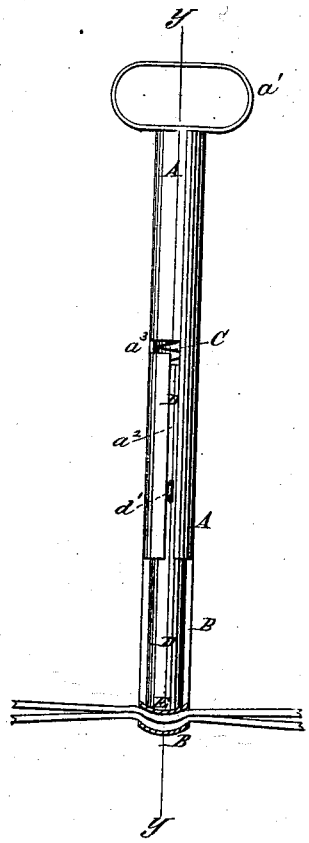


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN REIN-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GREGORY JENNINGS, of West Cairo, county of Allen, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Rein-Holder, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved device, partly in section, through the line *y y* in Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a view of the same, turned one-quarter around from the position shown in Fig. 1, and partly in section through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved device for attachment to a harness to hold the reins when the horse is standing in a stable or shed, or passing to or from his work, to prevent them from falling down and being stepped on, or dragged along the ground, and which shall be simple in construction, convenient in use, and effective in operation, holding the reins securely.

The invention consists in a rein-holder formed by the combination with each other of the slotted tube provided with the hook, the spiral spring, and the rod provided with the cross-head, and the screw, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawing, A represents a tube, to the upper end or side of which is attached, or upon it is formed, a loop, a^1, or stem, to enable it to be conveniently attached to the harness. Upon the lower end of the tube A is formed, or to it is attached, a square or right-angled hook, B, to receive the reins. The body of the hook B may be made straight, as shown in Fig. 1, to receive flat reins, or it may have recesses formed in it to receive round reins. In the upper part of the tube A is placed a spiral spring, C, the lower end of which rests upon the upper end of the rod D, which fits into the tube A, and upon its lower end is formed, or to it is attached, a cross-head, E, of such a length as to fit between the arms of the hook B. To the rod D is attached a small screw, d', to serve as a handle for drawing back the rod D to allow the reins to be inserted and withdrawn, and as a stop to hold said rod when drawn back. The screw d' passes through a longitudinal slot in the lower part of the tube A, and when the rod D is drawn up the said screw may be turned into a short cross-slot, a^3, formed in the said tube A at the upper end of the said slot a^2 to hold the rod D in place while drawn back to allow the reins to be put in or taken out.

The device is designed to be attached to the hames, the saddle-tree, the back-strap, the hip-strap, or any other desired part of the harness; and its construction may be varied as the part of the harness to which it is to be attached or as the style of the harness-trimmings may require. In using the device the rod D is drawn back, and fastened by turning the screw d' into the cross-slot a^3. The reins are then folded and laid in the hook B, and the screw d' is turned into the longitudinal groove a^2, when the tension of the spring C forces the rod D outward, pressing the cross-head E against the reins and holding them securely in the hook B.

The device may also be attached to a buggy or other vehicle, to hold the reins when the driver wishes to lay them down, and prevent them from falling to the ground and getting stepped on, soiled, and out of the reach of the driver.

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

A rein-holder formed by the combination, with each other, of the slotted tube A, provided with the hook B, the spiral spring C, and the rod D, provided with the cross-head E and the screw d', substantially as herein shown and described.

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