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Rein-Holding Attachment for Harness.

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Fig. 1.

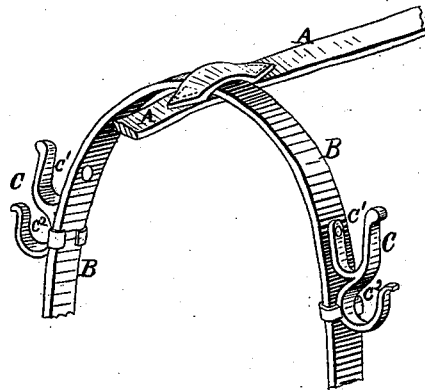


Fig. 2.

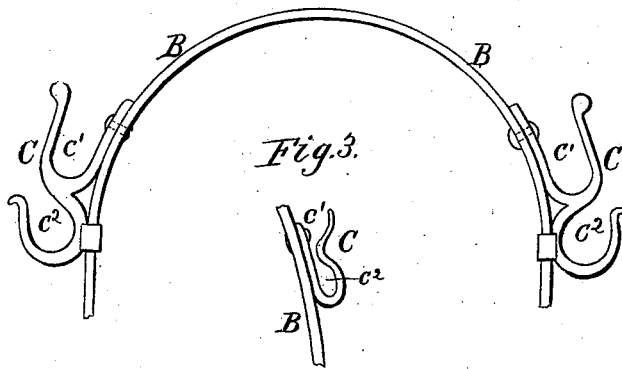
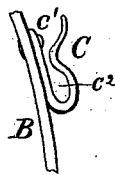


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN REIN-HOLDING ATTACHMENTS FOR HARNESSSES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN M. TAYLOR and JOHN MACKAY, of Fredericton, in the Province of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and Improved Rein-Holding Attachment for Harness, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved device, shown as attached to the hip-straps of a harness. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view showing a modification of the device.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved device for attachment to a harness, which shall be so constructed as to receive and support the reins should they be slacked by the driver, and to hold them should they be laid down for a few minutes by the driver, so that they will not catch upon other parts of the harness, and which at the same time shall be simple in construction, convenient in use, and ornamental in appearance.

The invention consists in a device made with the two recesses, to adapt it to be attached to the hip-straps of a harness, for holding the reins, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents the back-strap, and B the hip-straps, of the harness. C is a rein-holder, which is designed to be secured to the straps B by rivets, or by rivets and lugs, which lugs are bent around the edges of the said strap, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. In the upper part of the holder C is formed an opening, loop, or recess, c^1 , which is made with a wide mouth, so that the reins, when slacked, will readily slide

down into it, and thus be prevented from sliding down so low as to catch upon parts of the harness when again tightened. In the lower part of the holder C is formed a second loop, c^2 , which is made circular in form, and with a narrow opening, so that the reins, when placed within it, cannot be readily forced out by the switching of the horse's tail.

The lines can be placed within the recess c^2 by drawing them taut, placing them against the outer side of the upper arm of the holder, and pressing them downward, so that they will pass into the cavity of the said recess c^2 .

The reins may be removed from the recesses c^2 by drawing them upward and outward.

If desired, the holder C may be made with a single arm, in which case it is bent around upon itself to form the lower recess c^2 , and is then bent outward and upward to form the upper recess c^1 , as shown in Fig. 3. In this case the arm of the holder should be made elastic, so that it may yield to allow the reins to be pressed into and out of the lower recess c^2 , the reins when simply slacked resting in the upper recess c^1 , as before described.

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

The device C, made with two recesses, c^1 c^2 , adapted to be attached to the hip-straps of a harness for holding the reins, substantially as herein shown and described.

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