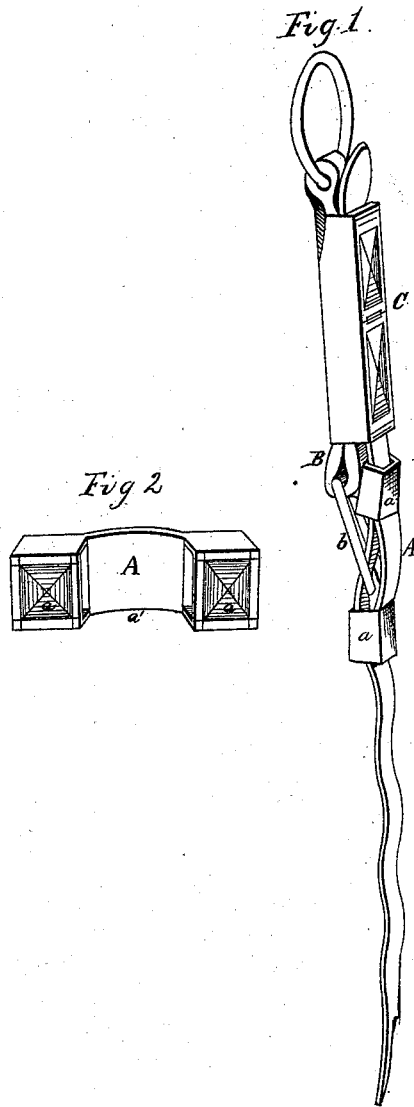


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IMPROVEMENT IN BUCKLE-TONGUE COVERS FOR HARNESS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARSHALL R. DOWLIN, of North Adams, Berkshire county, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Covering Buckle-Tongues, of which the following is a specification:

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawing, and then pointed out in the claim.

A represents my buckle-tongue guard, made of one piece of leather, provided with two loops, *a a*, on the same side, and connected by an intermediate strip, *a'*. B is a crupper, hip, or side strap, having the ordinary keeper C and the buckle *b*. The free end of strap is passed through one of the loops *a*, then through the buckle, then through the other loop, and finally through the ordinary keeper C. By thus combining the guard, the buckle, and the

strap the buckle-tongue comes between the loops, while it is covered by the strip *a'*, and the loop-guard is retained securely in place, and forms an effectual protector against the catching of the horses' tail-hair.

Having thus described all that is necessary to a full understanding of the invention, what I claim as new is—

In combination with a crupper, side, or hip strap and its attaching-buckle, a buckle-guard consisting of the loops and intermediate strip, all in one piece and with both loops on the same side, the said guard being applied to the strap as and for the purpose specified.

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