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Ox Yoke.

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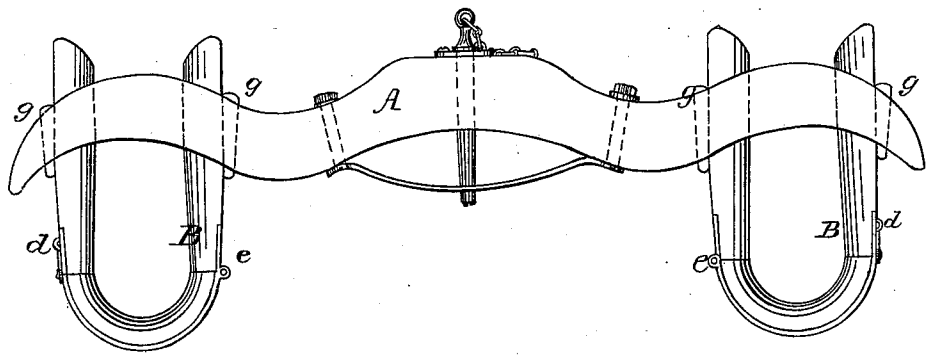

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IMPROVEMENT IN OX-YOKE BOW.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, W. G. BECKWITH, of Lowndesborough, in the county of Lowndes, and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ox-Yoke Bows; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, in which is represented a side elevation of the yoke with the bows in their proper positions.

The nature of my invention consists in so constructing the bows that they can be retained or kept in the yoke, and at the same time adjusted to the neck of the oxen.

To enable others to avail themselves of the benefits of my invention, I will now describe its construction and operation.

A represents the yoke, which may be made in all respects in the usual manner.

B B are the bows, the curved portion thereof and their sides being formed or constructed in three different parts; or, in other words, let the bows be constructed in the old way, then saw the two sides off just above the curve or lower portion, as represented in the drawing.

I now hinge one side of the bow to the lower end of one of the sides, as seen at *e* in the drawing.

The other side of the bow is provided with a hasp and hook, while the side is furnished with a staple, fully shown at letter *d*.

In order to give additional strength to the bow, I prefer to use a strap of metal, which is firmly secured to the under part of the bow, one end of said strap forming a part of the hinge referred to, while the other end extends beyond the end of the bow to form the hasp.

I have said that the yoke may be constructed in the usual way, but to more perfectly carry out the object of my invention, I provide slightly-inclined slots or grooves on one side of each hole, and when the bows are properly adjusted in their places, the wedges *g g* are driven in these slots, which will effectually prevent the bows from coming out.

Thus it will be seen that it will only be necessary, in adjusting the yoke to the neck of the oxen, to swing the lower part of the bows open, which, when properly placed, can be closed and securely locked or bolted.

The advantages of this mode of constructing ox-yoke bows are so apparent that they need not be enumerated.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The bows B B, so constructed that their lower portion will swing open, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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