To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD FELSBERG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Montgomery, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Horse-Tail Fastener, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices employed for holding the tails of horses in wound or doubled position in wet or sandy weather, and has for its object to provide a simply-constructed and easily-applied device which will effectively support the tail and which is adapted to tails of various sizes; and the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter shown and described, and specified in the claims.

In the drawings illustrative of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detached perspective view of the improved device. Fig. 3 is a reversed perspective view of the resilient plate detached. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of a portion of the device embracing the resilient plate.

The improved device consists in a strap 10, provided with a buckle 11 on one end by which it may be adjustably connected to the horse's tail (represented at 12) and adapted thereby to be adjusted to engage tails of various sizes. Attached to the outer surface of the strap 10 is a resilient plate 13, preferably of sheet metal of any desired quality. The ends of the plate are provided with sharpened spurs 14, adapted to be turned at right angles to the plate and projected through the strap and clamped on the inner surface, whereby the plate is firmly connected to the strap. The strap 10 at the part where the plate 13 is attached will preferably be wider than the remainder of the strap, as shown, so that the plate may be formed of greater width than the general run of the strap, and thereby increase the surface in engagement with the tail. At suitable intervals spurs are provided projecting from the plate through the strap and extending beyond its inner surface and adapted to engage the tail when the device is in position, and thereby increase its holding power. These spurs are formed by producing clefts through the plate upon three sides of certain predetermined areas in the plate and bending the material thus released at right angles to the plate, as indicated, and projecting the spurs 15 thus formed through apertures in the strap and projecting their inner ends beyond the inner surface of the strap, as shown. By this means when the strap is drawn around the tail of the horse, as indicated in Fig. 1, the spurs will engage the hairs of the tail and prevent the device from slipping therefrom and firmly holding the coils. As many of the spurs 15 may be employed as required, and they may be of any desired length and size. The spurs may be pointed or rounded, as preferred; but as they are not required to penetrate any substance, but merely to embed themselves among the hairs of the tail, they will preferably be rounded, as shown. By forming the spurs 15 in the manner shown apertures are left in the plate 13, corresponding in number to the spurs, and when the plate is in position upon the strap portions of the strap-surface will be disclosed through these apertures, and if the apertures be formed in ornamental shape and the outer surface of the strap be colored or otherwise fancifully decorated a series of spaced correspondingly colored or decorated apertures will be disclosed, thereby increasing the ornamentation of the device and rendering it more attractive and preventing it from becoming a disfigurement to the horse. The strap and its plate 13 may be made of any desired size and of any suitable material and may be colored or otherwise ornamented in any desired manner. A separate strip of material may be inserted between the resilient plate and the strap and of a different color from the strap to show through the apertures in
the plate, if preferred, to increase the ornamental appearance of the device, such auxiliary strip being indicated at 16 in Fig. 4.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

1. In a horse-tail holder, the combination with a strap adapted to adjustably encompass the tail, of a resilient plate having a plurality of integral spaced spurs struck up therefrom and forming perforations through the plate, and means for attaching the plate to the outer face of the strap with the spurs extending through the same and projecting beyond its inner surface; whereby the underlying strap will close the perforations in the plate and be exposed therethrough in the manner and for the purpose described.

2. A horse-tail holder consisting of a strap adapted to adjustably encompass the tail and provided with an exterior resilient plate having integral spurs at the ends adapted to project through the strap and be clenched therein and with intermediate spaced integral spurs projecting from the plate through the strap and extending beyond its interior, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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Witnesses:

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