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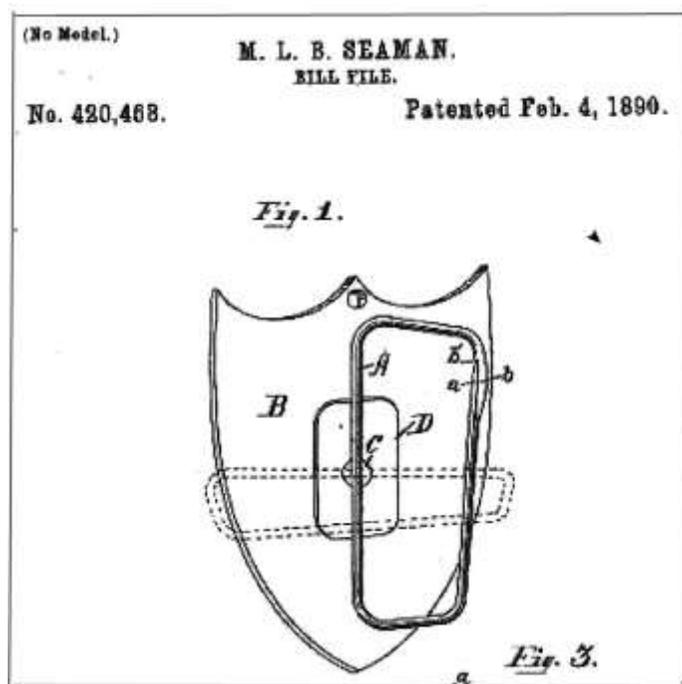
U.S. Patents for Krum Citizens
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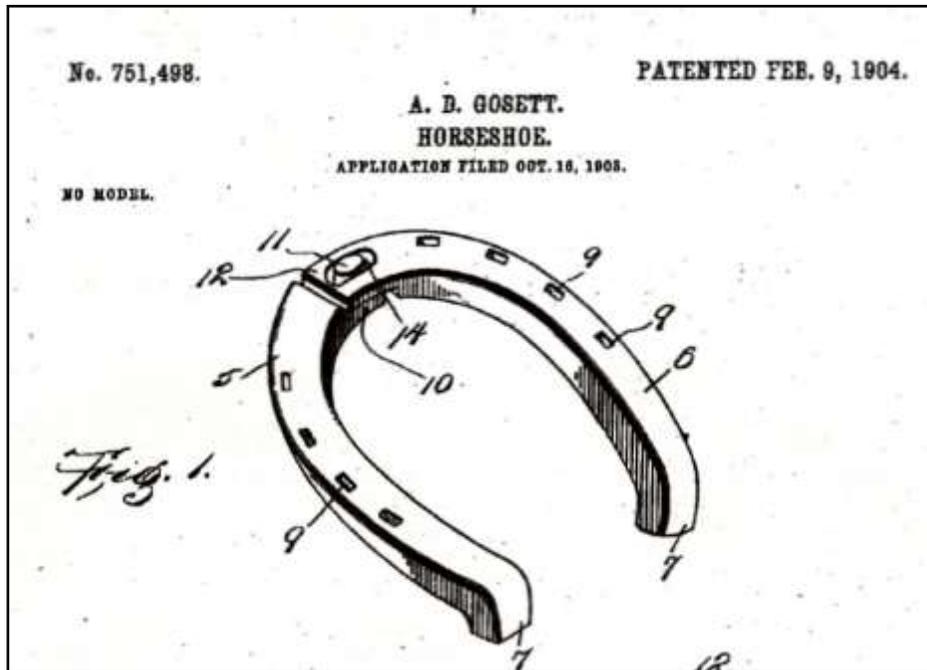
You just never know what treasures of information you are going to find in old newspaper articles. A topic in the March 2, 1904 Dallas Morning News was “**Texas Matters at Washington.**” Among the new post offices established and new postmasters appointed was **Patents Issued Texans.** Listed with the lemon squeezer and fire escape was “*Allen D. Gossett, Krum, Horseshoe.*” My curiosity led me to hunt for more inventions and I found several more inventive Krum folks. Mr. Gossett’s invention was of course just an improvement to the horseshoe. According to Wikipedia: “*There is very little evidence of nailed-on shoes prior to AD 500 or 600, though there is speculation that the Gauls were the first to nail on metal horseshoes. The nailed iron horseshoe first appeared in the archaeological record in Europe about 5th century A.D. when a horseshoe, complete with nails, was found in the tomb of the Frankish King Childeric I at Tournai, Belgium. The earliest clear written record of iron horseshoes is a reference to "crescent figured irons and their nails" in AD 910.*”

So herewith some Krum inventors:

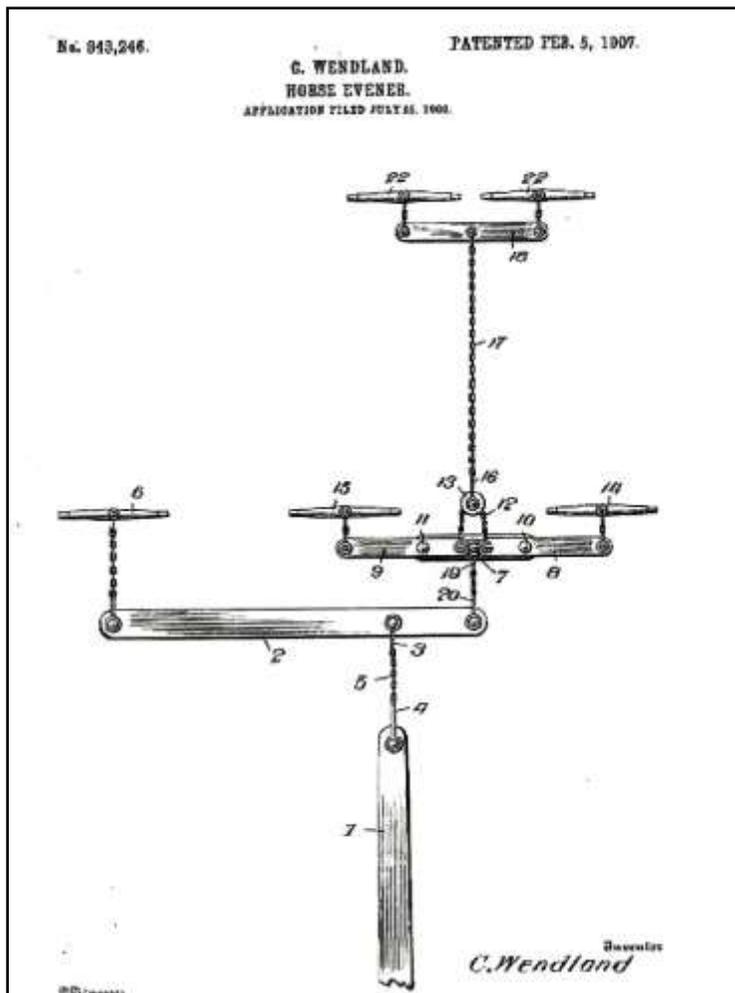
MILTON L.B. Seaman, OF KRUM, TEXAS, BILL-FILE: On September 10, 1889 Milton L.B. Seaman submitted an application to the US patent office for a Bill-File. Mr. Seaman says in his application: “*My invention relates to that class of files for papers-such as bills and letters-consisting of a loop for holding the papers, which is attached to a support adapted to hold it in position; and my object is to provide a cheap and simple file, upon which the papers may be strung and from which they may be removed with the least amount of trouble, and which is adapted to be locked to securely retain the papers thereon in such a manner that they are readily accessible for inspection.*” The witnesses to Mr. Seaman’s application for the patent were Lewis L Finley and Richard R. Turner. Mr. Seaman was issued a patent on Feb 4, 1890 No. 420,468.



ALLEN D. GOSETT, OF KRUM, TEXAS, HORSESHOE: Mr. Gosett submitted a patent application on October 16, 1903 for an improvement to the horseshoe. Mr. Gosett says in his patent application: “This invention relates to horseshoes; and it has for its object to provide a shoe which may be nailed to the horse’s hoof in the usual manner and which, while being made of metal, will permit of natural growth of the hoof, so that the hoof will not be narrow and small frogged, but will have substantially the same shape and size as if no shoe were worn.” The two witnesses to Mr. Gosset’s patent application were Ray Lakey and J.W. Sullivan. Mr. Gossett was issued a patent on February 9, 1904 No: 751,498.



CARL WENDLAND, OF KRUM, TEXAS, HORSE-EVENER: Mr. Wendland submitted a patent application on July 25, 1906 for a Horse-Evener. Mr. Wendland says in his patent application: “My invention relates to new and useful improvements in eveners; and my object is to provide a device of this class which can be utilized for employing either four or five draft animals.” Mr. Wendland goes on to say in his application: “It will now readily be seen that by this construction five draft-animals can be used and by disposing a pair of draft-animals in front of the other pair of animals and both pairs of animals substantially in line with the tongue of the implement-and a single horse to one side of the implement-tongue that the draft animals will be assembled compactly together.” The two witnesses to Mr. Wendland’s application for the patent were W.G. Kimbrough and Piner Harvey. Mr. Wendland was issued a patent for his invention on February 5, 1907, No. 843,246.



CHARLEY C. HORNSBY, OF KRUM, TEXAS, ASSIGNOR OF ONE-HALF TO ROBERT F. BELL OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, PROCESS OF BRAZING: Mr. Hornsby submitted a patent application on March 24, 1906 for the Process of Brazing. Mr. Hornsby says in his application: *“My invention relates to a brazing process; and the object is to provide a process which is particularly useful in mending broken castings. I have found that a compound containing brass fittings or cuttings will flow throughout the joint to be brazed and that iron fillings or cuttings make a body for the brazing compound used.”* Wikipedia says this about brazing: *“Brazing is a metal-joining process whereby a filler metal is heated above and distributed between two or more close-fitting parts by capillary action.”* The two witnesses to Mr. Hornsby’s application for a patent were A.L. Jackson and Bert L. McDill. Mr. Hornsby was issued a patent for his invention on January 15, 1907, No. 541,151.

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