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Fig. 1.

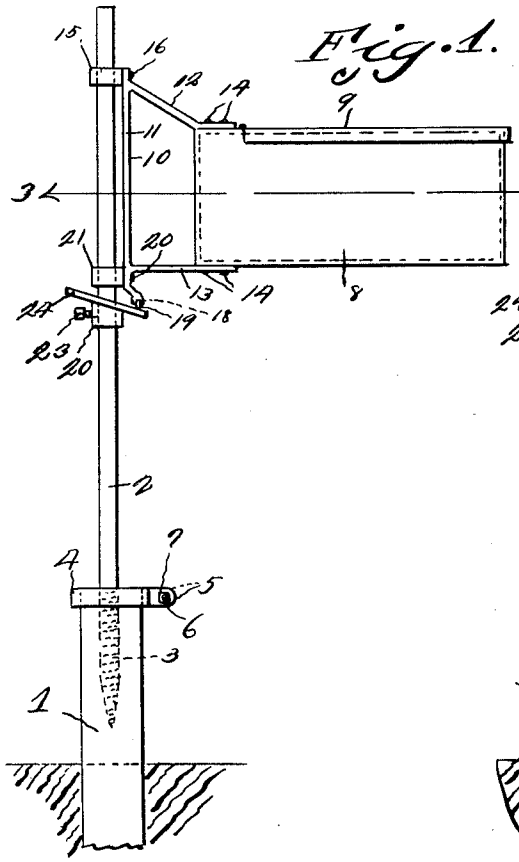
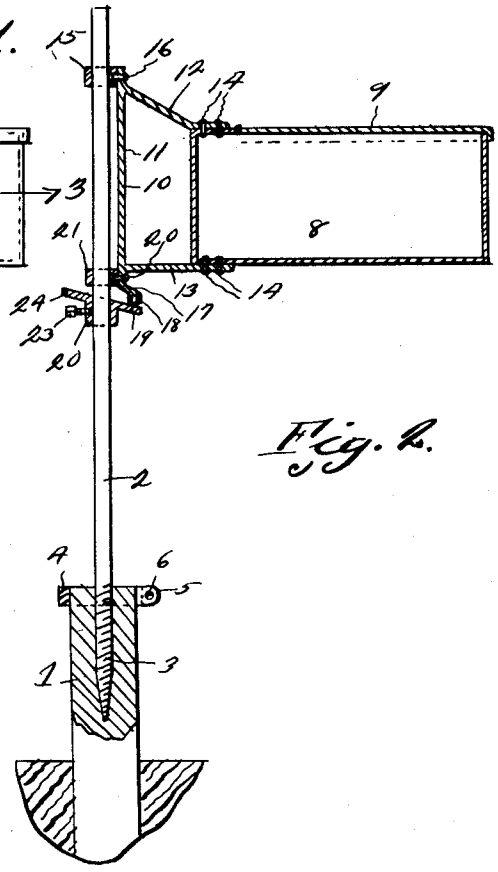


Fig. 2.



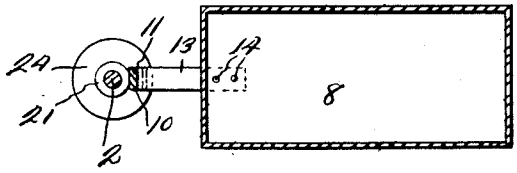


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN L. VICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sheyenne, in the county of Eddy, State of North Dakota, have invented a new and useful Rural-Mail-Box Support or Holder; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved mail box support or holder, and one of the objects of the invention is to provide a support or holder of this kind particularly adapted for supporting rural mail boxes, and to provide means whereby, should the mail box be moved or swung laterally on its support inadvertently by a cow or other live stock, it will automatically return to its normal proper position.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved support or holder of this kind, which may be manufactured at a small cost and sold at a reasonable profit.

In practical fields the details of construction may necessitate alterations falling within the scope of what is claimed.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of the improved mail box support or holder constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the support and the mail box, showing the means for holding the mail box in different positions on the support vertically, and whereby the mail box is returned to its normal proper position.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring more especially to the drawings 1 designates a wooden post or standard, which is driven into the ground, and 2 denotes a metallic post or standard, the lower tapered threaded end 3 of which is threaded downwardly into the post 1. A split clamping ring 4 is mounted upon the upper end of the post 1, to prevent the post 1 from splitting. The ends of the clamping ring terminate in ears 5, which receive a bolt 6 having a nut 7, so as to draw the clamping ring tight about the post. A conventional form of mail box 8 having a hinged closure or cover 9 is provided. A bracket 10 comprising the vertical portion 11, has its lateral arms 12 and 13 secured by the rivets or the like 14 to the mail box 8. The upper end of the straight portion 11 of the bracket has a collar 15 secured by a rivet 16, whereby the collar may telescopically fit the metallic post or standard 2. The lower end of the vertical portion 11 of the bracket 10 terminates in an angular leg 17 provided with forks 18, and journaled between the forks is a roller 19. By means of a rivet 20 a collar 21 is secured to the leg 17. This collar 21 also telescopically and adjustably fits the metallic standard or post 2. By means of the collars 15 and 21, it is to be noted that the bracket 10 (which supports the mail box) is pivotally mounted on the standard or post 2. The collar 22 is in surrounding relation with the post or standard 2 and by means of the set screw 23, said collar 22 may be held in different adjusted positions vertically on the standard or post 2. Integral with the collar 22 is a supporting plate or table 24, which is on an angle relative to the post or standard 2. This plate or table 24 by adjusting the collar 22 around the standard 2 may be arranged to support the mail box in different lateral positions on the standard. In fact the roller 19 engages the upper face of the plate or table 24, and regardless of the position of the plate or table, the roller 19 will always seek the lowest point on the table. For instance should the mail box be moved pivotally, the bracket will swing upon the standard 2 and automatically raise vertically owing to the incline of the plate, but so soon as the pressure of the moving medium (whether it be the hand of a person or the body of a cow or other live stock) is relieved on the mail box, the mail box will return to its normal proper position, owing to the roller automatically seeking the lowest point on the inclined plate or table.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:—

The combination with a perpendicular standard, of a bracket carrying a mail box pivotally mounted in the standard, a roller carried by said bracket and engaging an inclined round plate, said plate being provided with means whereby it may be adjusted to any position vertically or circumferentially so that the lower side of the inclined plate may be positioned in any radial

position relative to the standard that it is desired for the mail box to always be returned to, said plate being of sufficient diameter so that the roller will be in engagement with the inclined plate during a swinging movement to one side or the other or during a complete revolution.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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