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Fig. 1.

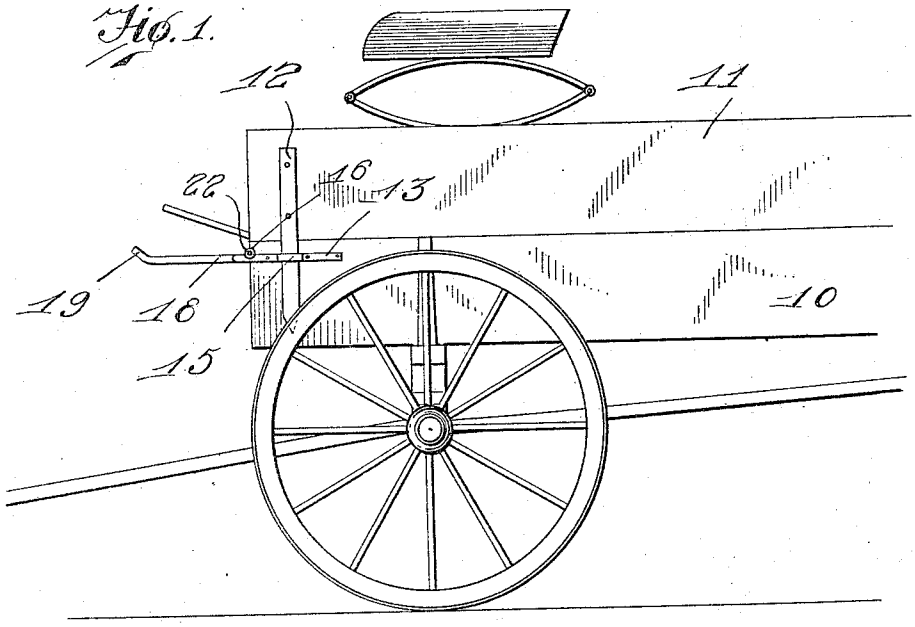


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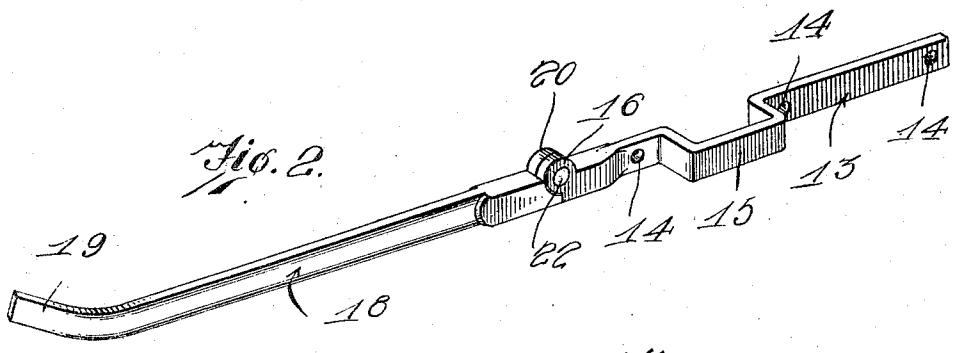
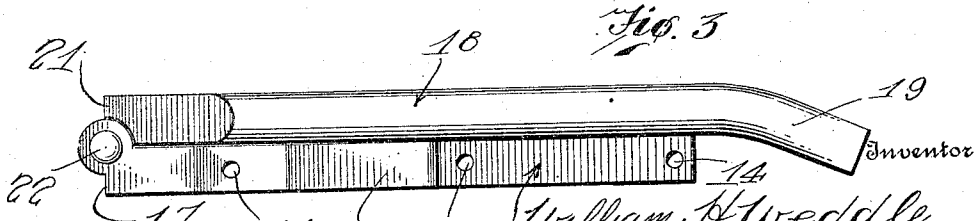


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. WEDDLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rainbow, in the county of Somervell and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Harness-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wagon attachments, and has for its object the production of a combined harness suspending means and rein holder.

Another object of this invention is to provide a device that is adapted for placement on the body of a wagon, and is so constructed so as to provide keeper means whereby the ordinary standards or bars connected to the side extension pieces of a wagon are securely held to the body thereof.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a wagon attachment that will efficiently hold the reins when the driver leaves the wagon and places the same thereon, or after unharnessing a horse the same can be efficiently used as a harness hook.

A further object of this invention resides in the provision of a wagon attachment that is adapted for use as a rein holder or harness hook, that can when the side extension pieces are removed from the wagon be folded upon itself, so as to lie snugly against the outer face of the wagon body.

A still further object of this invention is the production of a device of the kind above described, that is simple in construction, efficient in operation and consists of the minimum number of parts.

With these and other objects in view, this invention consists of certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of a portion of a wagon with the improved attachment mounted thereon.

Fig. 2 is a detailed perspective view of the improved device.

Fig. 3 is a view in elevation of the improved attachment, the same being shown in a folded position.

Referring to the parts by reference numerals, the body of the wagon is designated by the numeral 10, and has mounted thereon the ordinary side extension pieces 11 that carry the ordinary standards or bars 12. It will, of course, be obvious that a plurality of these standards or bars 12 are secured by screws or other fasteners to the extension 11, and the ordinary type of keepers or socket members are secured to the body 10 so as to insure the retaining of the side piece 11 upon the body. However, at the forward end of the body 10 on which the improved attachment is mounted, a keeper for the standard or bar adjacent that end is unnecessary, inasmuch as the attachment receives that standard.

The improved attachment comprises essentially two hinged sections, one of which is rigidly secured to the portion of the wagon, and said member designated by the numeral 13 is for the matter of identification called a bracket member, the same provided with a plurality of apertures 14, through which screws or other fasteners may be passed to rigidly hold the same on the body 10. Formed intermediate the length of the bracket 13, is a keeper or socket portion 15, and one end of said member 13 has a hinge ear 16 formed thereon, and adjacent the same an abutment shoulder 17. The other of the two members that comprise this improved attachment is a supporting bar or hook designated by the numeral 18 having at one end thereof a curved portion or hook 19, so as to facilitate the retaining of the harness placed upon the body of the bar member 18, and at the opposite end of said bar or hook member 18 from that of the formation of the curved portion 19 is a hinge ear 20, and an abutment shoulder 21 formed adjacent the hinge ear 20. A pintle 22 is passed through the alined hinge ears 16 and 20 formed respectively upon the bracket 13, and the bar 12 so as to hingedly secure the members together.

When the device is applied to a wagon as shown in Fig. 1, the socket member or keeper 15 formed on the bracket 13 is in alinement with one of the several standards on the side extension pieces 11, so as to receive that portion of the same which extends beyond the lower edge of the side extension pieces 11, and thus helps to retain the side pieces 11 to the body 10; as shown in Fig. 1, the bar 18 extends beyond the front end of the wagon and the same, when so desired, can be used to hold the reins and also when the harness is taken from the horse, the same can be placed upon the bar 18, thus forming a harness hook.

When it is wished to ship a wagon with

the improved rein holder and harness suspending means thereon, the side pieces 11 are of course taken from the body 10, and the bar 18 can be folded back upon the bracket 13, as is clearly shown in Fig. 3, and thus takes up only the minimum amount of space and minimizes the likelihood of the same coming into contact with foreign objects.

It is obvious that minor changes may be made in the form and construction of this invention without departing from the material parts thereof. It is therefore not wished to confine the invention to the exact form herein shown and described, but it is wished to include all such as properly come within the scope claimed.

I claim—

A wagon attachment comprising a pair of hinged members, one of said members attached to the body of a wagon, said last mentioned member provided with keeper means for one of the standards on the side extension pieces of a wagon, and means on the other of said members to receive and retain a harness thereon.

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