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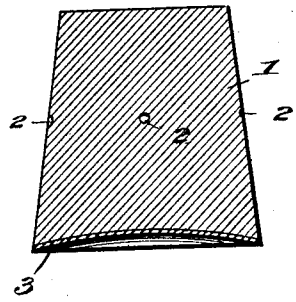


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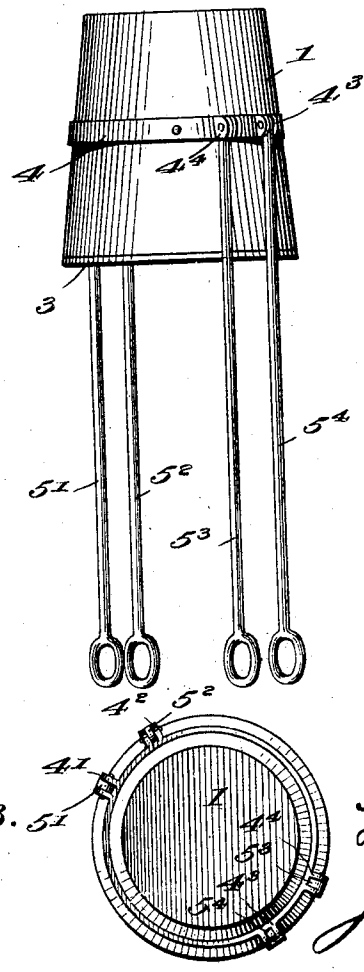


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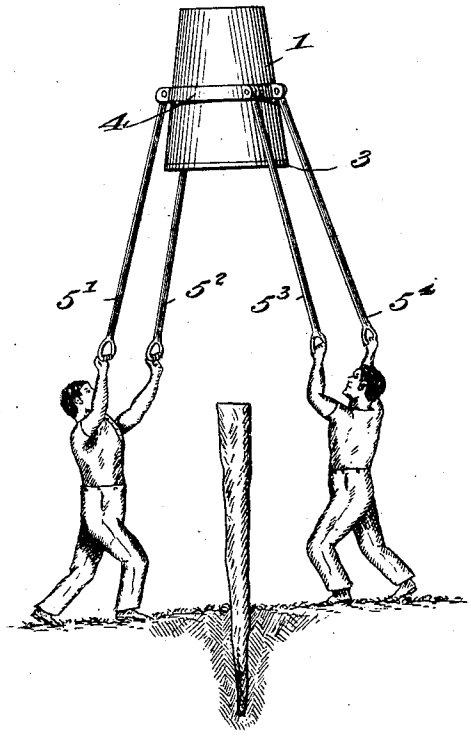
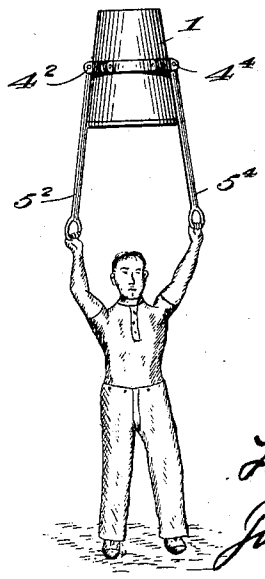


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, TAYLOR R. BEARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Malvern, in the county of Hot Spring and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Malls for Driving Posts into the Ground, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is a mall for driving posts into the ground, and consists of a block of wood provided with a base-plate, and handles for the convenience of the operator.

One of the great advantages of this mall is that a post can be driven into the ground that is much taller than the men who are driving it.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1, is a vertical sectional view of the block and plate. Fig. 2, is a perspective view of the mall complete. Fig. 3, is a top plan view. Fig. 4, is a perspective view, showing the mall operated by two men. Fig. 5, is a perspective view, showing the mall operated by one man.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In describing my invention I read the drawings from left to right.

My invention is described as follows:—In the accompanying drawings the numeral 1, represents a vertical sectional view of the block which is preferably tapering and larger at its bottom than at its top; 2, represents headed bolts which pass horizontally through the block to keep it from splitting; 3, represents the plate secured to the lower face of the block. This plate may be flat, slightly convex, or concave, preferably concave; 4, represents a strong iron band, which fits around said block about midway between its upper and lower ends, and is secured in place. This band is provided with four bearings 4^1, 4^2, 4^3 and 4^4. In these bearings are hinged handles 5^1, 5^2, 5^3 and 5^4.

When I make a mall for one man to handle I remove two of the handles; the bearings are so arranged that when I remove two of the handles that are immediately opposite each other, the remaining handles will be immediately opposite each other; for instance, if I remove handles 5^1 and 5^4, the remaining handles 5^2 and 5^3, will be opposite each other, but if I remove handles 5^2 and 5^3, then the remaining handles will be opposite each other.

Although I have specifically described the combination, construction and arrangement of the several parts of my invention I do not confine myself particularly to such specific combination, construction and arrangement, as I claim the right to make such changes and modification therein as may clearly fall within the scope of my invention, and which may be resorted to without departing from the spirit, or sacrificing any of my patentable rights therein.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A mall, consisting of a block 1, preferably tapering, and larger at its bottom than at its top; headed bolts 2, passing horizontally through said mall; an iron plate 3, secured to the lower face of said block; a band 4, securely fastened around said block about midway between its upper and lower ends; bearings 4^1, 4^2, 4^3, and 4^4, secured to the outer face of said band, and handles 5^1, 5^2, 5^3, and 5^4, hinged in said bearings, respectively, said handles arranged in pairs opposite each other, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes set forth.

2. A mall, consisting of a block; an iron plate secured to the lower face of said block; a band, secured around said block about midway between its upper and lower ends; bearings, secured in pairs to the outer face of said band, and handles hinged in said bearings, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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