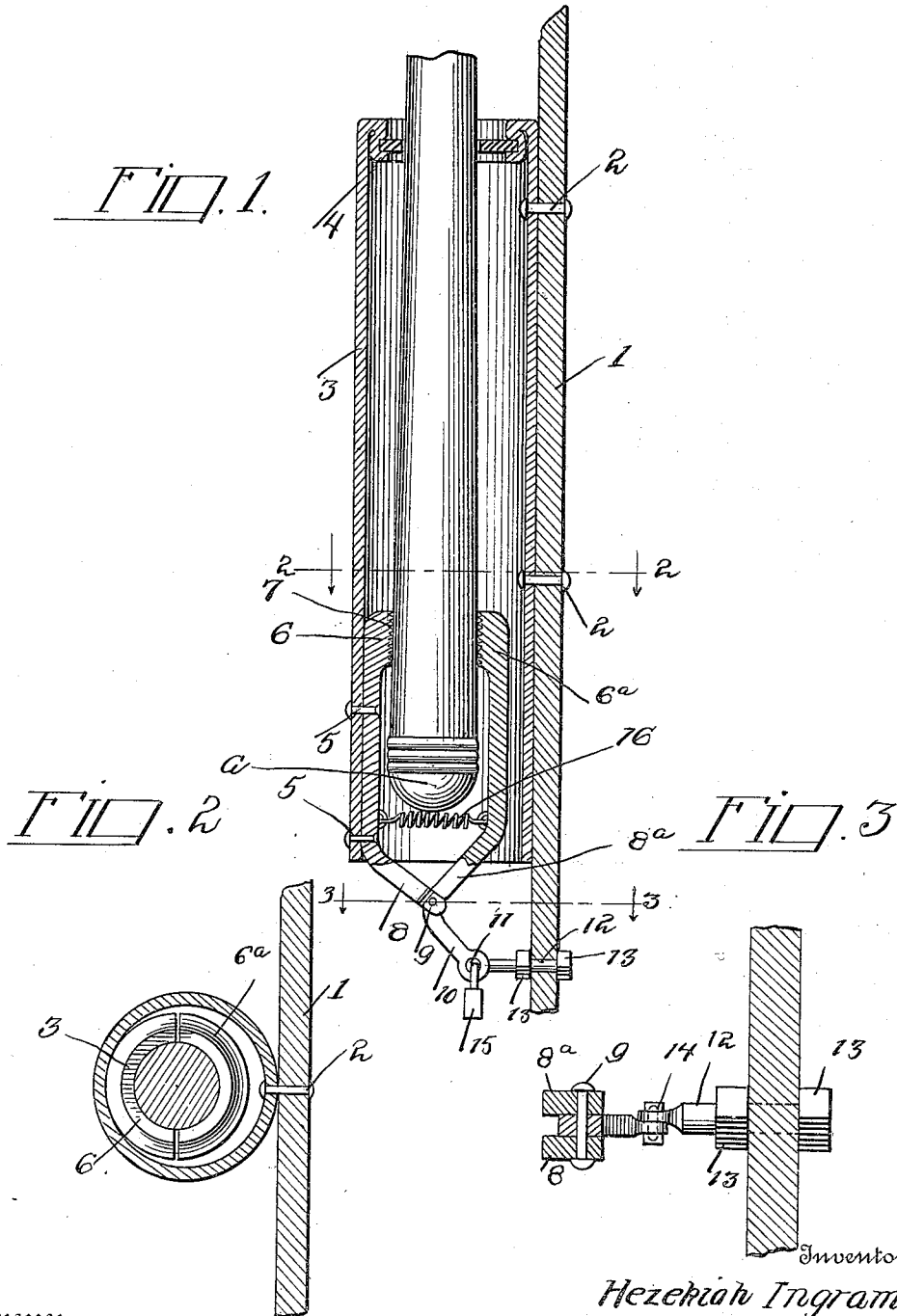


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HEZEKIAH INGRAM, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Wabbaseka, in the county of Jefferson and State of Arkansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Whip-Sockets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to whip sockets, and one of the principal objects of the same is to provide simple and reliable means for locking a whip within the socket to prevent its removal by an unauthorized person.

Another object of the invention is to provide a whip socket comprising a stationary jaw and a pivoted jaw, said pivoted jaw being provided with an extended arm adapted to be locked to a projecting eye bolt to prevent the whip from being withdrawn from the whip socket.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of a whip socket made in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates a dashboard to which the whip socket is secured by means of rivets 2 or other suitable fasteners. The whip socket 3 is preferably in the form of a tube open at both ends, and at the upper end a suitable rubber gasket or holder 4 is secured within the socket. Secured to the lower end of the socket by means of rivets or fastenings 5 is a rigid jaw member 6 of semi-circular form in plan, said jaw being provided with a roughened surface or teeth 7. Extending inwardly and downwardly from the lower end of the jaw member 6 is an arm 8. The pivoted jaw member 6^a is substantially identical in form with the jaw member 6 and is provided with an inwardly extending arm 8^a pivotally connected at 9 to the arm 8. Extending from the arm 8^a is a locking member 10 provided with an eye 11. An eye bolt 12 is secured to the dashboard 1 by means of lock nuts 13, said eye

bolt having at its outer end an eye 14 adapted to be brought in coincidence with the eye 11 of the locking member 10, as shown more particularly in Fig. 3. A padlock 15 is connected to the eyes 11 and 14 when it is desired to lock the whip in the socket. A spiral spring 16 is connected at its opposite ends to the jaw members 6, 6^a at a point near the bottom of the whip socket 3.

The operation of my invention may be briefly described as follows: When the lock 15 is unlocked, the spring 16 forces the jaw member 6^a toward the member 6, thus permitting the whip to normally rest with its butt *a* upon the upper ends of said jaw members, where the whip may be readily withdrawn for use by the driver. When the driver is about to leave the vehicle the arm 10 is moved toward the left in Fig. 1 to permit the whip to drop within the socket to the position shown in Fig. 1, after which the bail of the lock 15 is engaged with the eyes 11 and 14 to lock the whip firmly within the socket. When the driver of the vehicle returns and unlocks the lock 15 the whip may be again withdrawn from between the jaw members 6, 6^a. The spring 16 forces the jaw 6^a toward the jaw 6 when the whip has been withdrawn, so that the butt *a* will normally rest upon the top of said jaw members.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that a whip socket made in accordance with my invention can be produced at low cost, is simple in construction and provides efficient means for preventing the theft of the whip.

I claim:—

A whip socket comprising a tubular socket member, a jaw rigidly secured within the member, a jaw pivoted to said rigid jaw, a spring for normally forcing said jaws together to permit the whip to rest upon the upper ends thereof, a locking member connected to the pivoted jaw, and means for engaging said locking member with an eye bolt for locking the whip within the socket.

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

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