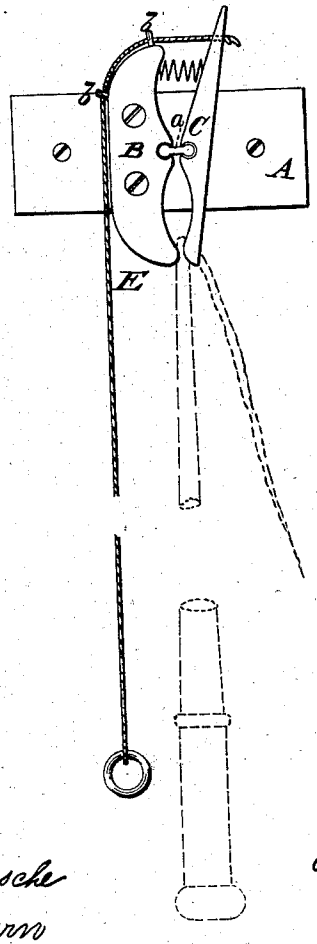
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IMPROVED CLAMP FOR SUSPENDING WHIPS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, ALVIN C. MASON, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and improved Clamp for Suspending Whips; and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvements, by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim, and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

This invention relates to a new and improved clamp for suspending whips when not in use, in order that the same may be kept straight and in proper shape. Horse-whips are very liable to become curved or bent, and lose their proper straight shape when not hung up after being used, and the finer or more expensive class of whips are the soonest affected by this negligence.

The object of my invention is to furnish a cheap clamp, which will admit of the whip being suspended in it by a very simple manipulation.

The accompanying drawing represents a front view of my invention. One only is shown, but a series of them may be used, placed side by side, and attached to a board or strip. In livery stables, where many whips are used, this plan would undoubtedly be adopted.

A represents a board or wooden strip, which is nailed to the wall or to any suitable fixture, and B is a fixed jaw, screwed or nailed to the board or strip A, and C is a jaw secured by a joint, *a*, to the fixed jaw B, or to the board or strip A, a spring, D, being between the two jaws to keep the lower ends of the same in contact; said spring having a tendency to keep the lower end of the pivoted jaw C in contact with the lower end of the fixed jaw B, as will be fully understood by referring to the drawing. To the upper part of the jaw C there is attached a cord, E, which passes through eyes *b* on the upper part of the fixed jaw B, and extends down sufficiently far to be within convenient reach of a person standing on the floor of the apartment in which the clamp is placed or secured. The clamp must be sufficiently high to admit of the whip being suspended by its end or snapper in the clamp without having its butt in contact with the floor. In order to secure or suspend the whip in the clamp, the cord E is pulled down, and the lower end of the jaw C thereby drawn out from the fixed jaw B, so that the snapper or upper end of the whip may be inserted between the lower ends of the jaws, the cord being then released, so that the spring D may throw the lower end of jaw C towards the lower end of the jaw B, and firmly clamp the snapper or upper end of the whip, as shown clearly in the drawing, the whip being shown in red.

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

A clamp for suspending whips, constructed with a pivoted or jointed jaw, one or more, arranged so that the clamp may be opened by means of a cord, or its equivalent, to receive the upper end of a whip, substantially as shown and described.

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