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ELASTIC-BLOCKS FOR SPLITTING KINDLING-WOOD.

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Fig. 1

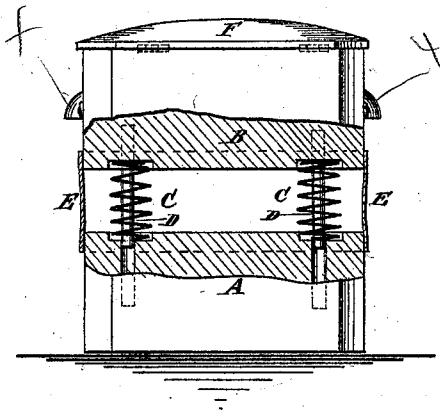
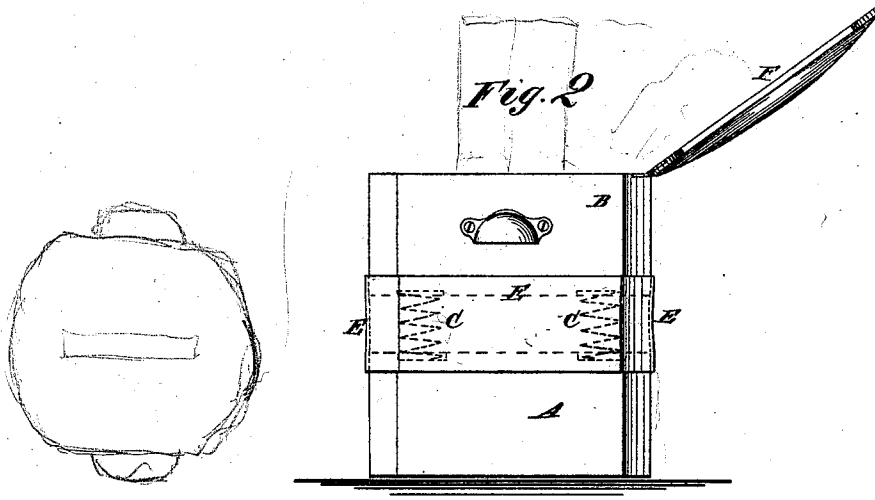


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN ELASTIC BLOCKS FOR SPLITTING KINDLING-WOOD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. HUBBS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Elastic Blocks for Splitting Kindling-Wood, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a rear view of my improved splitting-block, partly in section, to show the construction; and Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, the cover being shown raised.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish a block for splitting kindling-wood which shall be so constructed that wood may be split upon it while standing upon the floor without injuring the floor or jarring the room, and which, when not in use as a splitting-block, may be used as a seat.

The invention consists in the splitting-block formed of the two blocks, the interposed springs, and guide-pins, and the flexible strips, and in the combination of the cover with the splitting-block, as hereinafter fully described.

A is the lower block, and B is the upper block, between which are placed four or more springs, C. The block B is kept from lateral movement by guide-pins D, attached to it, and which pass down through the springs C, and

enter holes in the block A. The space between the blocks A B is covered, and the springs C are concealed by strips of leather, cloth, or other suitable flexible material attached to the said blocks.

The splitting is done upon the top of the block B, and the jar of the blow is received by the springs C, so that the floor will not be jarred or injured.

The upper block A is provided with a cover, E, to hide the marks of the ax, which cover is upholstered to adapt it to serve as a seat, and is hinged at one edge, so that it may be turned back, as shown in Fig. 2, when the block is to be used for splitting wood.

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

1. The splitting-block formed of the two blocks A B, the interposed springs C, and guide-pins D, and the flexible strips E, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The combination of the cover F with the splitting-block A B C D E, substantially as herein shown and described.

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