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HITCHING POST.

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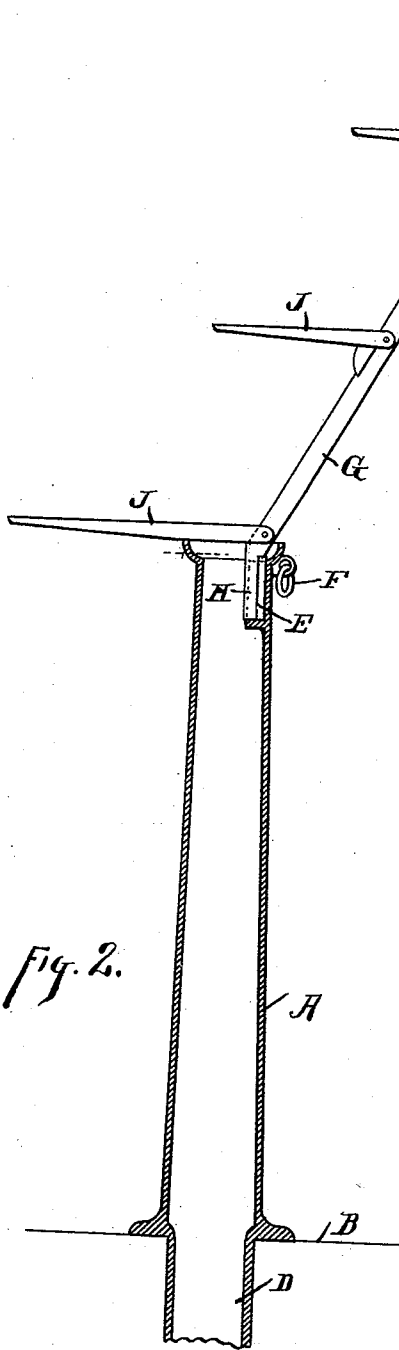


Fig. 2.

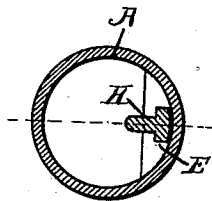


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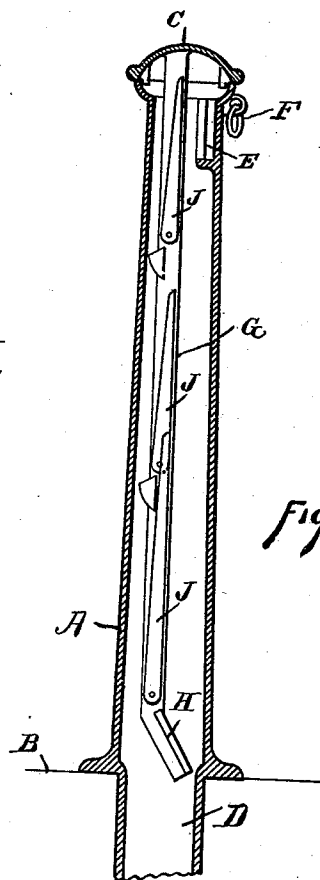


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY N. KODDING, of Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sidewalk-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention pertains to a peculiar construction of sidewalk-posts, adapting the posts for use as a hitching-post and as a support for shelving, thus adapting such posts for use as display-stands, market-stands, &c.

My improvement will be readily understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section of a sidewalk-post whose construction exemplifies my invention, the post being shown as closed; Fig. 2, a similar vertical section with the post open and the shelf-bracket in working position, and Fig. 3 a horizontal section of the post upon an enlarged scale.

In the drawings, A indicates a hollow metallic post set in the sidewalk near the curb-stone; B, the level of the sidewalk; C, a removable top to the post, adapted to be removed and expose the hollow interior of the post; D, the base of the post, or that portion which is set in the ground to support the post; E, a socket formed in the top of the post; F, a hitching-ring at the top of the post; G, a bracket-bar; H, a shank on the lower end of this bracket-bar, adapted for engagement with the socket E; and J shelf-brackets pivoted to the bracket-bar and adapted to project horizontally therefrom or to be folded up parallel therewith.

It is the intention that these posts will be used in pairs or series, set at such distance apart along the curb as can be spanned by convenient lengths of shelving-boards. When the posts are to be employed for the support of shelves, the bracket-bars are placed in position indicated in Fig. 2, with the brackets projecting horizontally. Shelving-boards may be laid upon the brackets, and a specially-wide board may be laid upon the lower brackets to serve as a counter. The number of brack-

ets may be increased, as desired, and the upper one may, if desired, support an extra-wide roofing or awning. When the post is no longer needed to serve in supporting shelving, then the brackets may be folded up on the bracket-bar and the bracket-bar unstepped and lowered into the post and the cover put on, as indicated in Fig. 1. The preferable construction is, as shown, to have the removable cover of the post permanently attached to the upper end of the bracket-bar, whereby when the bracket-bar is lowered into the post it is supported by the cover and the cover is held in place by the weight of the bracket-bar. The shank-and-socket arrangement illustrated, and also the form of the brackets illustrated, are of course simply exemplifying in character.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, substantially as set forth, of a hollow post open at its upper end, a bracket-bar projecting upwardly therefrom and detachably attached at the top of the post, and shelf-brackets projecting horizontally from the bracket-bar and adapted to be disposed parallel with the bracket-bar, so that the bracket-bar and brackets may be inserted within the post.

2. The combination, substantially as set forth, of a hollow post, a bracket-bar detachably connected therewith and projecting above the post, a cover for the post, secured permanently to the bracket-bar, and pivoted shelf-brackets projecting horizontally from the bracket-bar and adapted to be disposed parallel thereto, so that the bracket-bar and brackets may be inserted within the post.

3. The combination, substantially as set forth, of a hollow post having an open top provided with a socket, a bracket-bar provided with a shank adapted to detachably engage said socket, and shelf-brackets pivoted to said bracket-bar.

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