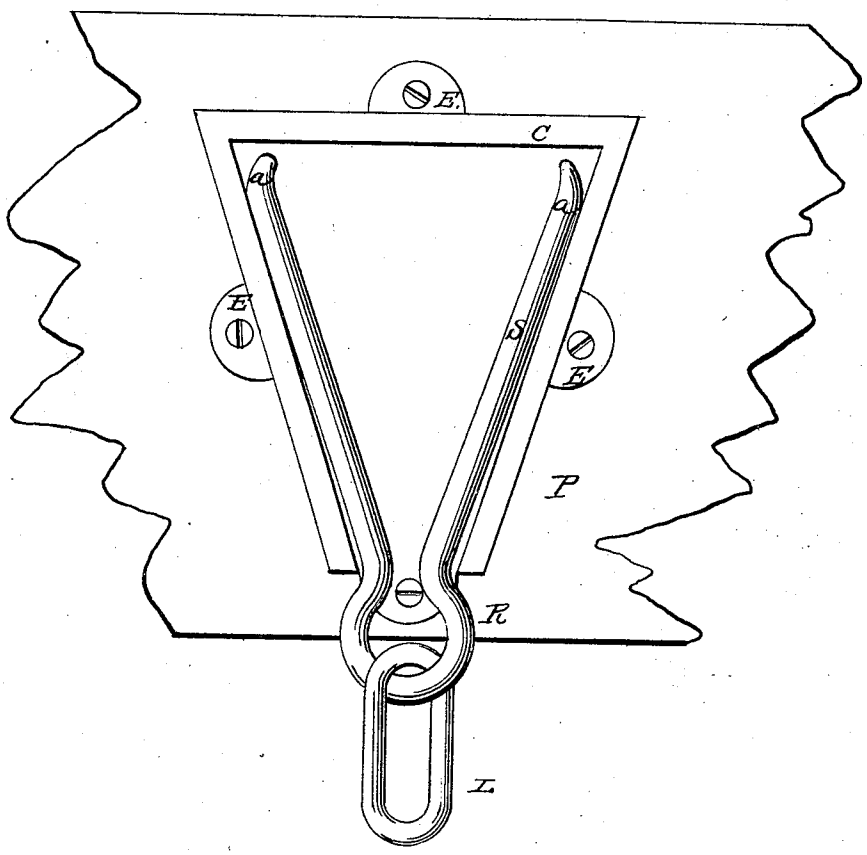
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Hitching Device.

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IMPROVED HITCHING DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. SAWYER, of Hollis, in the county of York and State of Maine, have invented a new and Improved Hitching Device for Horses; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others to make and use my invention, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, hereby made part of this specification, which represents a view of my invention in section, showing the principle of its operation and how it is secured to any object.

My invention consists of the combination of two parts—first, an elastic metal spring; second, of a case or receptacle for the same, both of the form hereinafter described.

The spring consists of a piece of metal so bent as to form a V. The lower end is formed into a ring to receive the halter or other means by which the animal is tethered, or into the ring so formed may be placed a link to receive the halter.

The case or receptacle corresponds in form to the spring, being wider at the upper than the lower end. At the bottom there is a small space to admit the spring. This case, composed either of a single piece of metal cast as described, or of two pieces screwed together, is attached to the wall of a stable by screws, which are set into ears constructed for the purpose.

In the drawing, S denotes the spring; R, the ring; L, the link suspended therein. C shows the case of the form described; P, any object to which it is attached. F indicates the ears and screws by which the device is attached to any desired place.

When the spring S is out of the case, it is inserted therein by pressing the two ends *a a* thereof together sufficiently to allow of its entrance into the aperture at the bottom of the case. The expansion of the spring in the case will then hold it from falling out. No strain in a horizontal plane will remove the spring from the case.

If, however, the animal should become "cast" or should entangle the halter with his feet, a slight pull in a downward direction will withdraw the spring from the case, and thus permit him to recover or free himself, being unrestrained by the halter. By this cheap and simple arrangement many of the accidents to which horses are liable while standing in their stalls are obviated.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the V-shaped spring and case, constructed, arranged, and secured in the modes and for the purposes herein set forth.

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