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Hitching-Posts for Horses.

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Fig. 1.

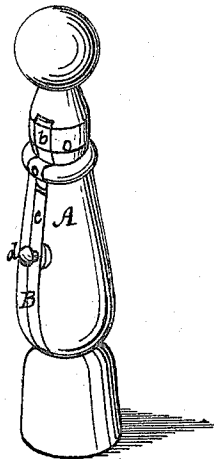


Fig. 2.

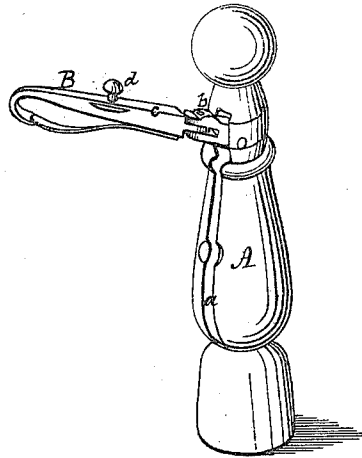
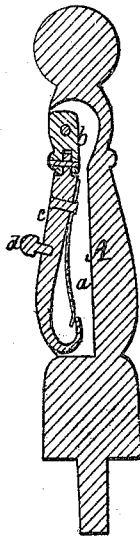


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HITCHING-POSTS FOR HORSES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 134,266, dated December 24, 1872.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS GARRICK, of the city and county of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a certain new and useful Street Hitching-Post.

My invention consists in combining with the post a jointed hitching-arm provided with a safety-hook, and pivoted at its upper end in such a manner that it can be raised and extended from the post and securely attached to the bridle of a horse, and be capable of essential vertical and horizontal vibratory movement; and I do hereby declare that the following specification, taken in connection with the drawing furnished and forming a part of the same, is a clear and true description thereof.

Referring to the drawing, Figure 1 represents one of my improved posts in perspective; Fig. 2 represents the same with the jointed arm extended; and Fig. 3 represents the same in vertical section.

The post *A* is preferably to be of metal, and can be cast in any of the well-known styles, and provided with a longitudinal slot or recess, *a*, to extend from a point slightly below the head to such a point near the base as will afford the requisite length. This slot or recess should, of course, be on that side of the post which is adapted to be placed next to the street-curb or carriage-way. *B* denotes the hitching-arm. As represented in the drawing, it is divided into two lengths, *b* and *c*. The former is pivoted to the post at its upper end, and fitted to the slot so as to be capable of a free vertical vibratory movement on the horizontal pivot. The length *c* is pivoted to *b* by means of a hinge-joint and a vertical pivot, whereby its outer end is capable of a free vertical and horizontal vibratory movement.

Instead of being thus united to the post, a socket-joint, after the so-called "universal" plan, can be employed with desirable results, and an additional link or so may be added, if desirable, in order that a greater range of movement may be attained.

The forearm *c* of the hitching-arm may be

varied somewhat in length, although if it be slightly longer than the average length of horses' heads it will be well adapted to general uses. Its outer end may be curved to form a hook, which in turn may be guarded by a spring-finger after the manner of a snap-hook; or a swiveled hook may be attached to a lug on the under side of the forearm near the end, and so arranged that, when the arm falls, the swivel will not project beyond so as to strike the lower end of the slot or recess in the post.

A small knob, *d*, is preferably to be employed as a ready means for drawing the hitching-arm from its recess.

It will be readily observed that a horse hitched to my improved post will be practically prevented from rubbing his head and tearing or defacing his bridle or other portions of his harness from contact with the post, while at the same time an ample provision is made for sufficient movement of the head to render hitching thereto but little if any more tiresome to the animal than if the ordinary strap or chain were employed.

When occupying the recess the hitching-arm is scarcely discernable, and in no manner mars the symmetry of the post.

Such posts always afford a ready means for hitching, and the arm cannot easily be stolen or disarranged.

When desired, a post may be provided with two or even more of the hitching-arms, if the locality in which it is to be placed will admit of its being approached by horses or vehicles on different sides.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a street hitching-post, substantially as described, provided with the rigid hitching arm or arms, jointed at one end to the post, and capable of a free lateral and vertical vibratory movement, as and for the purposes specified.

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