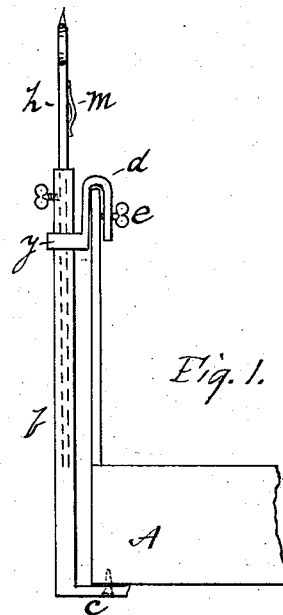
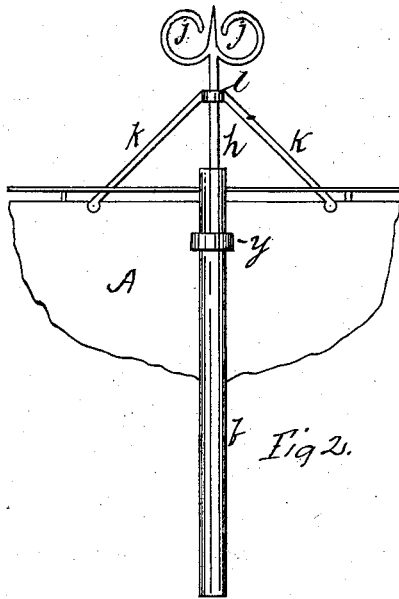


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## REIN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JESSE MURPHY, of Kenduskeag, in the county of Penobscot and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rein Supports and Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, that will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 shows a side view of my invention; Fig. 2, front view.

Same letters show like parts.

My invention consists of a combined rein support and holder designed for attachment to the dash-board or front of vehicles to prevent the reins being caught under the horse's tail and to furnish a convenient place for hitching them when desired.

My support is adjustable to different heights, and its construction will be readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings.

A shows the dash-board and a portion of the bottom of a vehicle.

*b* is a tubular sleeve, provided at its lower end with a set-off, *c*, by which it may be attached to the bottom of the dash-board or vehicle, and at its upper end with a goose-neck, *d*, adapted to fit over the top of the dash-board, and held in place by a set-screw, *e*. This goose-neck may, if desired, be attached to the sleeve *b* by a loose collar, *g*, allowing a vertical ad-

justment upon the sleeve to adapt the device to different heights of dash-boards.

Within the sleeve *b* is a rod, *h*, capable of vertical motion therein and adjustable at different heights by a thumb-screw, *i*. The upper end of the rod is bisected and turned, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to form two rings, *j j*, preferably having an opening upon the upper side to receive the reins. Side braces, *k k*, attached to a loose collar, *l*, surrounding the rod *h* (so as not to interfere with its vertical adjustment) and extending to the dash-board, may, if desired, be employed to give additional stiffness to the device.

To the rod *h*, above the dash-board, and within convenient reach of the driver, is attached a spring, *m*, serving as a rein-holder, being so constructed as to allow the reins to be slipped in between it and the rod, where they are retained by the elasticity of the spring.

What I claim as my invention is—

In combination with the vertically-adjustable rein-support, the rein holder or clamp attached to said support and adjustable therewith, constructed substantially as herein described and shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of October, 1881.

JESSE MURPHY.

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