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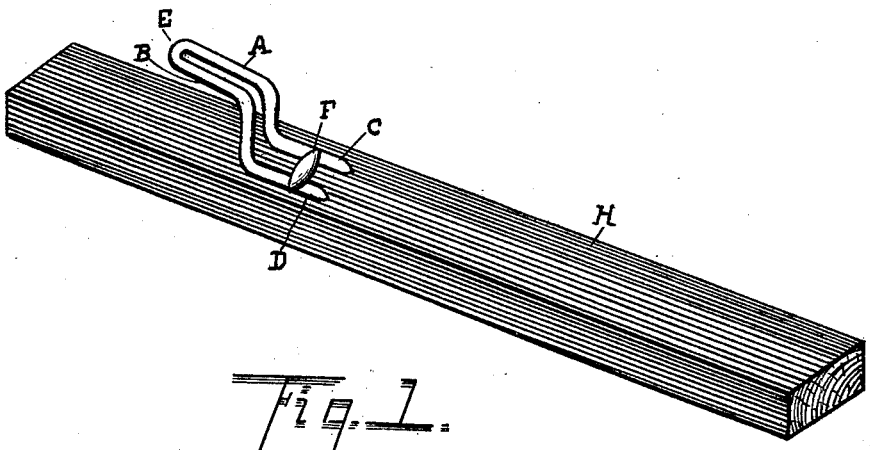

Fig. 1.

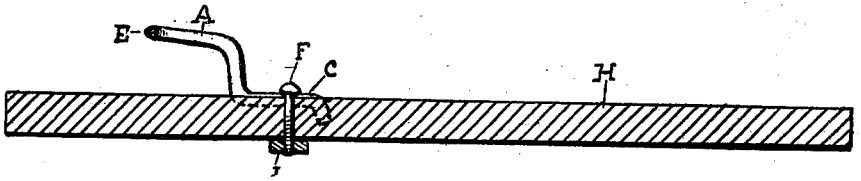

Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES MEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jamestown, in the county of Chautauqua and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shaft-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to shaft-supports; and it has for one object to provide a simple, durable, and comparatively inexpensive device whereby the shafts of a vehicle may be held elevated from contact with the ground or floor.

Another object is to provide a device which will hold the shafts of a vehicle up out of the way when the shafts are not in use; and still another object is to provide a new article of manufacture in a shaft-support that can be made and sold at a very low price; and to these ends the novelty consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the several parts of the same, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings the same letters of reference indicate like parts of the invention, and the accompanying drawings form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved shaft-support as it appears ready for use. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of same.

Referring now to the drawings, H represents a piece of material, preferably of wood, of a convenient length—say, for instance, twenty-six inches—approximately one and five-eighths inches wide and seven-eighths of an inch in thickness. I do not limit my invention to the sizes given, but have found the dimensions herein stated to be the most convenient and to give the best results. To the piece H, nearer one end than the other, I secure, by means of a bolt, the casting or iron part bent in about the form shown and consisting of the parts A, B, C, D, and E, the parts A and C and the parts B and D being exact duplicates of each other and being joined together by the curve E. I prefer to make the parts shown as A, B, C, D, and E in one piece of round iron about one-fourth of an inch in diameter. I prefer to sink the parts C and D about half of their diameter into the wood of the part H, as shown, and for the two ends of the iron to project downward at an angle into the wood and be covered thereby. I then have the two parts extend upward at right angles to the parts C and D for about one and one-half inches, thence to the left to form the parts A and B, and joining at the point in the curve E, as shown. Between and near the center of the parts C and D, I bore a hole through the wooden part H and insert therein a bolt with an elongated head F. Said bolt extends through the part H and is secured by a nut I on the under side of H, as shown. The points of the head of the bolt clamp on the parts C and D and securely hold the iron parts in place.

My invention is to be used as follows: The shafts of the vehicle should be elevated as high as convenient. Then insert the point E of my invention over the lower part of the front spring of the vehicle. The lower or short end of my device will come in contact with the axle of the vehicle, and the upper or long end of my device will come in contact with the cross-bar of the shafts, and thus hold the shafts in an elevated position.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A shaft-support comprising a straight piece H, a rod formed with an upper looped portion, a downward bend terminating in a horizontal portion resting on piece H with its terminal ends extending into said piece and means to fasten together the rod and piece H, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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