

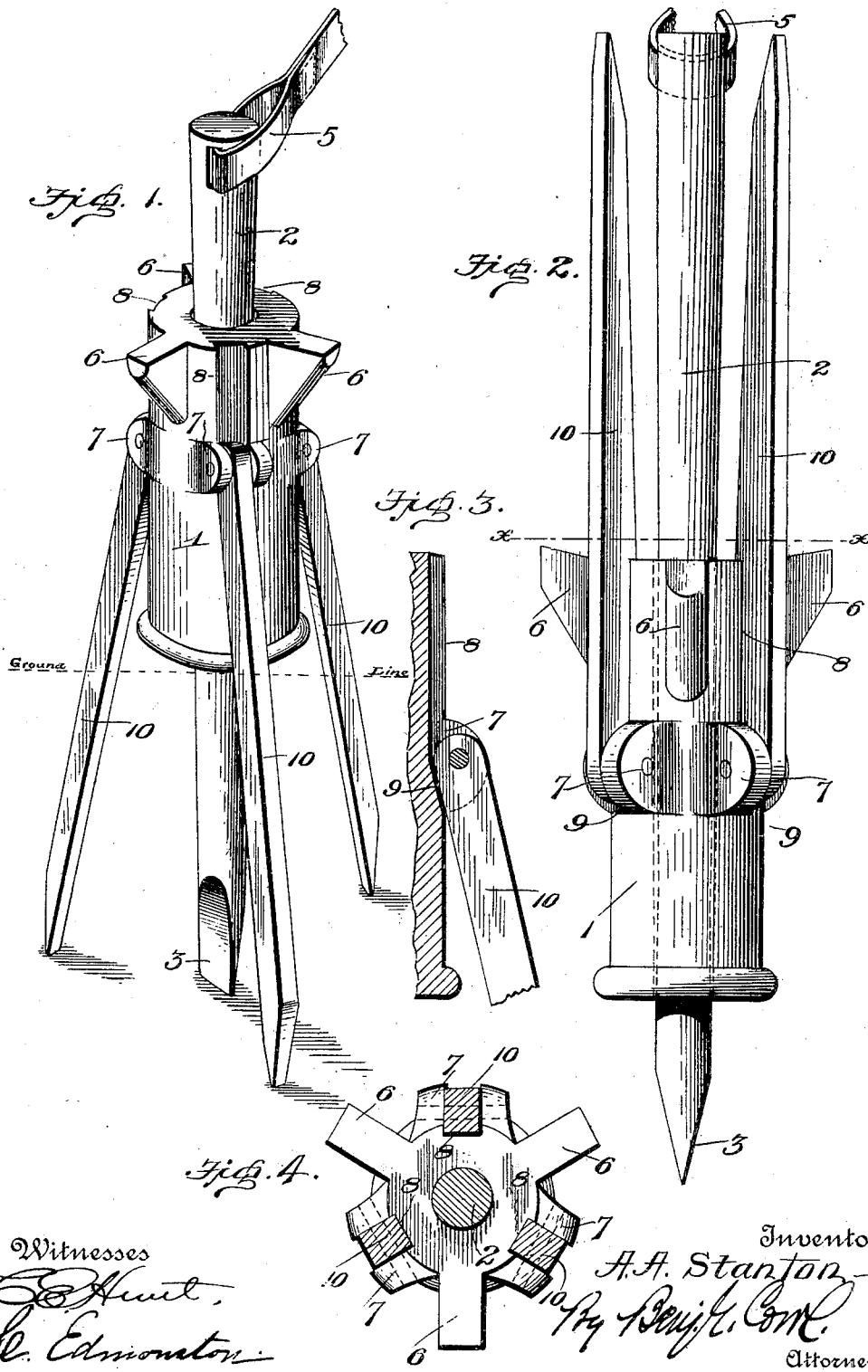
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER A. STANTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at McColl, in the county of Marlboro and State of South Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hitching-Posts; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to hitching-posts, and more particularly to a portable post, one which may be conveniently carried around in the vehicle and occupy but small room and which may be easily and expeditiously set up for use.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which shall be simple of construction, durable in use, and comparatively inexpensive of manufacture and which will perform its functions in an entirely satisfactory manner.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the hitching-post in position to be driven in the ground when ready for use. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the legs of the post swung upward parallel with the hitching-rod and the latter moved upward in its tubular head, whereby the parts are reduced to the smallest possible compass. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view of the tubular head and one of the legs; and Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view on broken line *xx*, Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings, 1 denotes a tubular head through which extends a rod 2, preferably tapered from its lower to its upper end. The lower end is preferably sharpened or pointed, as shown at 3, to facilitate its entrance into the ground, while the upper end is provided with an aperture 4 to receive a hitching-strap 5. When the rod is forced downward through the head, owing to its taper it firmly binds in said head and is held securely therein by frictional engagement therewith. The head is provided with radial lugs 6 at its upper end and below these lugs with several sets of parallel ears 7, between which extend to the top of the head vertical

grooves 8, the base-walls of which are beveled to form shoulders 9. Pivoted between each set of ears is a leg 10, the lower end of which is preferably pointed, so that it may be easily forced in the ground. When it is desired to hitch a horse, the post is removed from the vehicle and the legs swung in the position shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings and the rod forced downward through the tubular head until it tightly binds in the same. Now by applying pressure to the upper end of the tubular head, either by the foot placed upon the lugs 6 or by imparting thereto blows with a stone or other available object, the legs and the lower end of the hitching-rod are driven into the ground the proper distance to hold the device in position, or, if desired, the legs may be driven into the ground first and the hitching-rod afterward. When in position to be driven into the ground, it will be noticed that the legs have their upper ends braced by the shoulders 9, so that said legs cannot swing inward.

When not in use, the legs are swung upward and rest in the grooves 8 and extend parallel with the head, so as to occupy but small space. The length of the device is then shortened by moving the hitching-rod upward. In this position the device may be conveniently stored away in a vehicle and occupy but small room.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, operation, and advantages of my invention will be readily understood without requiring an extended explanation. The device is exceedingly useful for the purpose for which it is designed and may be placed upon the market at a comparatively small cost.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

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

1. A hitching-post comprising a tubular head, a tapering hitching-rod fitted within said head, and folding legs attached to said head, substantially as set forth.

2. A hitching-post comprising a tubular head provided with driving-lugs, folding legs connected to said head, and a tapering hitching-rod carried by said head, substantially  
5 as set forth.

3. A hitching-post comprising a tubular head provided with longitudinal grooves and with a series of sets of ears, between each set of which is located one of said grooves, a  
10 hitching-rod connected to said post, and legs pivoted to said ears, substantially as set forth.

4. A hitching-post comprising a head provided with shoulders, longitudinal grooves and with a series of sets of parallel ears, be-

tween each set of which is located one of said 15 grooves and one of said shoulders, and legs pivoted to each set of ears and adapted when in use to bear against said shoulder, and when not in use to lie in said grooves, substantially as set forth. 20

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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