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WHIP AND REIN HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

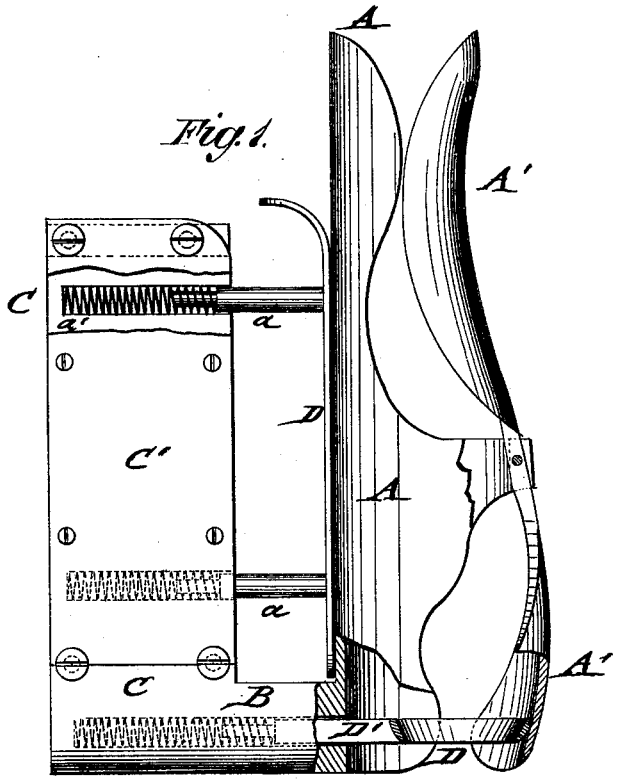
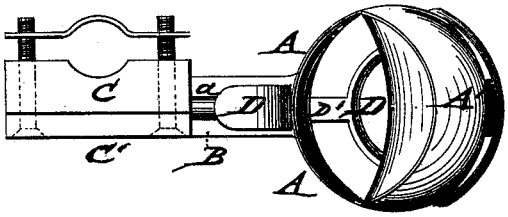


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WHIP AND REIN HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. WEDDEL, of Freeport, in the county of Stephenson and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Combined Rein-Holder and Whip-Socket, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a sectional side elevation of my improved rein-holder and whip-socket, and Fig. 2 is a top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to a combined rein-holder and whip-socket, by which both the reins and whip, or either one, are securely retained, the device being applied rigidly to the edge of the dash-board.

The invention consists of an upright semi-cylindrical socket-plate that is attached by a bottom socket and side plate to the dash-board, holding the reins by a guided and spring-act d plate, sliding between the fastening side plate and socket-plate, and holding the whip by a curved and fulcrumed front socket-plate at the top, and a sliding and spring-acted butt-ring at the bottom.

In the drawing, A represents a vertical socket-plate of semi-cylindrical shape, and curved and cut in suitable manner to present an ornamental appearance.

The socket shape A is cast in one piece, with a horizontal bottom socket, B, and with an upright extension-plate, C, of the same, by which the device is applied firmly by suitable fastening-screws to the edge of the dash-board. An open space is provided between the socket-plate A and fastening-plate C, which is utilized for arranging the rein-holder D, that moves parallel to plate A by spring-acted guide-rods *a*, which slide in socket-holes *a'* of the plate C.

The fastening-plate C is made in two sections, of which one section, C', is screwed on for the purpose of producing the socket-holes *a'* for the guide-rods *a*. The rein-holder is curved at the upper end to admit the ready insertion of the reins, which are firmly secured by the pressure of the rein-holder D against socket-plate A. The whip is secured by a curved socket-plate, A', that is fulcrumed to about the middle part of the socket-plate, and acted upon at the lower end by a spring-acted ring-plate or other support, D, for the butt of the whip. The ring or plate D slides by a guide rod, D', in the perforated bottom socket B, and presses the lower end of the swinging socket-plate A' outwardly, and the upper outwardly-curved end toward the fixed socket-plate A. When the whip is inserted the upper end of plate A' is spread open, and then pressed by the spring-pressure of the butt-supporting ring firmly on the whip, the ring serving in the double capacity of support for the butt of the whip and of spring to the binding socket-plate A'. Thus a very cheap, simple, and effective rein and whip holding device is furnished.

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

1. A combined rein-holder and whip-socket, composed of a fixed socket-plate, A, attached to the dash-board, and of a sliding and spring-acted rein-holder at one side, and a swinging and spring-pressed socket-plate A' at the other side, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of fixed socket-plate A, bottom extension B, fastening side plate C C', and sliding and spring-acted rein-holder D, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of fixed socket-plate A, bottom extension B, swinging socket-plate A', and sliding and spring-acted butt-supporting ring or plate D, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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