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DEVICE FOR HITCHING HORSES.

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Fig. 1.

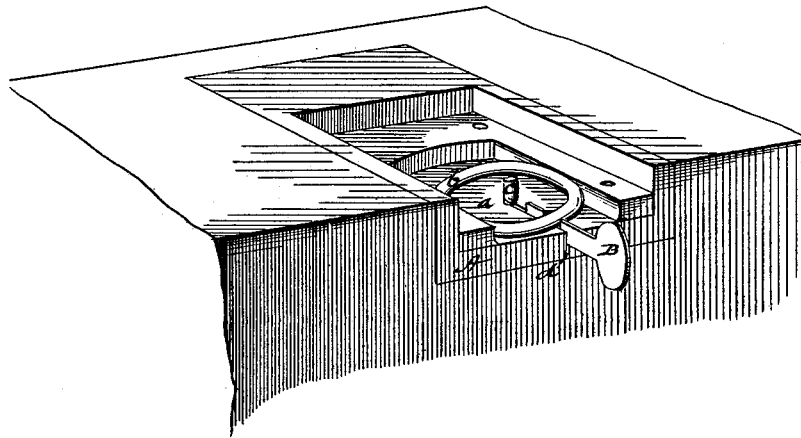
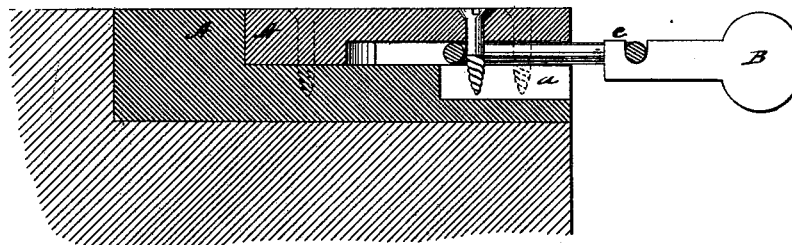


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN DEVICES FOR HITCHING HORSES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, A. B. WROTH, of Winterset, Madison county, Iowa, have invented a new and Improved Device for Hitching Horses; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of the fastening exposed and key applied. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view.

Ordinarily, as used, hitching devices are subject to many disadvantages. If posts are used they mar the appearance of a street, and are dangerous in cases of runaways. If rings alone are used they are sufficiently exposed either to be used by those not entitled to use them, or to be stumbling-blocks in the way of pedestrians.

The object of my invention is to overcome these objections; and it consists of a loose sliding ring, slotted bar, or equivalent device moving in a mortise or recess let into the curbstone, pavement, wall, or other permanent fixture, retained therein by a fixed pin, and exposed to view by means of a key or hook in the possession of the rightful user.

In order that those skilled in the art may make and use my invention, I will proceed to

describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings, A is a metal casing, made in two pieces, so as to leave the recess *a* of a sufficient size to completely receive a ring, *b*, held from entire withdrawal by means of a pin, *c*, passing through casing and ring. In one side of the casing is a narrow slot, *d*, to receive a key, B, having a hook, *e*, to pass over ring *b* and withdraw it when necessary to fasten an animal. I prefer to set this casing into the edge of the sidewalk or curbstone in a horizontal position, so as to prevent the ready entrance of mud, snow, or water; but it is evident that it may be set into the curb or pavement vertically, or the casing be dispensed with entirely, and recess *a* and slot *d* cut directly into the curb without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

A hitching device consisting of the sliding ring *b*, held within the recess *a*, and secured from entire withdrawal by means of a pin, *c*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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