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HITCHING-POST.

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Fig. 1.

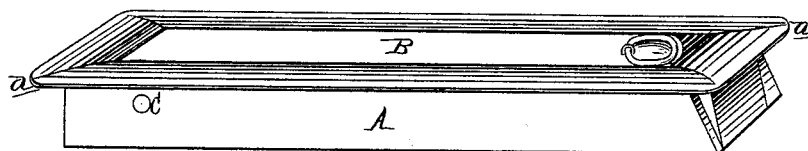


Fig. 2.

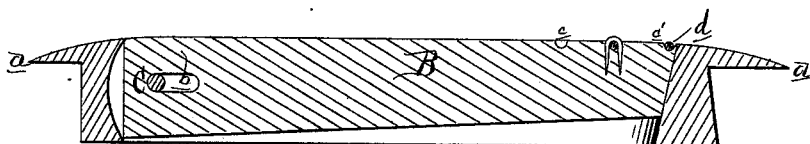
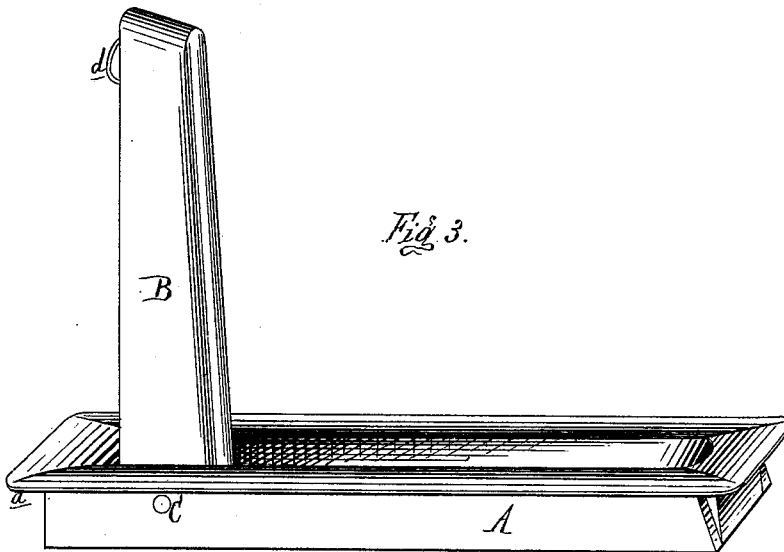


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HITCHING-POSTS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 189,464, dated April 10, 1877; application filed January 4, 1877.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, WARREN N. HUTCHINSON, of South Bay City, in the county of Bay and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hitching-Posts; and I do declare that the following is a true and accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, and being a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device before being set up for use. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the post set and ready for use.

Like letters refer to like parts in each figure.

The nature of my invention relates to the construction of a hitching-post, more especially designed for cities and villages where it is not desirable to have the ordinary hitching-posts erected, and where such obstructions are not allowed by ordinance; and the invention consists in so constructing a hitching-post that when not in use it can be so placed as to form no obstruction on the street or sidewalk, as more fully hereinafter described.

In the drawings, A represents a suitable frame, preferably made of cast-iron, which is designed to be let into the curb, sidewalk, or ground, where it may be secured by bolts through the flange *a* of the frame, or in any other convenient manner. A post, B, which fits into the opening in the frame A, is provided with a slot, *b*, near its lower end, through which a bolt, C, passes, as well as through the sides of the frame, thereby securing the two parts together. Near the other end of the post is secured a ring, which, when not in use, will fall into one of the circular depressions *c c'* on the outer face of the post, so that said ring will be flush with the top of said post.

When it is desired to raise the post to a perpendicular position the operator raises, by

means of the ring, the post, which turns upon the axis-bolt C, and when raised the post drops vertically the length of the slot, which allows the lower end of the post to drop just far enough, as shown by dotted lines, to form a bearing to prevent the post from being thrown down. In order to do this the post should be raised until the bolt occupies the lower end of the slot, when the lower end of the post will be disengaged from its bearing, when it may be lowered to place in the frame. The ring *d*, whether the post be perpendicular or prone within the frame, will be found useful to fasten the halter to.

I do not desire to confine myself to the use of any kind of material in the construction of my post, nor to the exact construction as shown, as the frame may be done away with, and a suitable opening to receive the post may be cut in a curb-stone, or in the flagging of the sidewalk, the gist of my invention being in so constructing a hitching-post that when not in use it may be put out of the way, substantially as I have described.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The pivoted hitching-post B, let into the curb or sidewalk, and adapted to rest in a horizontal position flush with the surface of the same, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination, with the frame A, of the post B, pivoted in the said frame, and adapted to rest in a horizontal position flush with the top of the same, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The combination, with the frame A, of the post B, having the slot *b* and the bolt C, constructed and arranged substantially as described and shown.

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