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WHIP-SOCKET.

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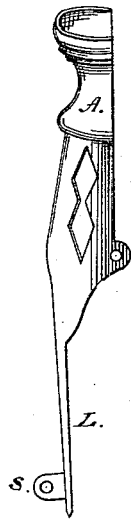


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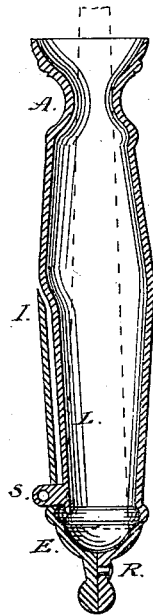


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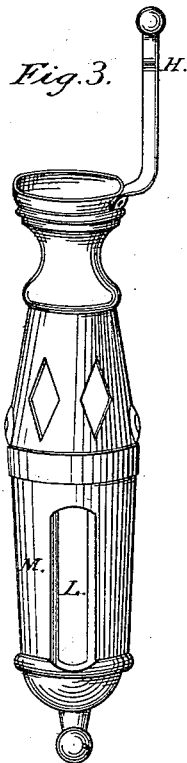


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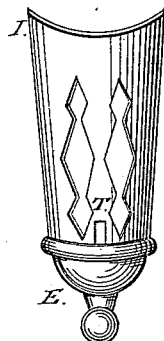


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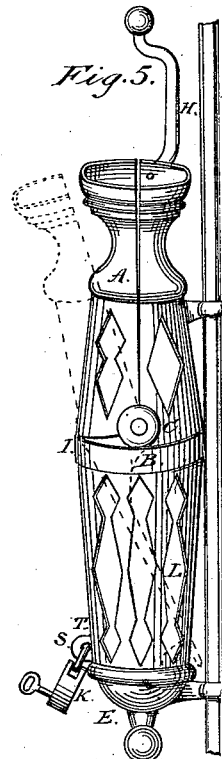


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## IMPROVEMENT IN WHIP-SOCKETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES LOWTH, of the city of Chicago, county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new Whip-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The invention is an improvement in that class of devices in which the throat of the holder is adjustable, being closed upon the whip by its pressure against an arm or lever connected with the throat.

The invention relates to an improvement in that class of whip-sockets which are provided with a hinged jaw for clamping a whip.

The invention relates to the construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a side view of hinged throat-piece, with locking extension; Fig. 2, a sectional elevation; Fig. 3, a back view; Fig. 4, a face view of slotted front piece, and Fig. 5 a perspective view of my improved whip-holder.

At L, Fig. 1, is shown the locking extension of the throat-piece A, having the perforated lug S, adapted to pass through a slot, T, Fig. 4, in the front part of the holder.

When the whip (shown by the dotted lines, Fig. 2,) is forced down into the holder the locking extension L is thrown back against the inside, and the lug S passes through the slot T, and protrudes outside of the holder, as shown in Figs. 2 and 5. The part A is then locked in position to secure the whip by means of a padlock, K, Fig. 5, whose bow is passed through the lug S.

The extension L is made stiff or inflexible, so that when locked it will hold the throat firmly closed, the diameter of which being smaller than the butt of the whip prevents it from being taken out of the holder until the jaw A is released by detaching the padlock K.

It is obvious, if the extension L was flexi-

ble, the throat A of the holder could be sprung open when the extension is locked, and the whip then removed.

The detachable front piece I is beveled at the upper end to adapt it to fit snugly against the hinged throat-piece, so that when the latter is closed it will appear continuous with the piece I.

At M, Fig. 3, is shown the longitudinal slot in back of holder. When the whip is withdrawn from the holder the throat-piece is thrown open, as shown by the dotted lines, Fig. 5, and the locking extension L is thrown toward the back of the holder, against which it would rattle when the vehicle, upon which the holder is placed, is in motion, if it were not for the slot M through which it is allowed to pass.

At H, Figs. 3 and 5, is shown the hook extension of the head; the object of this is to provide a convenience for securing straps by buttoning them over the ball at the upper end or otherwise. It may also be used as a holder for the reins when required.

At I E, Figs. 2 and 4, is shown the capping part or front. It is made in a separate piece to save coring, and to secure a smooth inside in a cast-iron holder. It is secured to the back of the holder by a rivet, R, and by the ears of hinges C and a band, B.

I do not claim a holder having a hinged sector; but

I claim—

1. The pivoted jaw or throat-piece A, having the rigid extension L, provided with the perforated lug S, the front I having the slot T, and the fixed part of the socket, all combined and constructed as shown and described, whereby the said jaw may be secured by a padlock in the manner specified.

2. The body or fixed portion of the socket, having the slot M, the hinged jaw A, and its rigid extension L, all as shown and described.

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