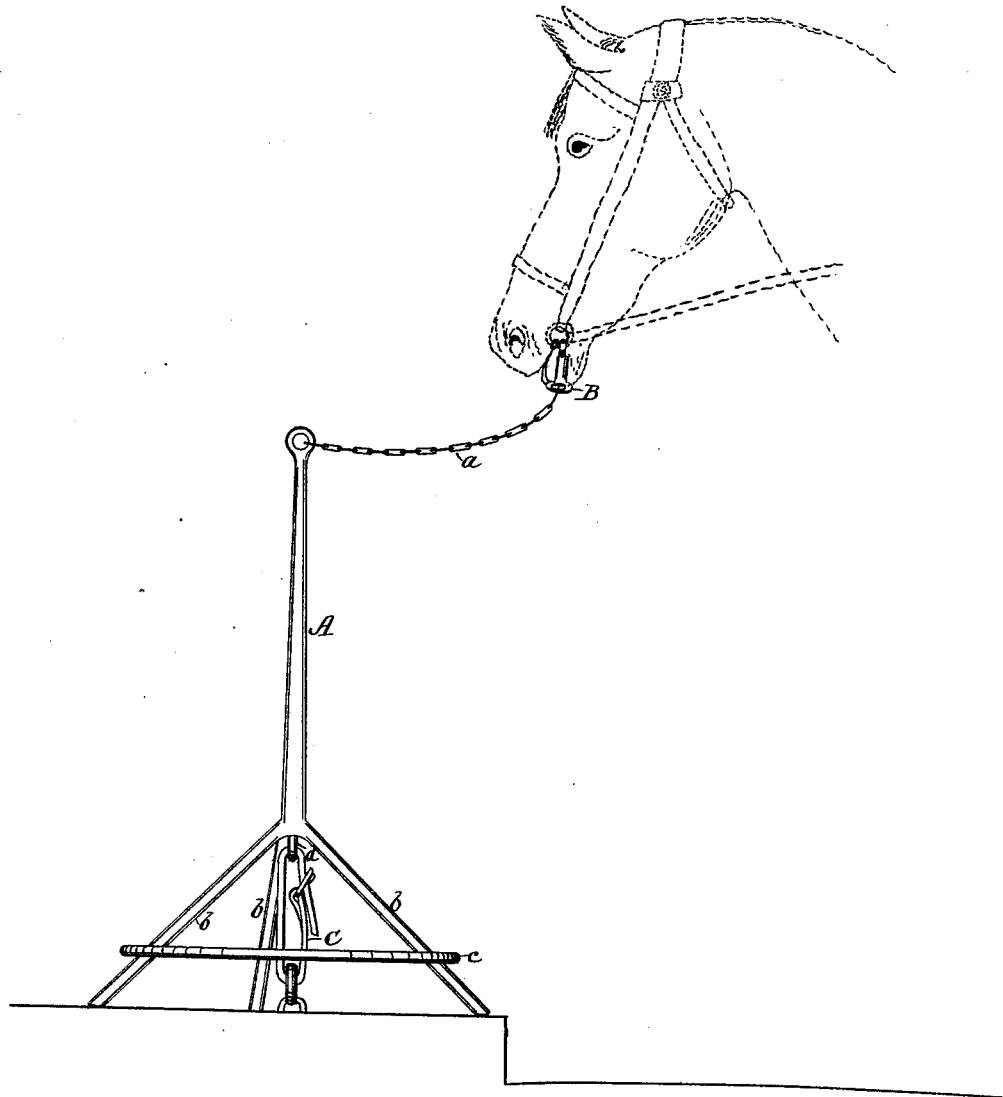


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## IMPROVEMENT IN HITCHING DEVICES.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. BEAR, of Manchester, in the county of York and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Hitching Device; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which the figure is a side elevation, showing the device applied to a ring in the curb-stone.

My invention relates to an improvement in hitching devices designed to hold the animal at a sufficient distance from the object to which he is hitched to prevent him from rubbing or biting the same.

It consists of a stiff and strong standard, having at its outer or upper end a loosely-connected snap-hook, and provided at its lower end with three divergent feet, or a tripod support, braced and held by a circular metallic ring, and provided with a strap at the junction of its three feet, which is adapted to secure the device to any immovable object, the arrangement being such as to permit the device to be attached to a ring in the pavement, a post, tree, fence, or the wheel of the vehicle, as may be convenient or desirable.

In the drawing, A represents the rigid standard, carrying at its outer end a snap-hook, B, which is to be attached to the bridle of the team, and is connected through a short chain, *a*, to the end of the standard, so as to give some freedom to the animal's head.

The standard A is made of a tapering metal rod, and is provided at its larger end with three feet, *b*, forming a tripod support, which feet are encompassed and braced by a circular metal band, *c*, arranged just above the extremities of the feet.

In between the feet, and at the junction of the same, is attached a loop, *d*, and in the same is arranged a flexible strap, C, by which the hitching device is fastened to any immovable object.

Now, in using the device, when it is to be arranged vertically, as above a ring upon the sidewalk, the tripod supports the standard above said ring, and the strap C is buckled thereto to hold the tripod firmly down, and the standard rigid and vertical. In applying it to a ring in the side of a house, the standard is arranged horizontally, and the strap fastened in the same way.

In applying horizontally to a tree or post, the ring abuts against the tree or post, and the strap is buckled around the same, and in applying to a vehicle-wheel or fence the ends of the feet are allowed to project between the spokes or rails, and the ring abuts against the same, while the strap is fastened around one of said spokes or rails.

I am aware of the fact that it is not broadly new to hold the head of the team away from the point of attachment by a rigid bar, and I therefore only claim my particular construction and arrangement, which adapts it to all conditions of use, and correspondingly increases the scope of its utility.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The standard A, having the supporting-feet *b*, the circular metal band *c*, and the strap C, fastened at the junction of the feet, and adapted to be attached to a ring or other suitable device, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination of the snap-hook B, the chain *a*, and the standard A, having feet *b*, ring *c*, and strap C, substantially as and for the purpose described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 8th day of November, 1877.

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