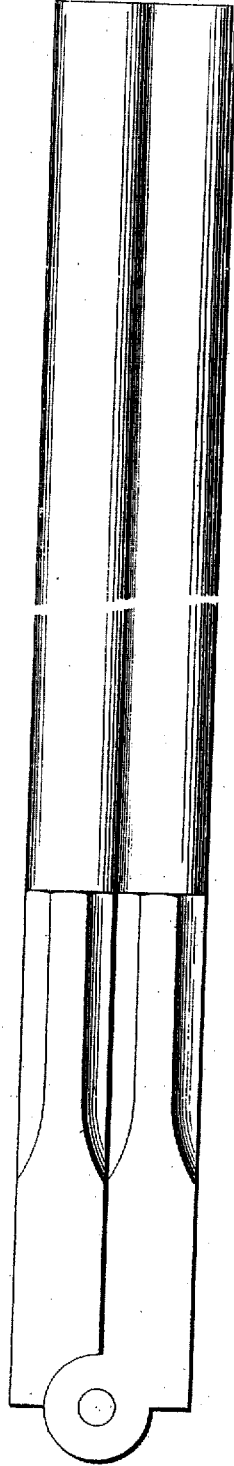


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## DESIGN FOR CARRIAGE-TOP JOINT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. SMITH, of Plantsville, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Design for Top-Joint; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent a front view.

This invention relates to a design for the article known to the trade as "carriage-top joints"—that is to say, the joint in the braces which support the top; and it consists in the peculiar configuration of the parts, as shown in the accompanying illustration, and hereinafter described.

The front or exposed surfaces of the parts are flat at the joint, and for a short distance

therefrom. From the termination of the flat surface the angles are cut away, so that the surface presents an octagonal or polygonal appearance; then at the termination of this second section the surface is rounded, so as to present a cylindrical appearance, as shown in the accompanying illustration.

I claim—

The design for carriage-top joint, consisting in a flat surface at the hinged ends, and from which the surface runs into an octagonal or polygonal shape, and from the end of this polygonal section the surface is cylindrical in form, as shown in the accompanying illustration.

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