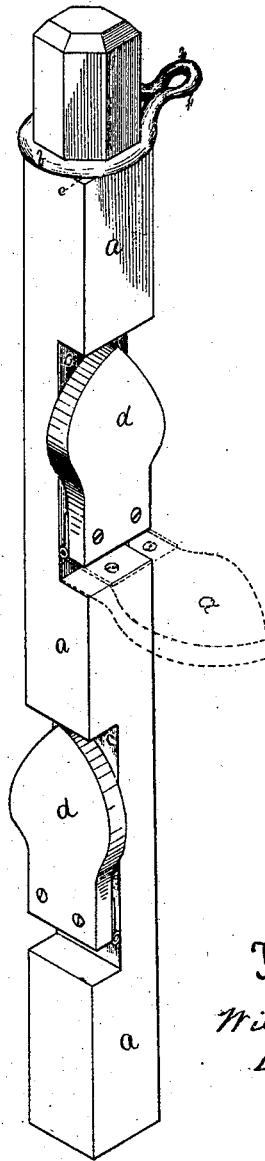


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IMPROVEMENT IN HITCHING-POSTS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, WILSON S. OWINGS, of Pan Handle Post-Office, in the county of Brooke and State of West Virginia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hitching-Post; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, which is a perspective view of my improved hitching-post.

My invention consists in the construction of a hitching-post with blocks or steps hinged in its sides, so that it can be used as a mounting-block.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and use.

I make the post *a* of wood or other suitable material.

In a groove, *e*, around the upper end of the post *a*, I place a ring, *b*, loosely fitting, so as to allow it to turn in the groove *e*.

This ring has a loop, *f*, extending out on one side, the ring and loop being formed by placing a large ring in the groove, and by pinching it, so as to make one part of it form the ring *b* and the other part the loop *f*.

In the sides of the post *a* I cut one or more recesses, *c*.

Near the lower end of each of these recesses I hinge a block or step, *d*, of such size that it will fold up into the recess.

When opened out the step *d* stands at right angles to the post, and rests upon the lower end of the recess *c*, as shown by dotted lines.

The loose ring *b* is of great advantage when a restless horse is hitched to it, since it will allow him to walk around the post without twisting up his strap, and, as is often the case, injuring himself.

By my invention I combine the advantages of hitching-post and mounting-block.

The steps *d* are not in the way, since, when not in use, they can be folded into the recesses.

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

A hitching-post, *a*, having mounting-steps *d*, constructed substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I, the said WILSON S. OWINGS, have hereunto set my hand.

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