

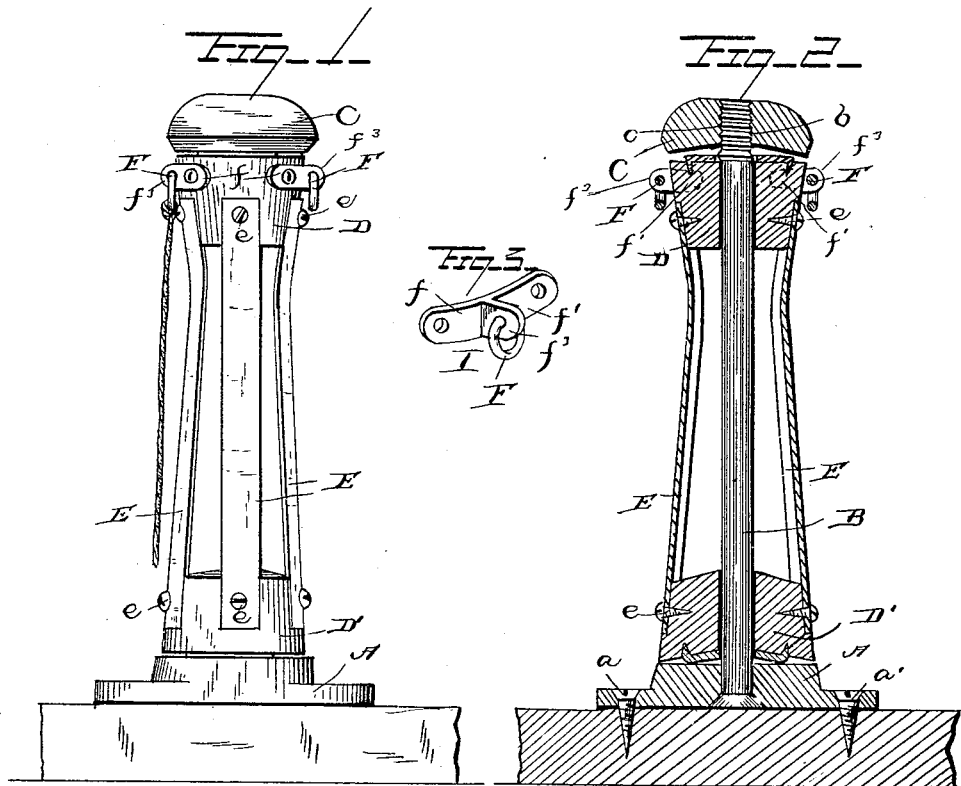
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, TOPPAN P. RODGERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Taunton, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hitching-Posts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to hitching-posts; and it consists of the improved construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, substantially as hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

The accompanying drawings illustrate a hitching-post constructed in accordance with and embodying my invention, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the hitching-post secured to a curbstone. Fig. 2 is a vertical central sectional view; and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the plates which serve to attach the hitching-rings to the post.

Referring to the drawings, in which similar letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures thereof, A designates the bottom or base of my improved hitching-post, which may be of any preferred form, and preferably constructed of iron. This base is rigidly attached or secured to a solid foundation—as, for instance, the curbstone—by means of bolts or like fastenings *a* and *a'*. Rigidly secured to this base A is a standard, B, which projects upwardly from the said base for a suitable distance, and has its upper end provided with exterior screw-threads, *b*, which are adapted to engage interior threads, *c*, provided in the cap or top piece, C, so as to make the cap or top piece detachable, for the purpose to be described. The said rod B forms a spindle for the revolving hitching-body, which consists of the upper disk, D, and the lower disk, D', connected together by metal strips E, which are secured to the disks at their upper and lower ends by means of screws *e*. Any suitable number of these strips may be employed. Of course it is not necessary that round disks be employed, for square blocks, provided with the central openings to allow the passage of the spindle, will answer equally as well. The upper disk, D, has hitching-rings F, secured by means of plates thereto. In this instance only two rings are shown; but any number may be employed, as circum-

stances may require. The plates I, have wings *f* and *f'*, provided with openings to allow screws to be passed therethrough to secure the plates to the disk D, and said plates are also formed at the center with a perforated lug, *f''*, through the perforations of which the rings F are passed.

The manner of fitting my hitching-post together is as follows: The base A is rigidly bolted to a firm foundation—such as a curbstone—and the top piece or cap is removed from the spindle or rod B, and the disks D and D', provided with the central aligned openings, and secured together by the metal strips, are placed on the spindle or rod B, and the cap or top piece, C, is screwed down on the spindle B. The parts thus put together allow the ready turning of the disks on the spindle, and the consequent turning of the hitching devices.

The advantages of my hitching-post are numerous. In public places where hitching-posts are not provided it is generally the custom to hitch the horse to a tree or connect a weight with his mouth, and should the horse become frightened, he jumps back, and coming to a sudden halt he becomes more frightened, and very often breaks away and damages the vehicle. By the employment of my hitching-post when the horse becomes frightened and throws his head back the post revolves readily on the spindle, so that the horse is always allowed a free movement of his head, and thereby the possibility of his running away is obviated. It will also be observed that my device allows a number of horses to be hitched to it, which is very convenient in places where a number of teams generally halt. My hitching-post is also very neat in appearance, strong, and durable, and is calculated to commend itself to one desiring a practical and useful article.

It is evident that modifications may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of my invention.

I claim—

1. In a hitching-post, the combination of a rigid central spindle, the rotary disks fitted loosely on the spindle, the connecting-pieces intermediate the said disks and rotating there-

with, and the rings carried by one of the disks, substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

2. In a hitching-post, the combination of a  
5 fixed vertical spindle, the rotary disks fitted loosely on the spindle, the connecting-strips secured at their extremities to the disks, a cap detachably fitted on the spindle above the disks  
10 thereon, and the rings carried by one of the disks, substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

3. The base A, a rod or spindle, B, projecting upwardly from said base and screw-thread-

ed at b, in combination with the disks D and D', secured together by vertical metal strips 15 E, and the screw-threaded cap C, fitting on the upper end of the rod B, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in 20 presence of two witnesses.

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