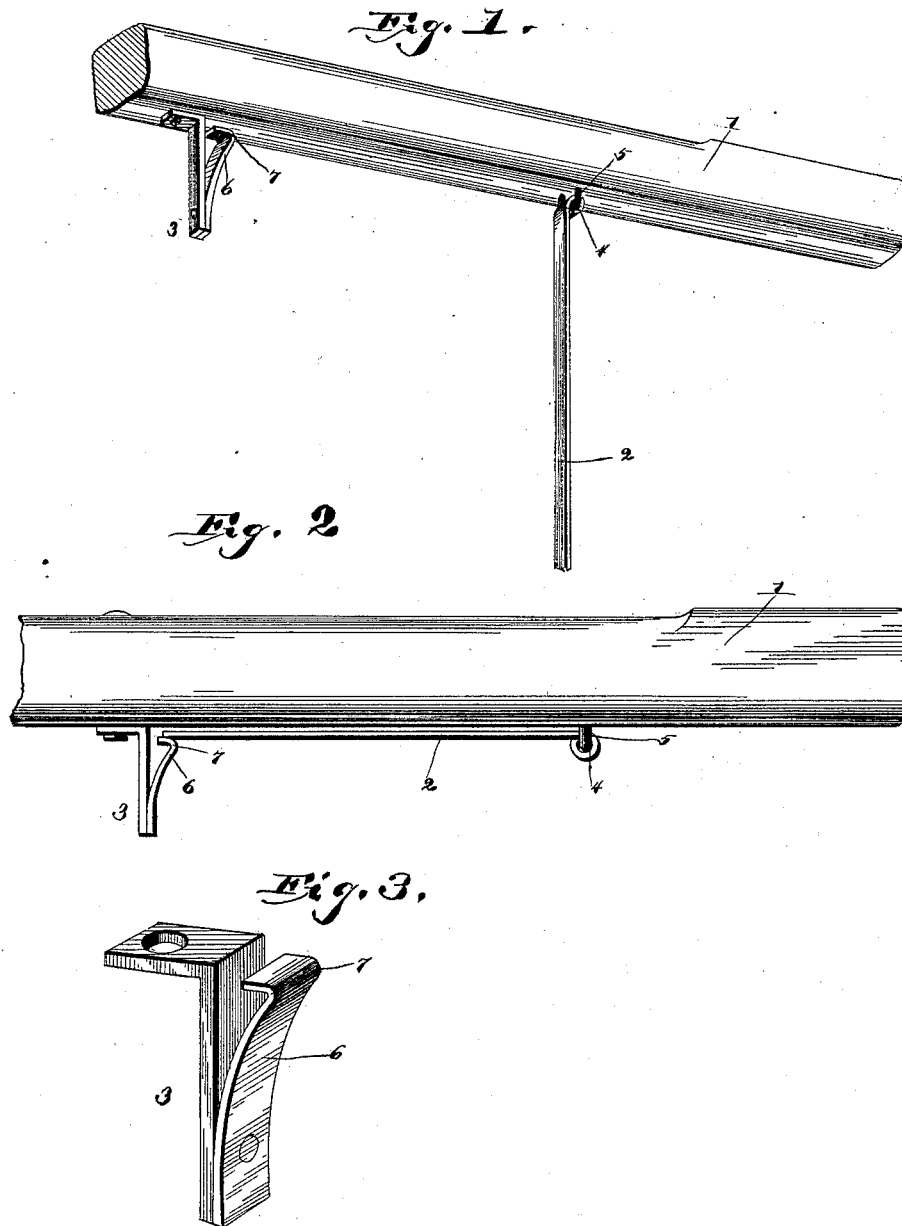


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN ALL LEMMON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portersville, in the county of Dubois and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Tongue-Support, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in tongue-supports.

10 The object of the present invention is to provide a tongue-support of simple and inexpensive construction, adapted when not in use to lie along the lower face of the tongue and be out of the way, and capable of being readily brought into position when it is desired to support the tongue to take the strain from the horses or from the hounds.

15 The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

20 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a tongue provided with a tongue-support constructed in accordance with the invention, the tongue-support being illustrated in operative position. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, the tongue-support being arranged along the lower face of the tongue, illustrating the parts when not in use. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the spring-catch.

25 Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a wagon-tongue, which is provided near its front end with a tongue support or prop 2, that is hinged to the tongue and is adapted to be arranged vertically to support the end of the tongue, and when not in use is adapted to be arranged along the lower face of the tongue and be retained in that position by a spring-catch 3, that engages the free end of the prop. The tongue support or prop is constructed of metal, and has one end bent upon itself to form an eye 4, which is engaged by a staple 5, that hinges the tongue support or prop to the tongue. The spring-catch that engages the free end of a tongue support or prop and retains it in its position

along the lower face of the tongue consists of a vertical plate secured to the lower face of the tongue and depending therefrom and provided upon its side adjacent to the tongue support or prop with a spring 6, having its lower end riveted to the lower end of the plate and being inclined toward the tongue, and having its free end bent to provide a shoulder 7, that is adapted to engage the free end of the tongue support or prop and hold the same adjacent to the lower face of the tongue. When it is desired to bring the tongue support or prop into operative position, the spring 6 is depressed, which releases the tongue support or prop and allows the same to swing into a vertical position beneath the tongue.

65 From the foregoing description and the accompanying drawings it will readily be seen that the tongue-support is simple and inexpensive in its construction, adapted to be readily secured to a tongue, and is capable of being easily brought into operative position, and when not in use is out of the way.

70 Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

75 In a tongue-support, the combination of the tongue, the prop constructed of metal and having its upper end bent upon itself to form an eye, the staple engaging the eye and hinging the prop to the tongue, the spring-catch adapted to engage the free end of the prop and hold the same along the lower face of the tongue, and consisting of the metal plate depending from the tongue, and the spring secured to the lower end of the plate and being inclined toward the prop and having its free end provided with a shoulder, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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

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