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Hitching Post.

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Fig. 1.

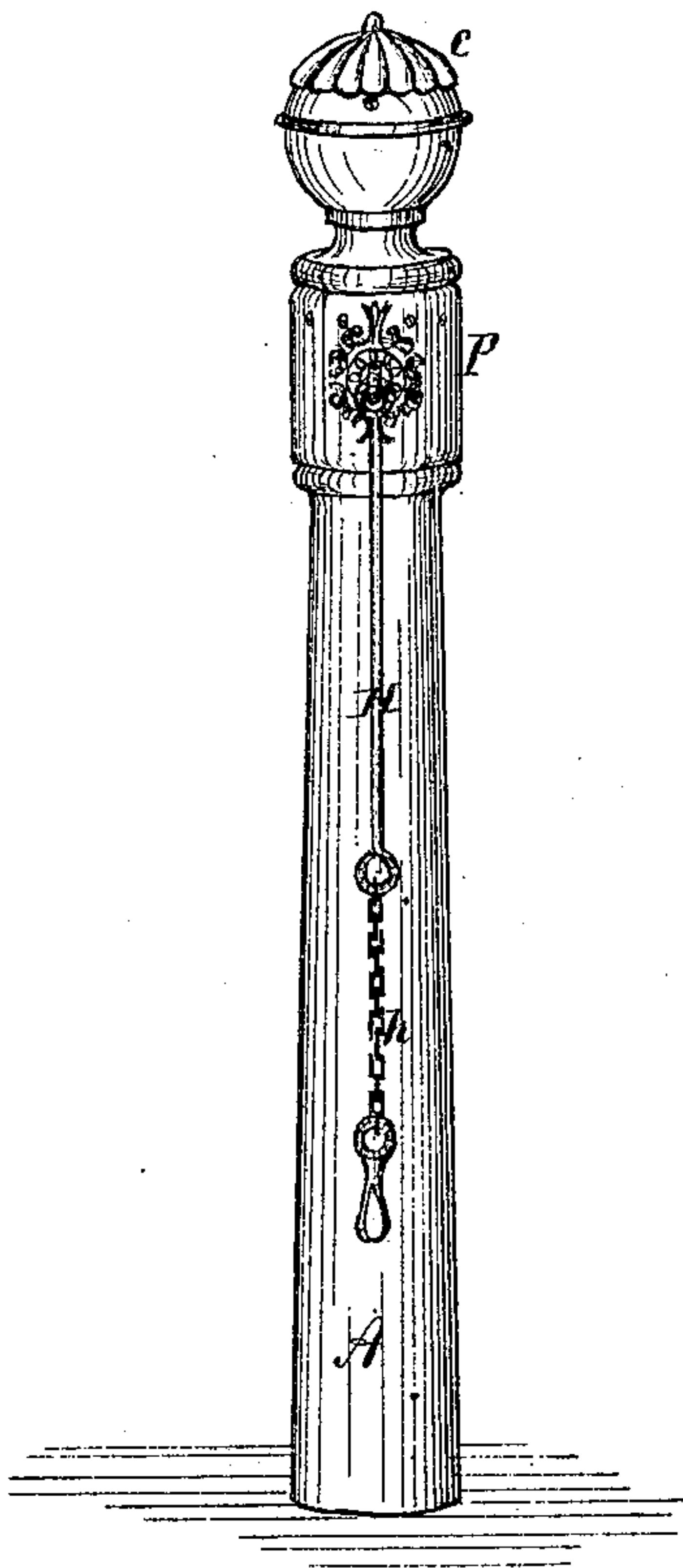


Fig. 3.

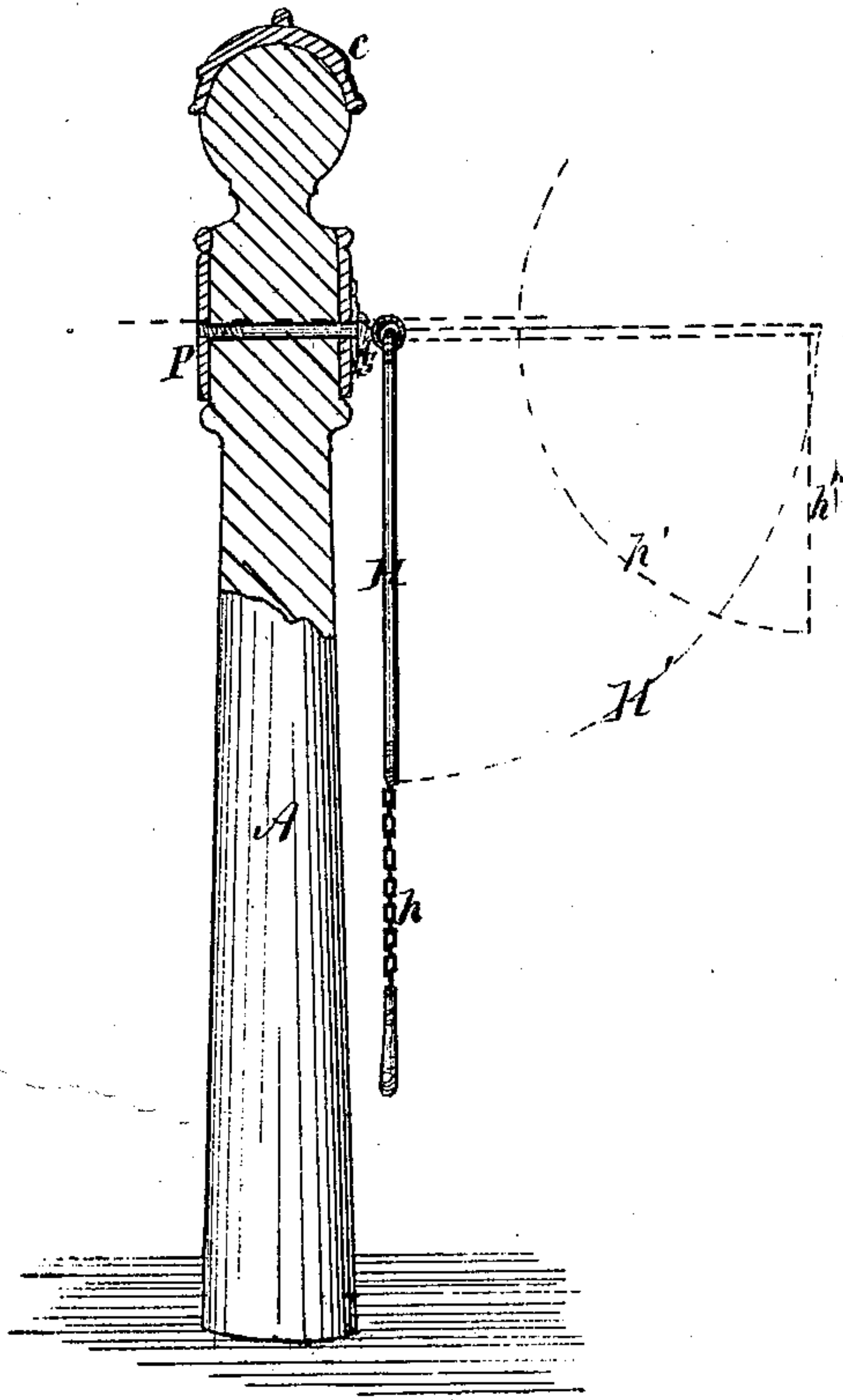
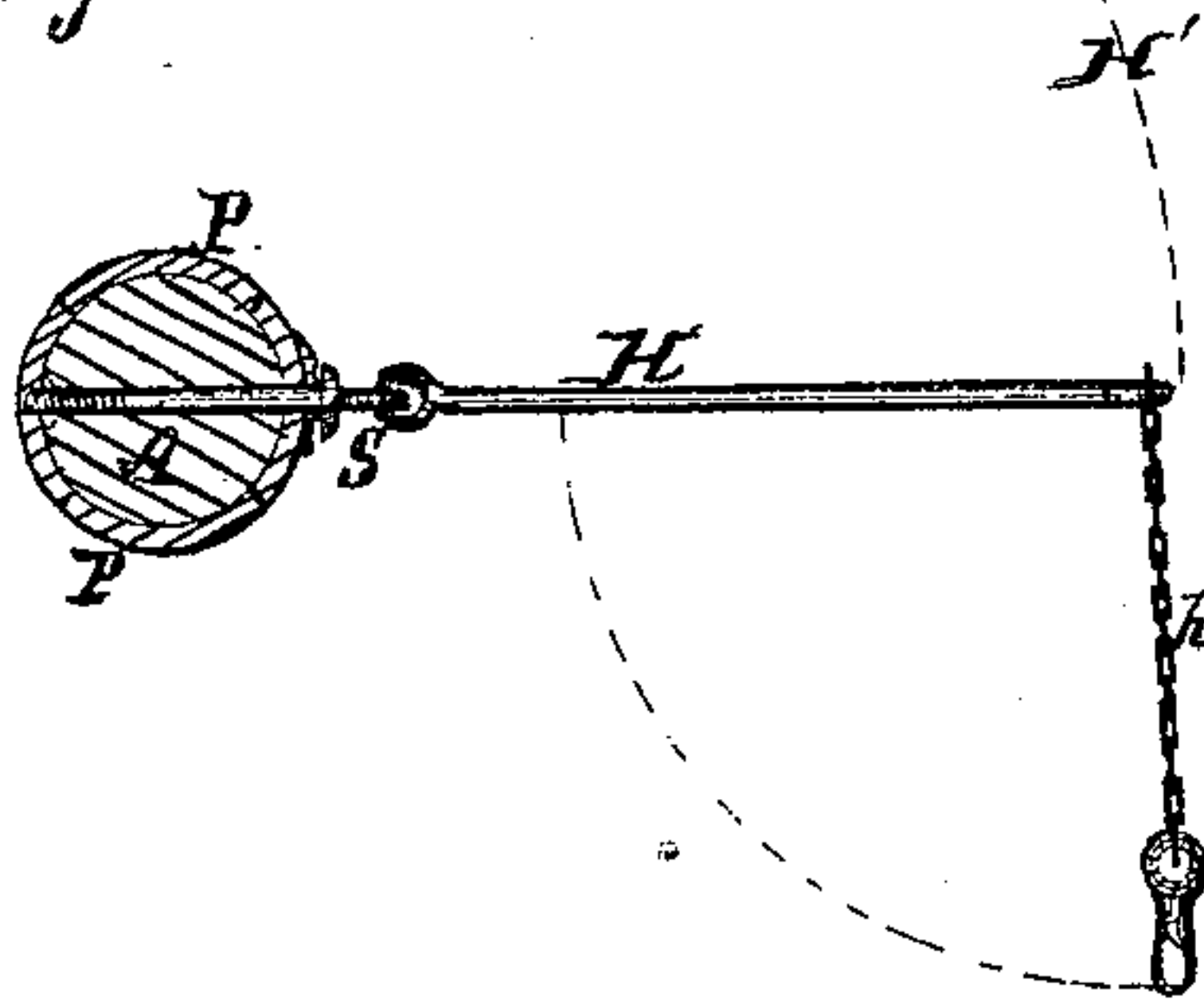


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED HITCHING-POST.

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, JOHN GIBSON, Jr., of the city and county of Albany, State of New York, have invented a new and useful article of manufacture, which I term a Hitching-Post; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view.

Figure 2 is a view of vertical section.

Figure 3 is a view of longitudinal cross-section of improvement.

The nature of my invention consists in furnishing a wooden post with a metal cap in one or more pieces, to protect the post from injury by the weather or biting of horses, or otherwise. The said cap may be cast or struck, and the top may be either flat or the shape of a cone or ball, or any other form, and may be either plain or ornamented.

To secure a horse to the post, and yet keep him at a desired distance therefrom, I connect a rod, about two or three feet in length, to the post, by an eye-bolt or staple. The other end of this rod is provided with a short chain, or equivalent, with a snap or hook attached.

This rod, with its chain or equivalent, should be in total length shorter than the height of the post from the ground to the staple or eye-bolt, and permits a free movement of the horse's head in any direction.

The post may also be protected from injury below the top, where the rod is fastened, by attaching one or more metal plates, or a shell of metal, made either plain or ornamental, or the said plates or shell may be cast with the cap all in one piece, and extend as far down on the post as protection is needed.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it in reference to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, the same letters indicating like parts.

A, figs. 1, 2, and 3, represent wooden posts.

The said posts are provided with a metal cap, C,

made of cast or struck metal, securely fastened to the post. These caps may be made in any style or form, according to taste.

A little below the top of the post, secured by an eye-bolt or staple, S, is attached the hitching-rod H, about two or three feet long.

To the other end of this rod is attached a short chain, *h*, provided with a snap or hook. A short rod may be substituted as equivalent for the said short chain *h*.

The object of this hitching-rod and chain is to prevent the horse from reaching the post, and at the same time hold him secure.

The end of the hitching-rod H, as shown by the dotted lines H', figs. 2 and 3, keeps the chain *h*, or its equivalent, at a distance from the post A, and while the chain *h* can only swing, as shown by dotted lines *h'*, the horse is prevented from reaching the post to injure it or his harness.

To give further protection to the post, as well as ornament, metal pieces P, figs. 1 and 2, are fastened round that part of the post where the eye-bolt or staple S is secured.

By this invention the styles of the caps, and their ornamentation, may be as various as the tastes of individuals, the post is effectually protected from injury, and always provides a ready and safe means of hitching, and the horse is prevented from injuring himself or harness.

Having described my invention,

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

As a new article of manufacture, a hitching-post, formed of wooden posts A, protected by the caps C and plates P, and furnished with the hitching-rod H, with chain *h* attached, connected with the post by means of the eye-staple S, when constructed and arranged as shown and described.

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