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Device for Hitching Horses.

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Fig. 1.

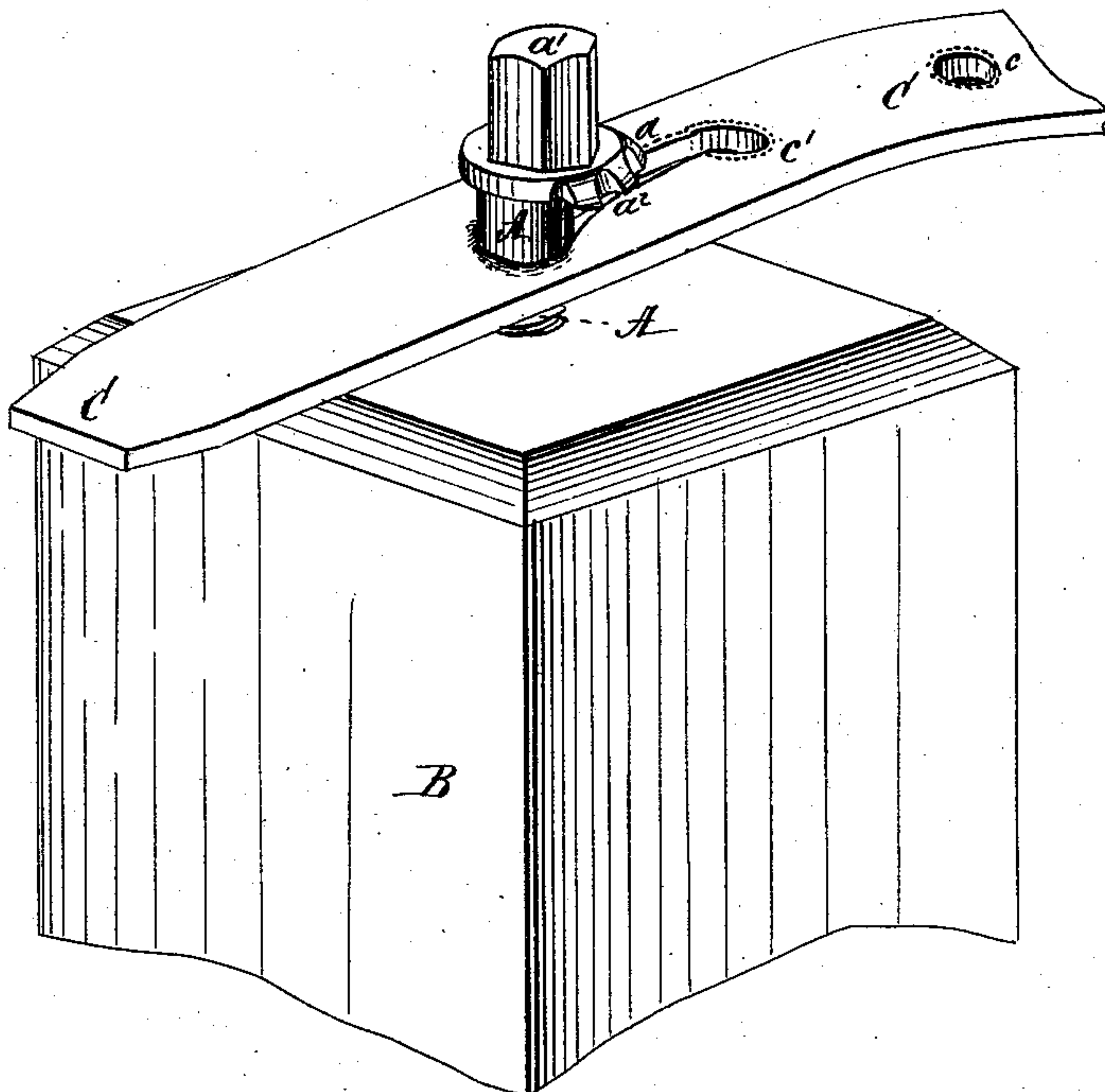


Fig. 2.

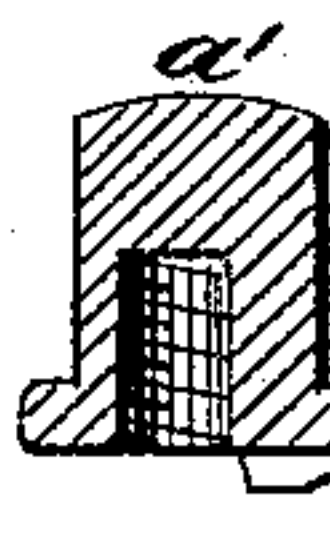
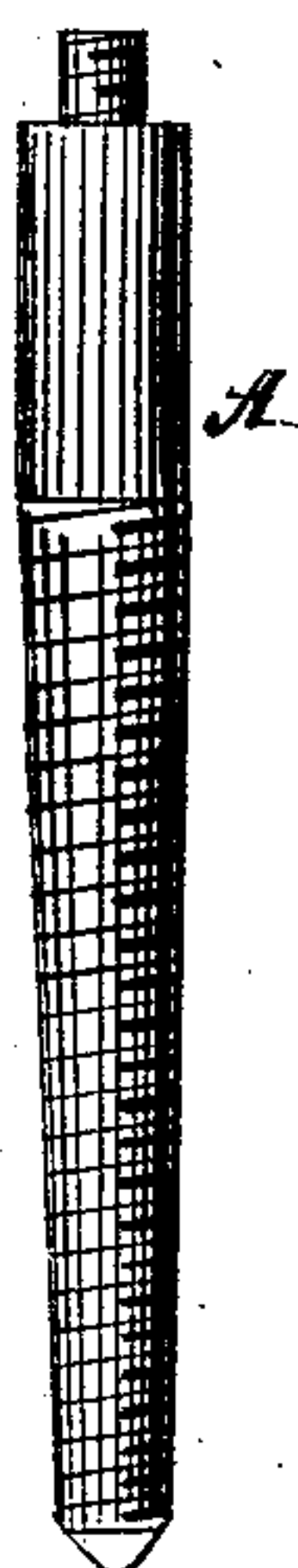


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN DEVICES FOR HITCHING HORSES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNST OHM, of Terre Haute, in the county of Vigo and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Combined Hitching Strap and Nail; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view; Fig. 2, an elevation, and Fig. 3 a vertical section.

The invention relates to devices by which horses may be conveniently, quickly, and securely hitched in close proximity to a residence; and consists in a hitching-nail, constructed and applied substantially as hereinafter described.

A represents the nail, which is preferably made with a tapering body, that may be driven, when smooth, into a wooden horse-block—when threaded, may be screwed into metal—or which may be held in a suitable hole of the usual stone, carriage, or other block by molten solder or cement. B represents a block in which the nail is shown to be screwed, and *a'* is an internally screw-threaded cap or head, having at its lower edge, on one side thereof only, a notched flange, *a*. This cap fits the

screw-threaded upper end of the nail, and by its notched flange serves effectually to prevent the casual detachment of the hitching-strap previously placed beneath it upon the nail, but does not interfere with the unfastening of the same when desired, which is effected by drawing the strap back a little, when it will easily slip off over the smooth side of the cap.

The head is made detachable from the nail for two purposes: first, to allow the strap to be slipped over the nail, and, second, to permit the owner of the nail to render it useless to others than himself, which he does by carrying the head in his pocket when not required for use, whereby the nail is always under his control and ready for use when wanted.

The device commends itself to the public by its cheapness, efficiency, and convenience.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

A hitching-nail for animals, consisting of the body A and detachable cap *a'*, having a notched flange, *a*, as and for the purpose specified.

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