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REIN-HOLDER.

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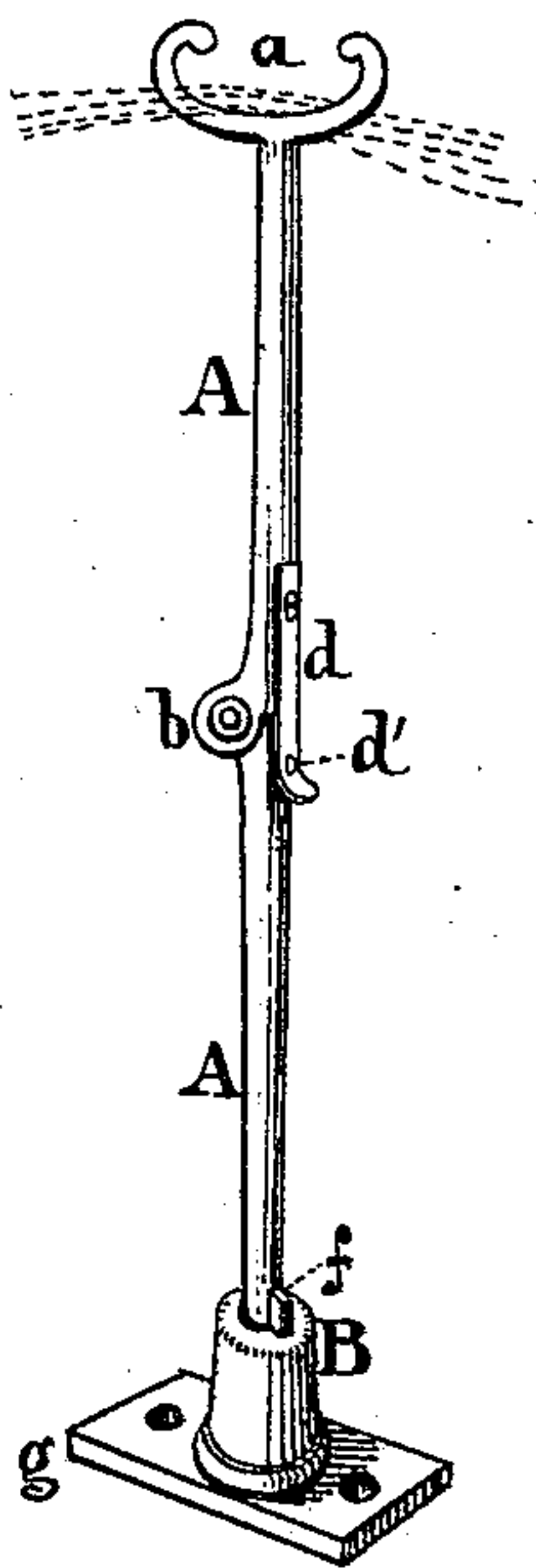


Fig. 1.

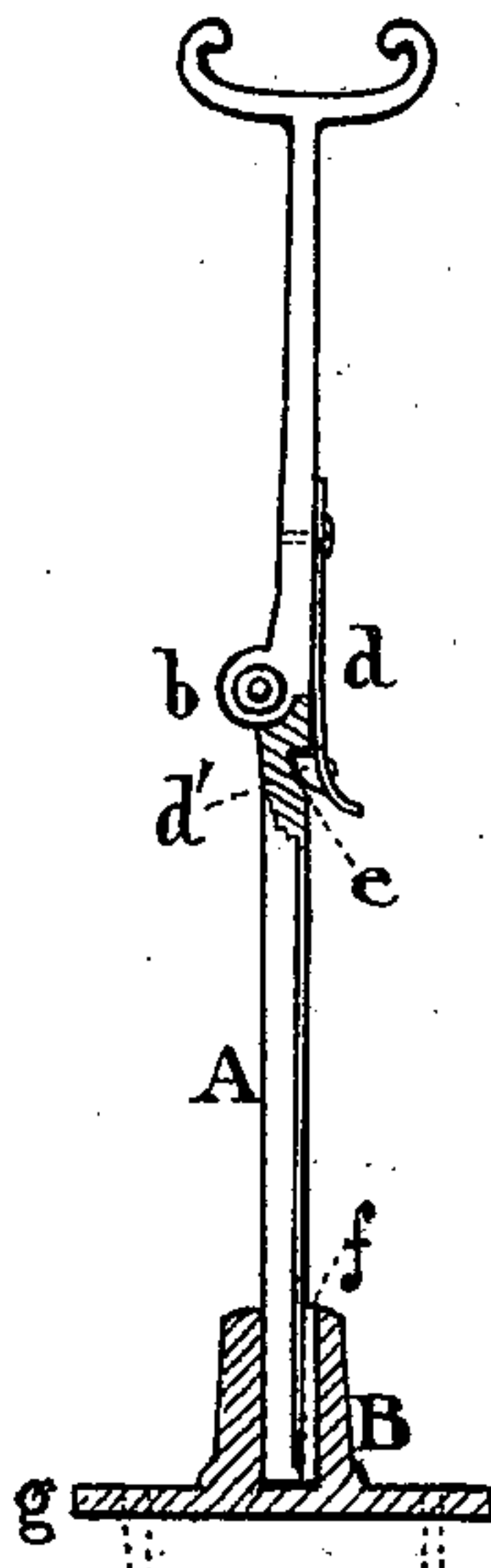


Fig. 2.

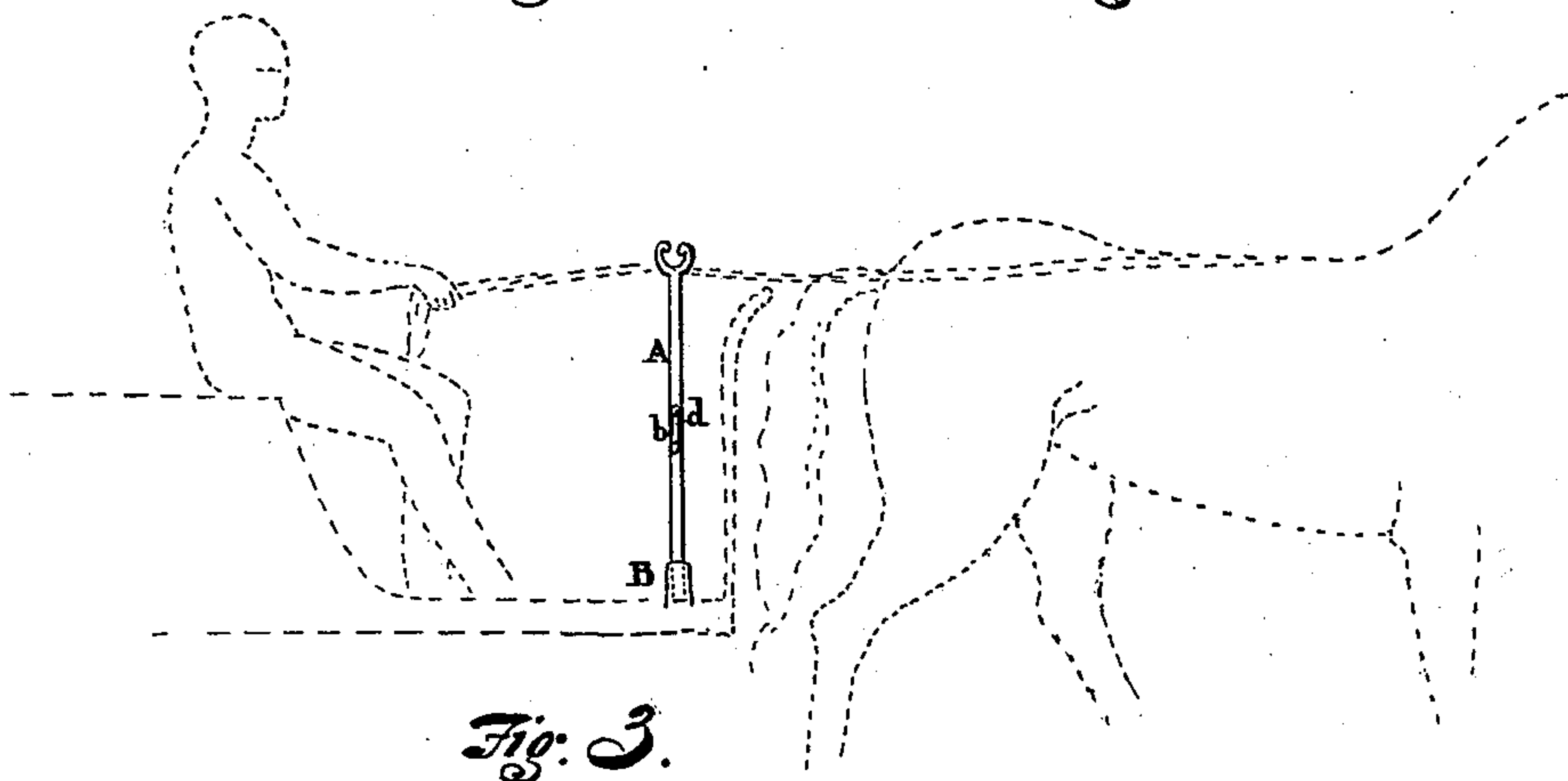


Fig. 3.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN REIN-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN MEEK, of the city of Baltimore, and in the State of Maryland, have invented a Rein Guide or Holder for Horses and Vehicles; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which like letters of reference refer to like parts, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view; Fig. 2, an elevation; Fig. 3, an illustration of its application.

The object of my invention is to support the rein rest or loop by means of a single jointed removable rod, provided with a snap-joint in order to bend the "rest" down when not wanted, and a floor socket on the vehicle for the temporary support of the rod.

In the drawings, A A represents a metal rod made in two parts, jointed at *b* in the middle, and of such a height as will carry the reins sufficiently elevated to be free from being caught or struck by the draft-animals' tails, and having a rest or guide, *a*, on the summit of the upper rod for the reception of said reins. The joint *b* which permits the rod to be folded down, is provided at its back with a spring-catch and hook *d d'*, the hook *d'* entering the recess *e* sunk in the lower rod in such a manner as to hold the catch and rod rigidly erect.

The lower end of the lower rod is set in a socket, B, screwed to the floor of the vehicle or other convenient place by screws in a projecting flange or plinth, *g*, so as to admit of ready removal of the whole apparatus, if desired. The bottom of the rod is provided with a rib, *f*, fitting into a corresponding groove in the side of the recess of the socket, or a lug may be employed in place of said rib, which may pass down the socket into a circular horizontal groove in said socket, into which it may pass by a slight rotation of the rod, and so prevent all danger of the latter being thrown out. The rod may also be made to screw into a socket for security, but the described fastening is found to be the best.

What I claim as my invention is—

The combination of the spring-catch and hook *d d'*, recess *e*, hinged jointed folding rods A A, and socket B, constructed and adapted for the purpose as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing rein guide or holder I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of January, 1876.

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