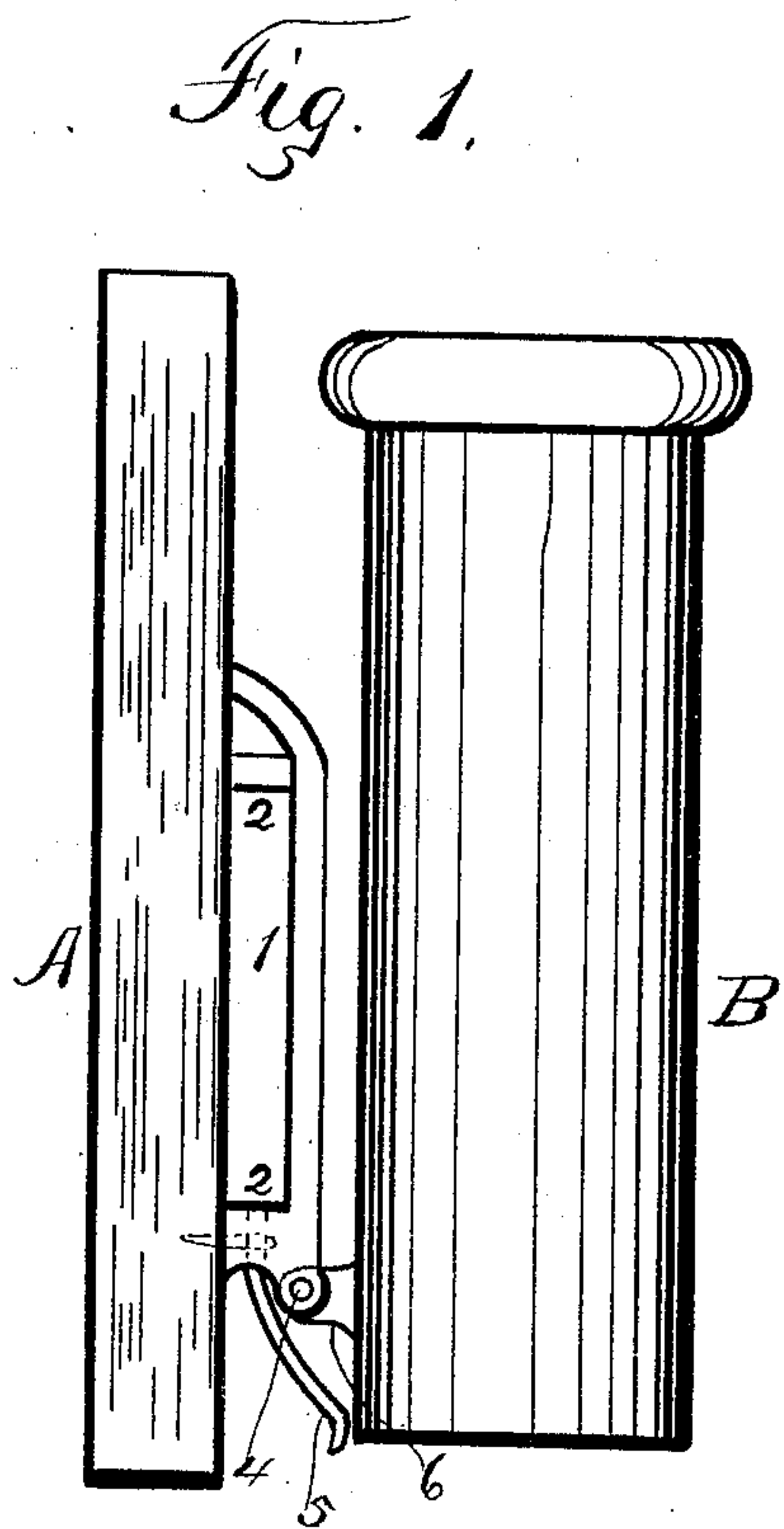


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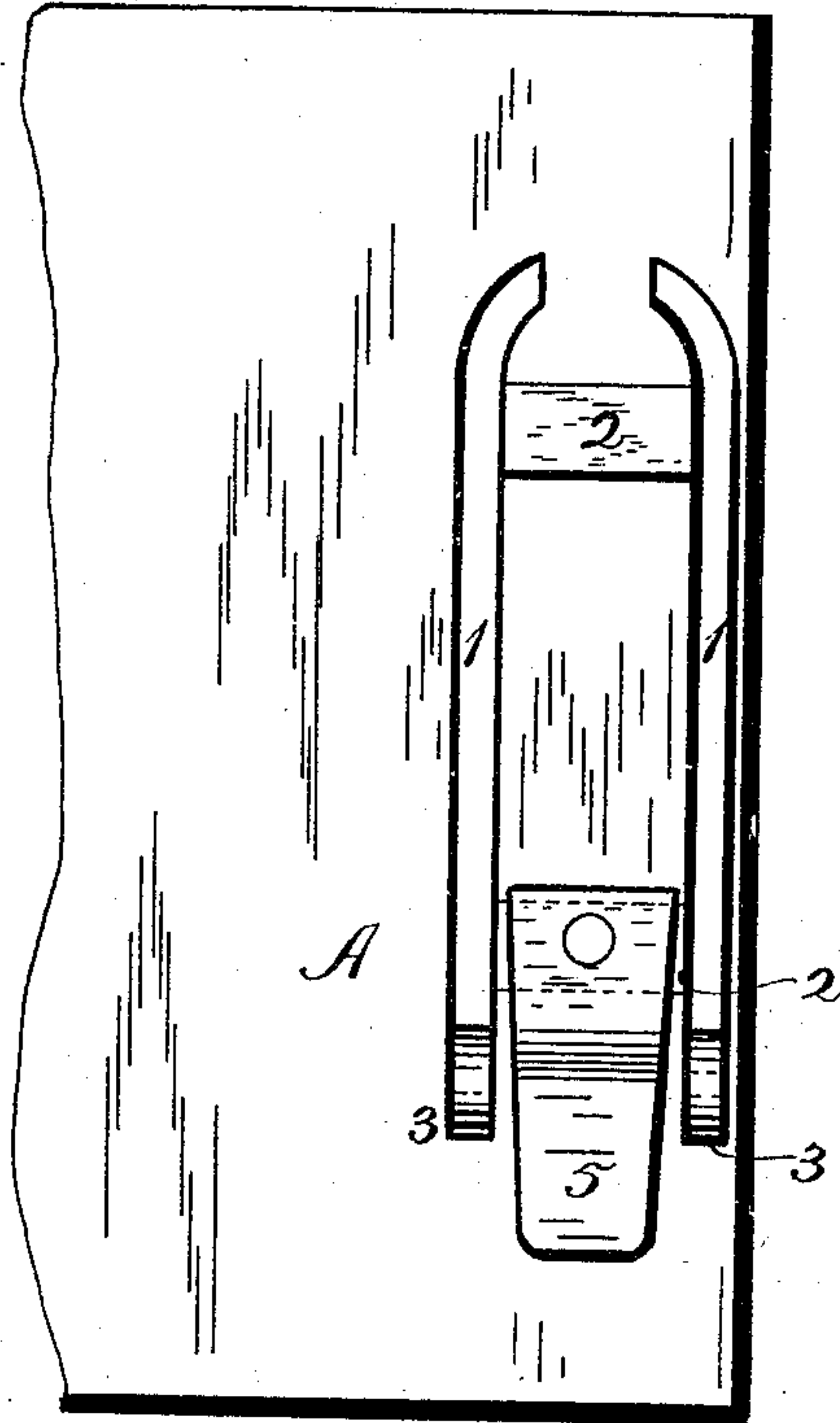
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## WHIP-SOCKET AND REIN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. CATTON, of Auburn, in the county of Cayuga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful  
5 Improvements in Whip-Sockets and Rein-Holders, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

Figure 1 is a side elevation showing the  
10 frame, spring, and socket. Fig. 2 is a front view of the frame and spring with socket removed.

My invention relates to the construction of whip-sockets adapted to be also used as rein-  
15 holders, and which are also provided with means for preventing any rattling.

The object of my invention is to produce a combined whip-socket and rein-holder.

My invention consists in the several novel  
20 features of construction and operation hereinafter described, and specifically set forth in the claim annexed hereto.

It is constructed as follows: A represents a portion of the wagon-dash upon which I secure the frame 1, supported in a somewhat detached position from the dash by lugs 2, which lugs also extend across and form the cross-bars between the sides of the frame. The lower ends of the sides of this frame are  
30 provided with ears 3, through which is a horizontal opening 4. Upon the lower cross-bar I secure a spring 5, extending downward and outward, so as to come into contact with the bottom of the whip-socket B when the ears  
35 thereon 6 are mounted upon pivot-pins in-

serted through the holes 4 in the ears 3. This is the only connection of the whip-socket to its supporting-frame, and it is supported or held in a substantially vertical position by the bearing of the spring against the lower  
40 end, and when the reins are to be held they are simply drawn between the socket and the frame 1, forcing the socket outward against the spring-pressure, and the reins are thus gripped between the whip-socket and the  
45 frame and are held securely.

The reins, it will be observed, are held in position between the whip-socket and the frame by the pressure which the spring exerts upon the whip-socket, forcing it against the frame 1.  
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What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A whip-socket and rein-holder combined, consisting of a frame having vertical side bars and secured to the vehicle-dash, ears  
55 upon the lower ends of the side bars, a whip-socket provided with projecting lugs upon its rear face adjacent to the lower end and hinged to the frame by a pintle inserted horizontally through the ears and lugs, and a  
60 spring secured to the frame and bearing against the whip-socket below the hinge, as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of July, 1889.

GEORGE B. CATTON.

In presence of—

H. P. DENISON,  
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