

(No Model.)

J. T. KITCHING.  
HARNESS RACK.

No. 506,514.

Patented Oct. 10, 1893.

FIG. 1.

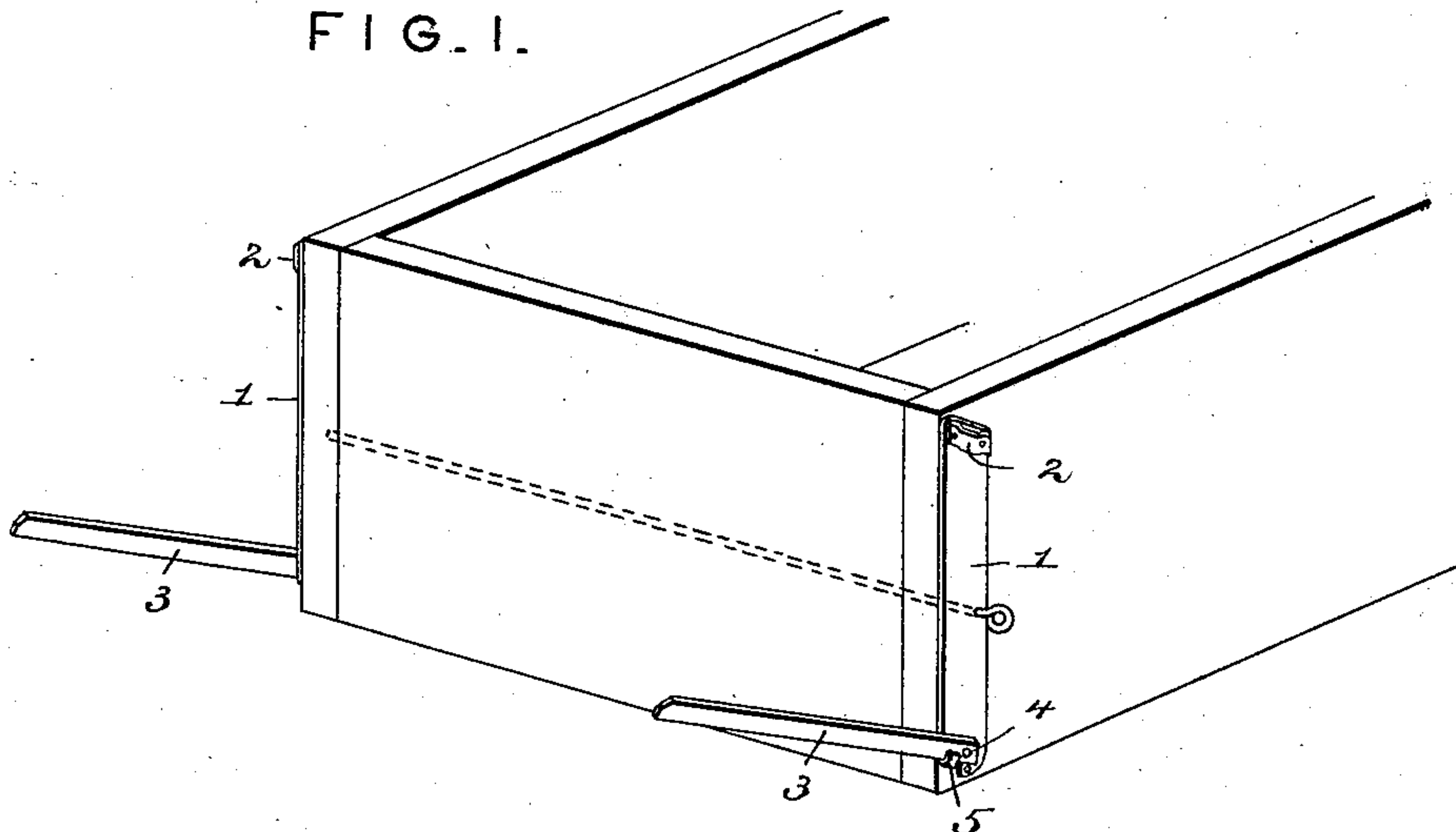
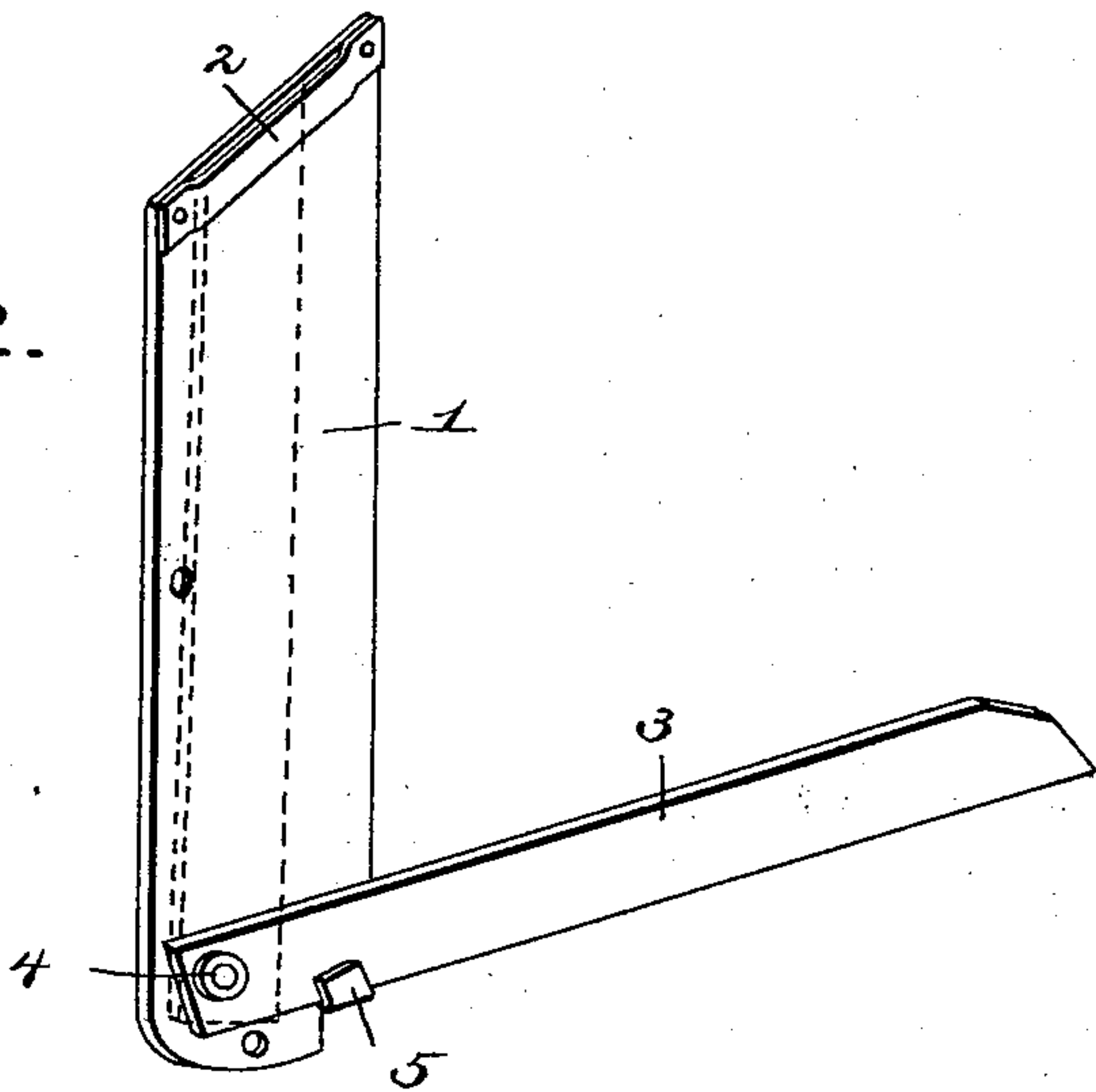


FIG. 2.



Inventor

Witnesses

Harry L. Ames.

By his Attorneys

John T. Kitching.

# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JOHN THOMAS KITCHING, OF GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

## HARNESSE-RACK.

**SPECIFICATION** forming part of Letters Patent No. 506,514, dated October 10, 1893.

Application filed June 6, 1893. Serial No. 476,714. (No model.)

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN THOMAS KITCHING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gatesville, in the county of Coryell and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Harness-Rack, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to harness racks which are adapted to be secured to a wagon bed or body, and has for its object to provide means for conveniently supporting harness upon the body of a vehicle when it is desired to unhitch horses and remove the harness therefrom, the parts of the device being simple in their nature, adapted to be turned out of the way when not in use, easily and readily applied and comparatively inexpensive in manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved device shown applied, and as open in full lines and closed in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the improved device shown disconnected and as open.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a supporting plate or body, that is preferably constructed of sheet-metal of a non-corrosive nature, and to the upper end thereof is secured a keeper 2, that is fastened by means of two rivets, or other analogous devices, which are passed through the body of the vehicle and hold the supporting plate or body in place at this point. The said keeper 2 stands away from the supporting plate or body a sufficient distance to permit the free end of an arm 3 to pass thereunder, the lower end of the said arm being pivotally attached to the lower part of the said supporting plate or body, as at 4, and limited in its downward movement by an ear or loop 5, integrally formed with the said plate or

body and bent outwardly to provide a support for holding the said arm at an upper angle of inclination and in position to form a convenient holding device for the harness that is placed thereon to prevent the latter from slipping therefrom. The lower end of the plate or body is secured to the body of the vehicle by a single rivet or bolt passed there-through, and the keeper 2 is arranged in such a position that the upper end of the arm may be readily passed thereinto and thereunder while the inner end of said keeper is located at such a downward angle as to prevent the said arm from being turned clear over, and thereby can be opened only from one side.

When the body 1 is applied to the vehicle body it is located adjacent to the outer edge of the same so that the arm 3 will project beyond the side of the wagon body, it being understood that one of these devices will be applied on each side and thereby provide convenient means for supporting the harness on either side of the vehicle.

Changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

In a harness rack adapted to be secured to the body of a vehicle, the combination of a supporting body or plate having a keeper at the upper end thereof, and an arm pivotally connected to the lower part of said supporting plate or body and adapted to be held at an upward angle of inclination by a supporting lug formed on the body, substantially as described.

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

JOHN THOMAS KITCHING.

Witnesses:

M. L. AYRES,  
DAN E. GRAVES.