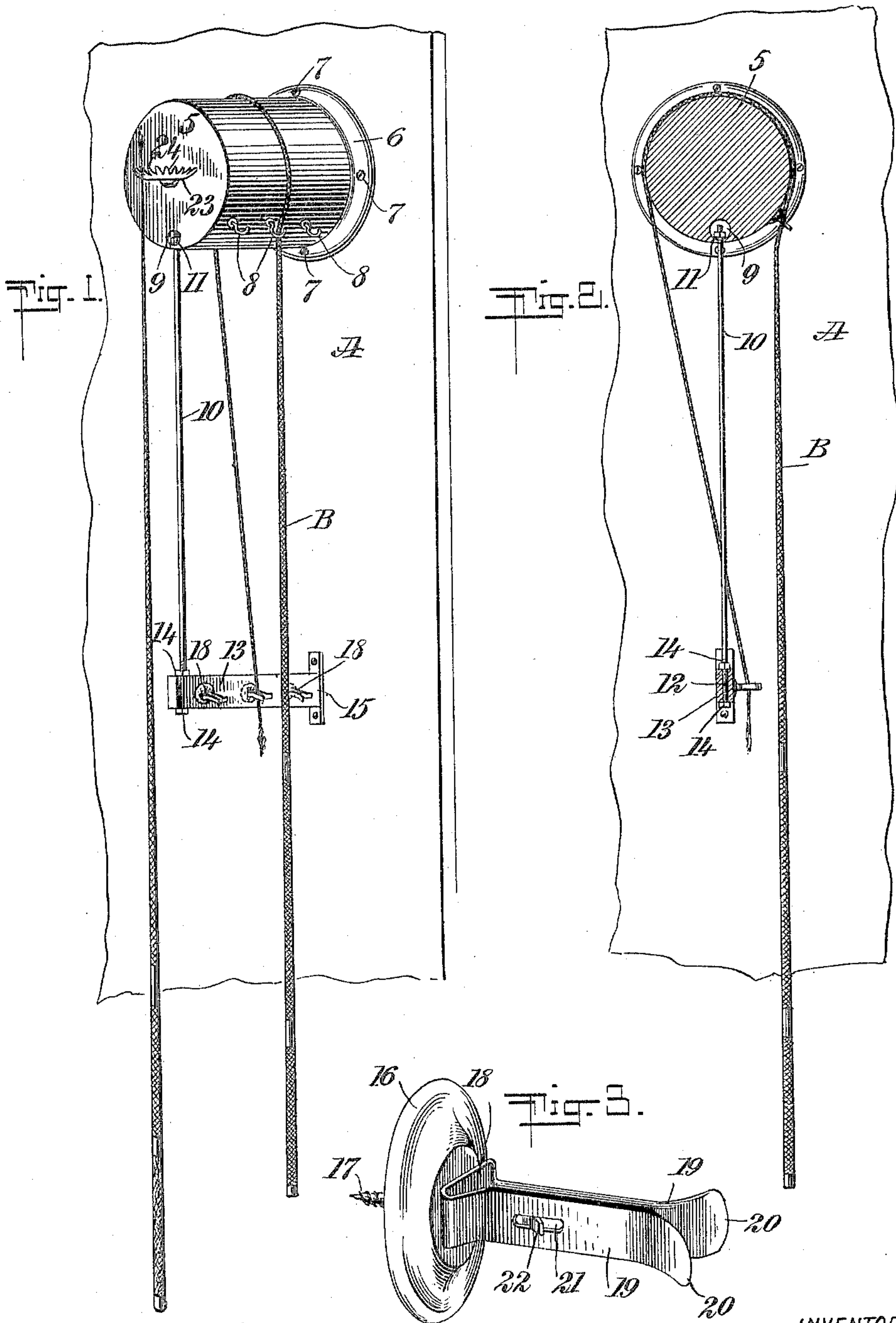


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LAFAYETTE MILLER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Saratoga Springs, in the county of Saratoga and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Whip-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to certain novel and useful improvements in whip-holders.

In the present instance I have in contemplation as an object the provision of an improved holder which will shape and retain the form and shape of whips and which will also embody the desired features of simplicity, durability, and convenience.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the class described which may be employed without injury to any part of the whip and one which will retain such whip firmly in position, preventing it from dropping or falling from the support and at the same time imparting to it the gooseneck form, which, as is well known, it is difficult to give to a whip, as the lash must be tied or fastened to the stock or butt to keep the bend or curve in the top of the whip; but with my invention I do away with the necessity of knotting or tying the lash and at the same time, as before stated, impart a curve to the upper portion of the whip.

With the above-recited objects and others of a similar nature in view my invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts as is described in this specification, delineated in the accompanying drawings, and set forth in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a whip hanging and holding device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken through the same, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the spring-clamps employed for grasping and retaining the lash portion of the whip.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the letter A designates a wall, door, or the like, to which is secured the main body-support of my whip-holder, which I have designated as a whole by the numeral 5, such support being approximately cylin-

dricial or otherwise curved in shape and having at one end thereof a collar 6, the said cylindrical support being secured to the door or wall by screws, as at 7, passing through the collar.

Secured to the cylindrical body 5 are a number of screw-hooks 8, designed to guide and retain the upper portion of a whip and to prevent the latter from drawing away from or slipping over the cylindrical support. This support 5 is provided with an aperture or bore 9, into which projects one end of a vertical rod 10, said rod being retained in the bored portion through the medium of a screw-nut 11, while the opposite end of the said rod 10 is threaded at 12 and rigidly secured to one end of a bracket 13 through the medium of nuts 14 14. This bracket 13 is provided with a cross-bar 15, through the medium of which the bracket is fastened to the supporting-wall A by any suitable means—such as screws, nails, or the like—and spaced along the surface of the bar 15 are spring-clamps, such as are shown in Fig. 3, said clamps being designed to retain the end or lash of a whip.

As will be seen by reference to the last-mentioned figure, this clamp comprises a disk or body portion 16, provided with a screw 17, through the medium of which the clamp is secured to the bracket 13, said screw 17 also retaining in position the clamping portion proper of the device, which clamp I have designated as a whole by the numeral 18, and this clamp is formed of a single piece of spring metal bent approximately centrally, so as to form arms 19 19, said arms being turned outwardly, as at 20. One of said arms is provided with a slot, as at 21, through which is designed to project a tongue portion 22, stamped from the material of the opposite tongue, this tongue portion preventing the lash of the whip from passing between the arms 19 19 such a distance as to slip or draw out from between the same.

From the above description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and manner of employing my improved whip hanger and former will be readily apparent.

A whip such as is shown at B has its top portion passed over the cylindrical support and former 5, one of the hooks 8 engaging with the top portion of the whip, while the lash portion is brought down and inserted between the spring-arms 19 19 of the clamp. It



will thus be seen that it is impossible for the whip to drop or fall from the support, while the top portion thereof is kept in shape by the cylindrical support 5.

5 If it is desired to support a whip by the lash only, there is secured to one end of the former a whip-retainer, comprising a member 23, having a number of tongues or fingers 24 24, between which the lash ends of whips  
10 are designed to be inserted.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

15 1. A device of the class described, comprising a curved supporting-body, a plurality of hooks secured to the body, a bracket mounted beneath said body, a rod connecting the body and the bracket, and clamping devices

for retaining the ends of a whip, secured to said bracket, substantially as set forth. 20

2. A device of the class described comprising a whip-supporting body having on one end means whereby to attach it to a wall, a bracket mounted beneath the body and having means at one end for attachment to the wall, a clamping device on the bracket, and a rod connecting the free ends of the body and the bracket. 25

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses. 30

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