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H-21 TRUCK PLATFORM LADDER

OPERATION

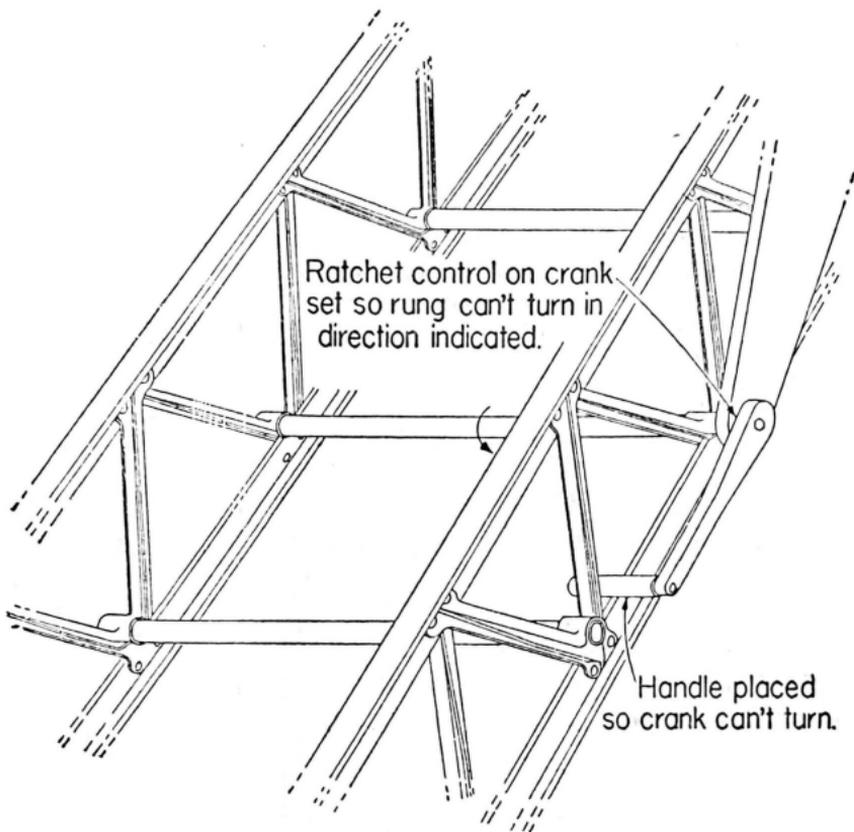
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1. GENERAL

1.01 This addendum provides information on additional safety precautions to be taken when using an H-21 Truck Platform Ladder. Paragraph 2.01 applies to those H-21 ladders on which one of the lower rungs serves as a rotating shaft for the ladder inclination adjusting mechanism. Ordinarily, the rung rotates only when the mechanism is operated in adjusting the ladder inclination. However, on some ladders, due generally to wear, this rung turns freely and rotates when stepped upon.

2. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

2.01 Before ascending an H-21 Truck Platform Ladder on which the rung rotates when the hand crank for adjusting the ladder inclination is operated, place the crank on the end of the shaft so that its handle projects into the space between one of the struts and the lower Tee member of the side rail and place the ratchet control on the crank in the position which prevents rotation of the rung in a counter-clockwise direction when viewed from the right-hand side of the ladder as shown in the following illustration. Leave the hand crank in this position while the ladder is erected.



2.02 Do not move the truck with the ladder erected to a new location any appreciable distance away, especially by backing.

2.03 Whenever moving the truck to another nearby location with the ladder erected make sure that no overhead obstructions will be encountered which might interfere with the passage of the ladder or come close to it, bearing in mind that ground clearances vary at different points, especially on highly crowned or uneven roads.

2.04 When moving the truck with ladder erected along a line, as in cable inspection and tree trimming, note any obstructions that will be encountered as the work progresses and be constantly alert to avoid them.