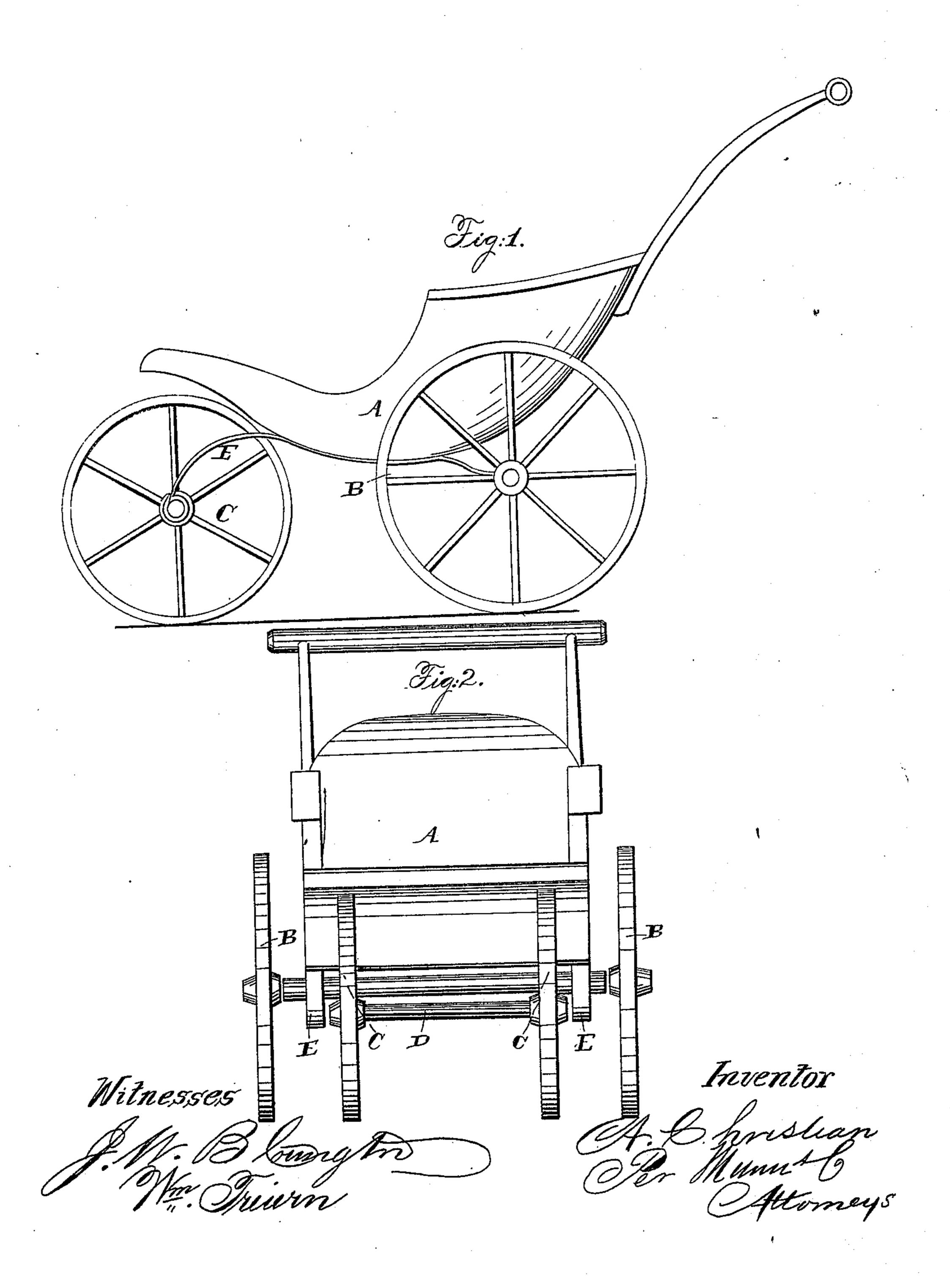
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IMPROVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW CHRISTIAN, of 81 Maiden Lane, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Children's Carriages; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part

of this specification.

The present invention relates to that class of children's carriages commonly called "perambulators," in which the body of the carriage is set or sustained upon three wheels, two at the rear or back end and one at the front; and it consists in the using of two wheels at the front end of such carriages, in lieu of one, as heretofore, which two wheels are fixed to a common axle-shaft hung and turning at each end in suitable journals or bearings of the carriage body or frame, the object being to obviate and prevent the liability of the carriage being overturned or upset in the crossing of the streets by the raising and sustaining the carriage upon the single front wheel when lifting it over the curbstone of the sidewalk.

In accompanying plate of drawings my improvement in children's carriages is illustrated, Figure 1 being an elevation of one side of the same, and Fig. 2 a view of the front end.

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parts.

A in the drawings represents the body of the child's carriage, which is to be made of the usual form now in general use for that class of i

such carriages commonly known as "perambulators," this body being sustained at its back end by two wheels, B B, one upon each of its sides, and at its front end by two wheels, C C, placed somewhat closer together than the two rear wheels, B B, and attached to a common axle-shaft, D, turning at each end in suitable bearings of the carriage-body or of some part affixed thereto, as, in the present instance,

in the outer end of its springs E.

By suspending the front end of the carriage upon two wheels, as above explained, it is obvious that when the carriage is lifted by taking hold of its rear or back end sufficiently to have it rest upon the front wheels only, as is well known is always the case in the crossing of streets, to raise the carriage over the curbstone of the sidewalk, it can by no possibility become upset or overturned, as a broad support or base is thus given to the body, in lieu of, as heretofore, only the width of the edge or periphery of the one wheel, the disadvantages of which have long been felt.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Let-

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The improvement in that class of children's carriages known as "perambulators" herein described, the same consisting in supporting the front end of such carriage upon two in lieu of one wheel, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

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