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Car Seat Indicator
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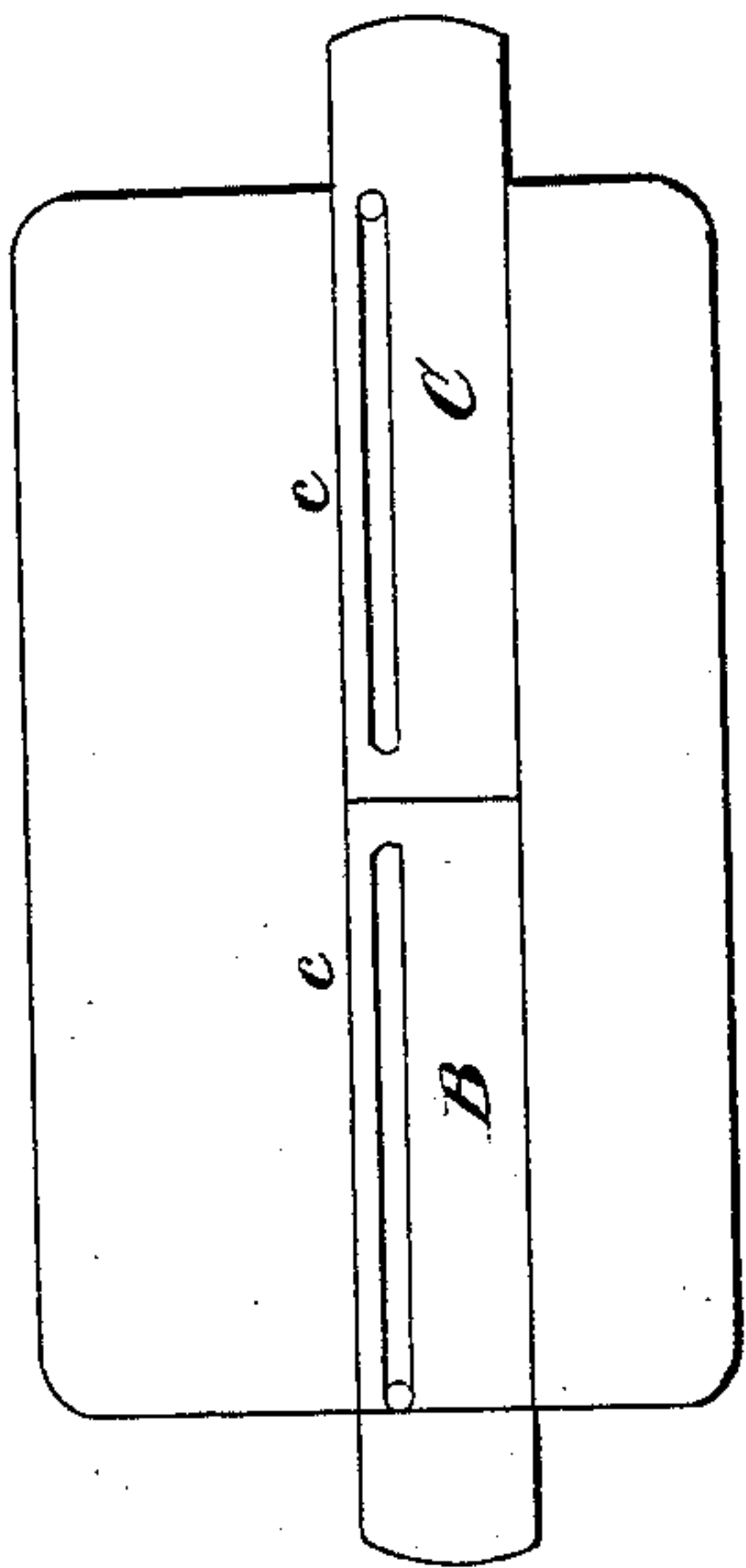


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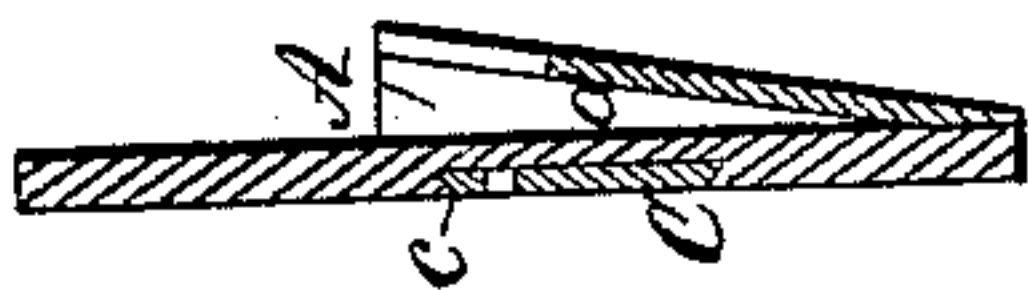


Fig. 1.

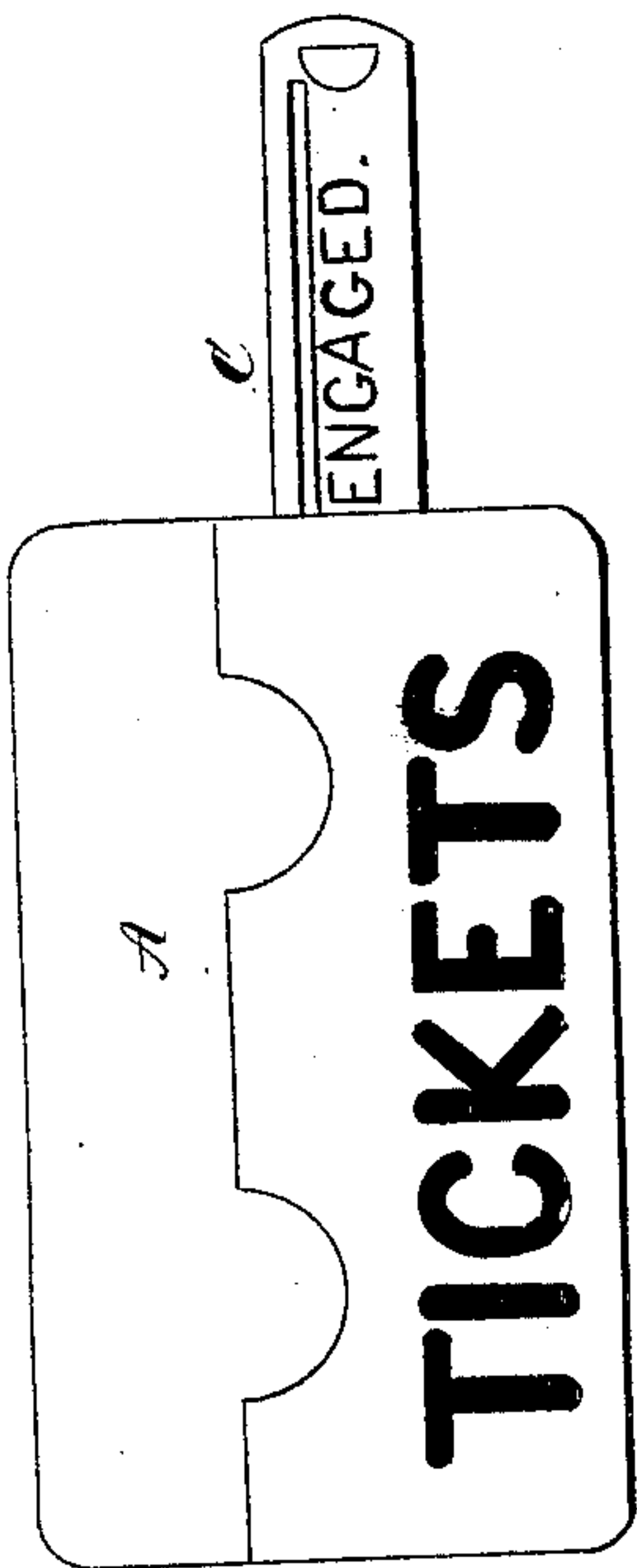
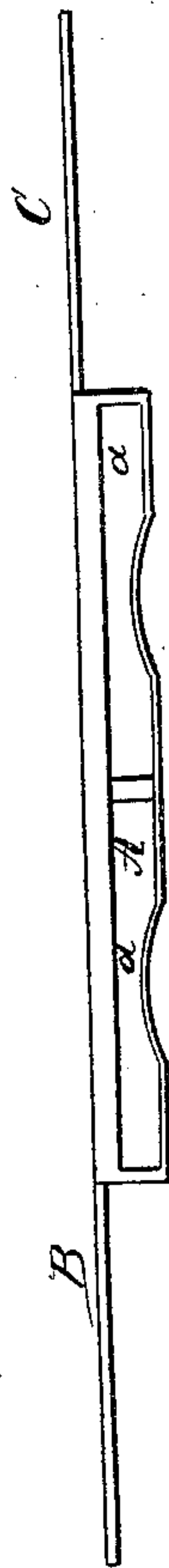


Fig. 2.



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CAR-SEAT INDICATOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS H. CARNEY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful apparatus which I term a "Car-Seat Indicator;" and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, Fig. 2 a top view, Fig. 3 a transverse section, and Fig. 4 a rear elevation, of it.

In the said drawings, A denotes a box or receptacle in many respects like a common match-safe. It is made with two open chambers, *a a*, for holding car-tickets. It also has two slides, B C, applied to opposite ends of it, so as to be capable of being drawn out and pushed into it, or one or more grooves or recesses, *c*, made in its back or otherwise properly arranged in it.

On the front face of each of these slides the word "Engaged" is to be printed or otherwise fixed, and the word "Tickets" may be painted or otherwise fixed in the front of the box.

Each receptacle is to be open at the top, so that a ticket may easily be placed within or be removed from it, and also so that it may project far enough out of it to be seen by the conductor while in the act of passing along the aisle of the car.

It is intended for the apparatus to be affixed to the middle of the back of the seat next in front of that for which it may be employed, as an indicator of the seat being engaged or

taken, and that the party who may have secured it has paid his fare.

As each car-seat is generally intended for two persons to seat themselves upon at once, and side by side, the two receptacles *a* and their slides will answer for such occupants of the seat; but, when the seat is single or of sufficient size to accommodate one person only, the apparatus may be made with but one slide and one ticket-receptacle.

I would further remark that when the back of a seat is what is termed a "turn-over back" two of the indicators may be applied to it, so as to stand in reversed directions to each other; or the indicator may be made with two or four ticket-receptacles, half of which will stand in opposite directions to the remainder, and there may be four of the "engaged" slides to the apparatus.

Preparatory to leaving his seat temporarily for any purpose, the occupant should draw out the slide of his ticket-receiver, so as to expose the word "Engaged" thereof to view, in which case, during his absence, should any person attempt to appropriate the temporarily-vacated seat, he will discover that he will have no right to occupy it.

I claim as my invention—

The car-seat indicator constructed substantially in manner and for the purposes hereinbefore described.

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