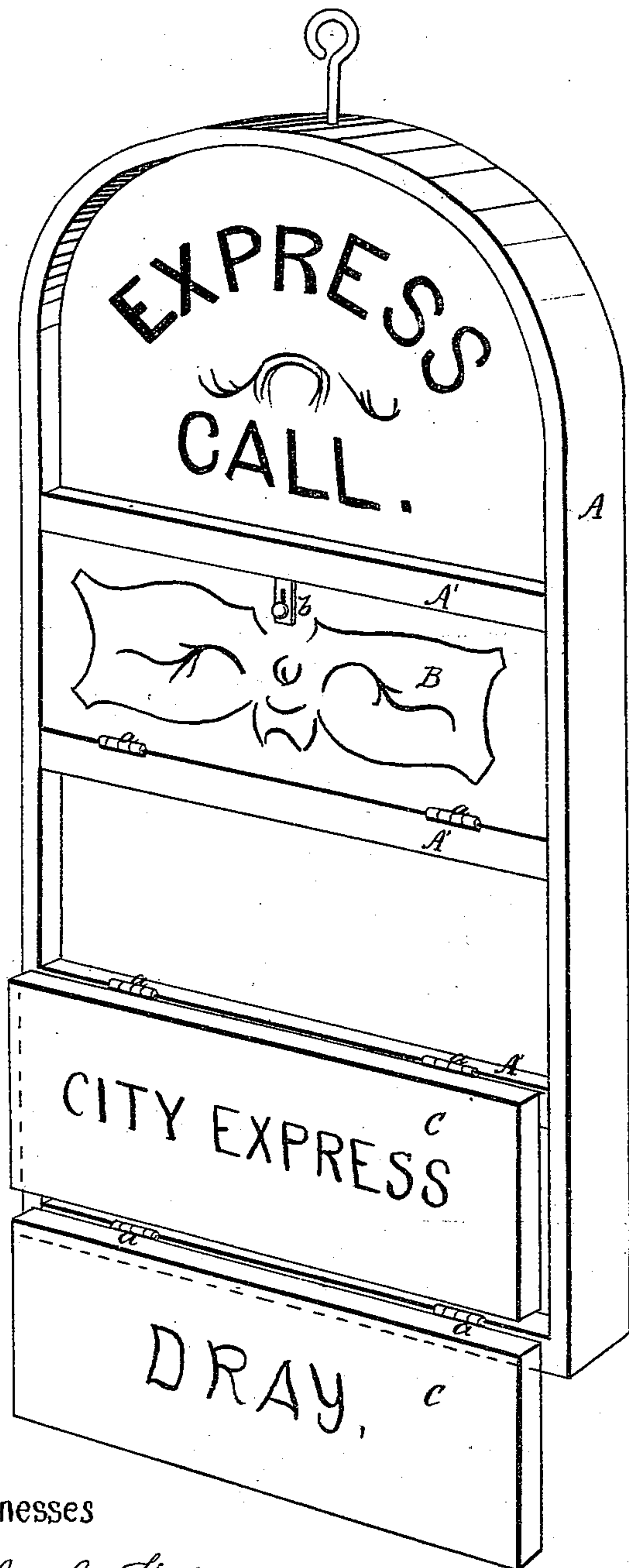


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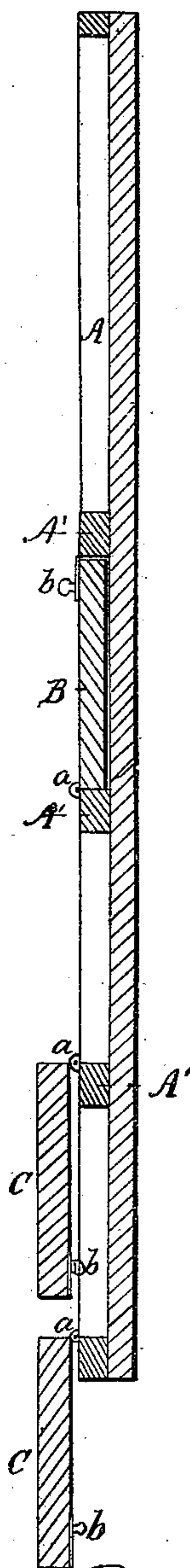
Fig. 1



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Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN EXPRESS CALL-SIGNS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH B. WIESMANN, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Express Call-Signs, of which the following is a full and clear description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

My improvement in call-signs consists in the construction and arrangement of sign-boards in a frame, whereby much time is saved in exhibiting and removing from sight the call-sign or call-signs.

Figure 1 represents in perspective a call-sign frame having my improved call-sign boards attached.

Figure 2 represents in section taken longitudinally my improved call-sign.

A is the frame of the call-sign, having the cross-strips A', to which are hinged, at *a*, a series of sign-boards, B C C. As the frame A hangs, the sign-boards are hinged to the lowest strip, and when closed shuts into the space (being turned upwards) between two strips, A' A', and held in place by the spring-catch *b*.

Operation.

When one desires to summon a dray or express, the "express-call" is placed in sight of the highway, the spring-catch *b* drawn back, freeing the sign-board from the upper cross-strip. It may then be let down until suspended from hinge *a*, as shown in the accompanying drawings. The drayman or expressman answering the call, closes the sign-board by revolving it upon the hinges *a*, and causing spring-catch *b* to take hold of the upper cross-strip A', as shown at B in the drawings. The signs are housed from the weather during most of the time, preserving them, besides economizing by saving much time in adjusting the signs.

Having fully described my call-sign, its construction and use, I make the following claim:

The frame A, hinged sign-boards B C C, and spring-catch *b*, constructed and arranged as above described and for the purpose set forth.

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