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Carriage Top Frame.

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Fig. 1.

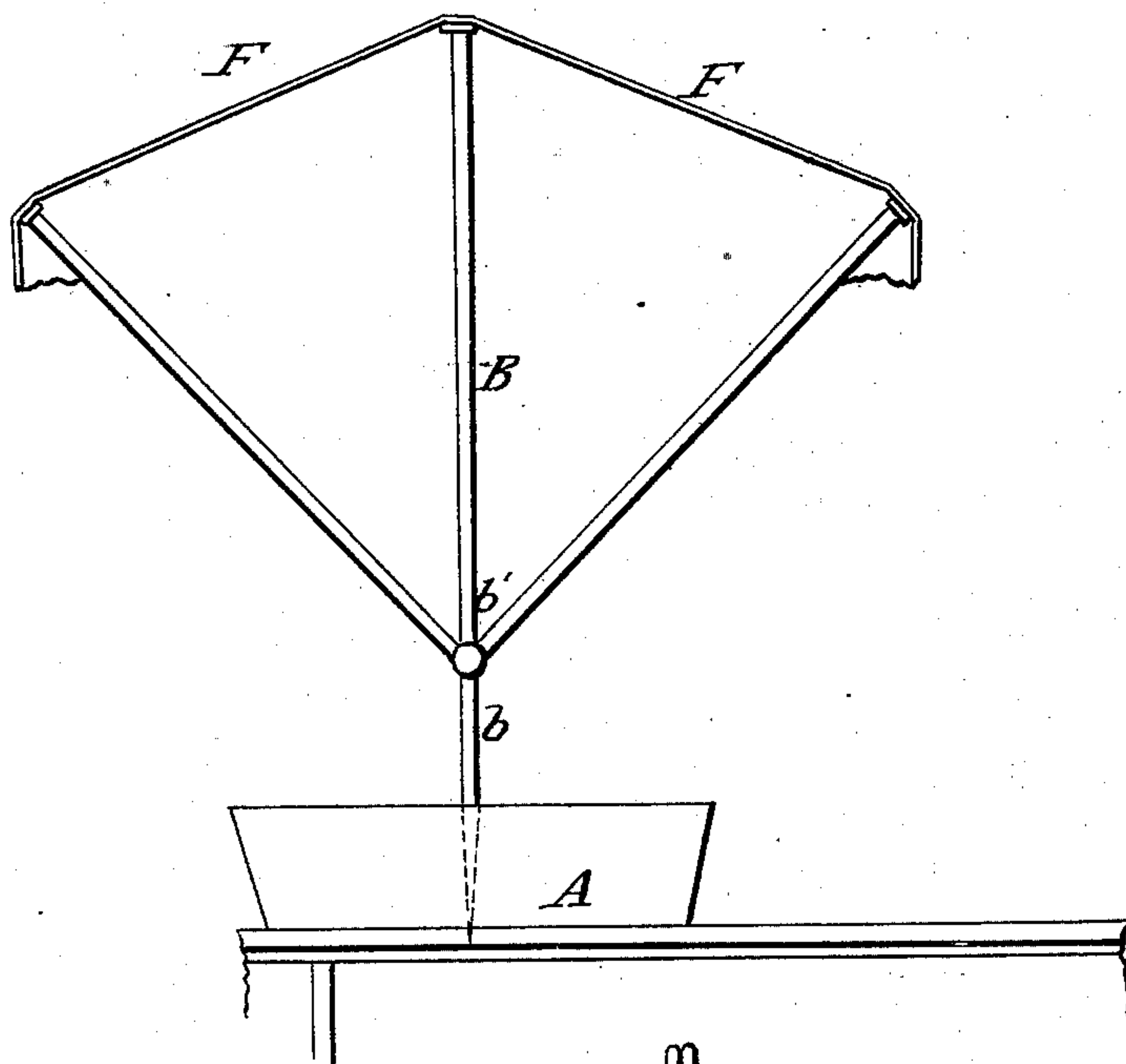
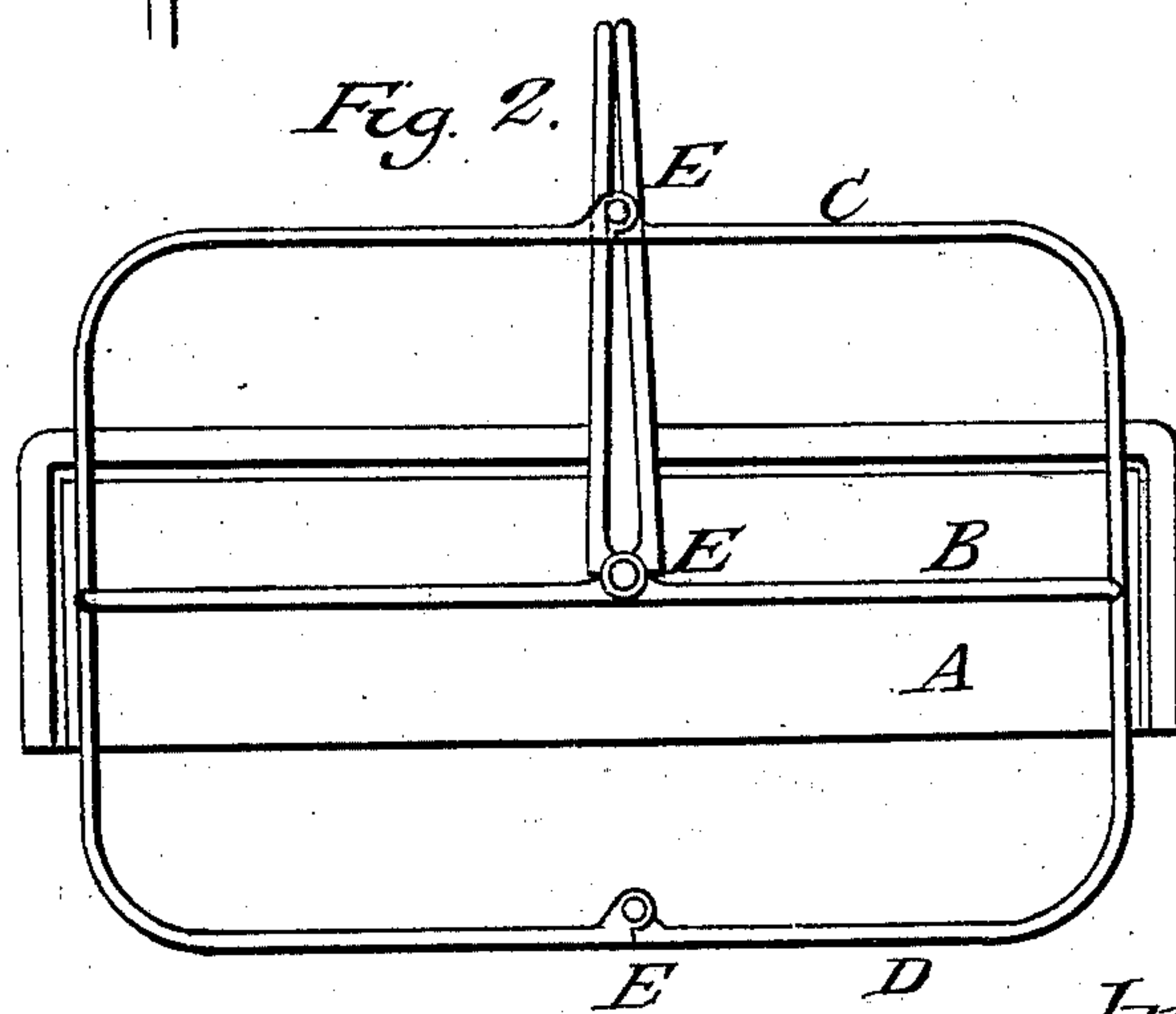


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FRAME FOR CARRIAGE-TOPS.

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, JAMES H. FLAGG, of Perkinsville, in the county of Windsor, and State of Vermont, have invented a new and improved Frame for Carriage-Tops; 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 a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in frames for carriage-tops, intended for a top to be used as a substitute for an umbrella. It consists in a frame, of three bows of iron, or other suitable material for the reception of a cover of silk, leather, or other suitable substance. The central bow has each leg set into the seat when in use, the front and back bars being hung to it, so as to fold up against it. Each bow is pivoted in the middle, and when not in use the top is removed from the seat, folded in the middle, and occupies very little more room than the ordinary carriage-umbrella. In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a side view, and

Figure 2 a top view of my improved carriage-top frame extended as in use.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the seat of the carriage, near each end whereof the arms *b* of the middle bow B are set into it. On the stems of the middle bow B are formed the eyes *b'*, in which the bows C and D are hooked, enabling the bows C and D to be folded up against the middle bow B. A cover, F, of leather or other suitable material, is stretched over the bows. At E, the centre of each bow is a joint, enabling one half of the frame to be folded upon the other when not in use, when the whole occupies but little more space than an ordinary carriage-umbrella. The frame may consist of two, four, or more bows, but I prefer to use three.

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

The carriage-top frame, consisting of two or more bows of metal or other suitable material, the side bows being hung on an internal one, and the whole jointed in the middle, in manner and for the purposes substantially as above set forth and described.

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