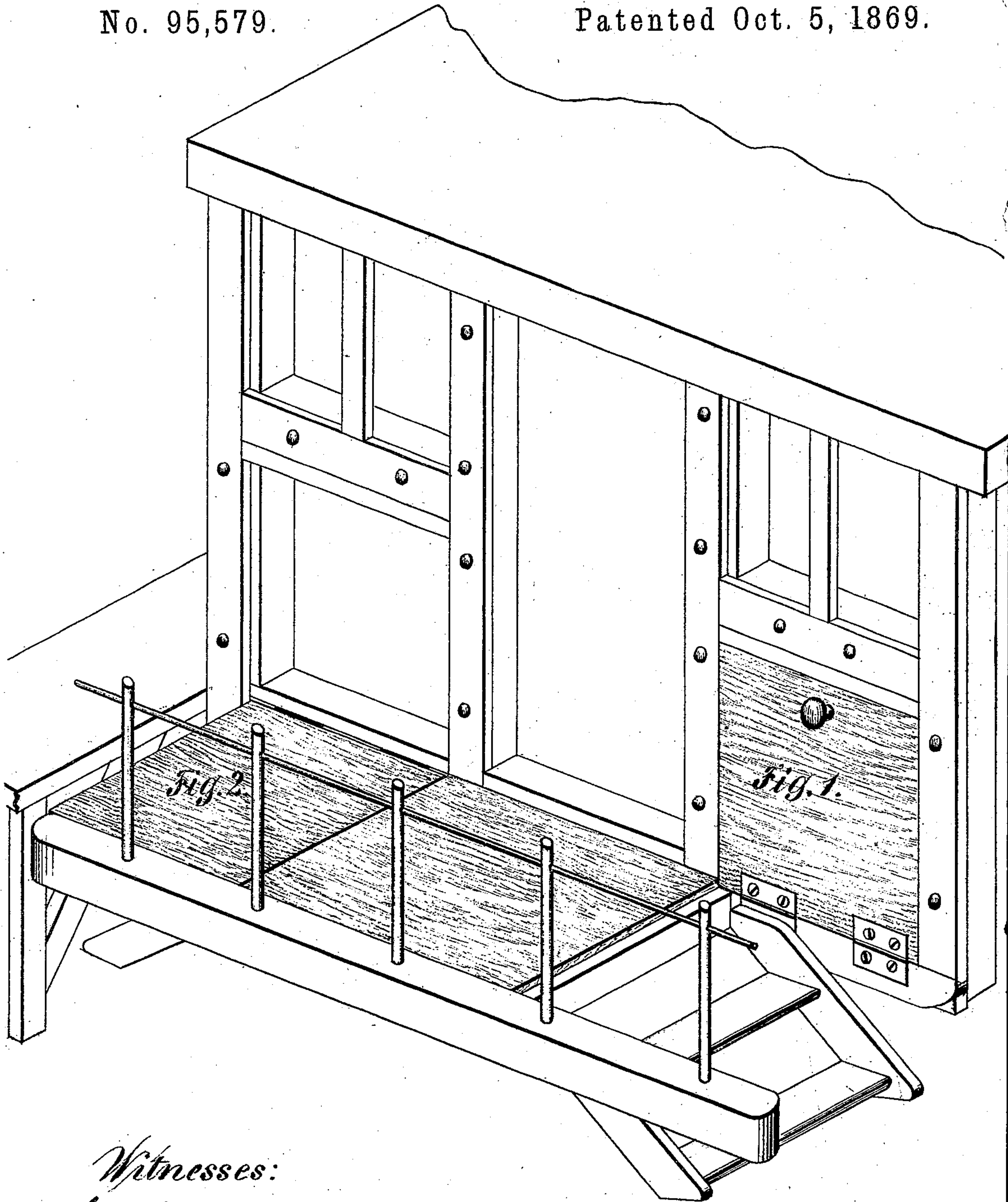


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Platform for Railway Cars.

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IMPROVED PLATFORM FOR RAILWAY-CARS.

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 GILMER, of Monticello, in the county of Jefferson, and State of Florida, have made a new and useful Improvement in Railroad-Cars, whereby accidents may be prevented in getting on and off such cars at stations.

It is very common to have cars run up alongside of platforms at stations, the top of the platform being nearly on a level with the floor of the car. When it is necessary to pass from the car to the stationary platform by the ordinary steps of the car, there is great danger of getting down between the car and the platform. Many accidents, whereby persons have been killed, have occurred in this manner.

The object of my invention is to provide against this danger; and to this end,

My invention consists in the placing, on one or both sides of the car, over the steps, an auxiliary platform or trap, so arranged that it may be let down or raised at pleasure, and when let down or placed in position, will form a gangway from the car to the stationary platform.

The accompanying drawing shows my invention as applied to a car.

Figure 1 shows one of the auxiliary platforms or traps, raised and fastened in a panel of the car.

Figure 2, on the other side of the drawing, shows a similar trap or platform, let down in position as it is to be used in going on or off the car.

These auxiliary platforms are shown attached by common hinges, and, when raised, are fastened in the panel by a button or latch. Any other equivalent device may be used to attach or fasten my improved platform.

Having described my invention,

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The combination of one or more auxiliary platforms with a railroad-car, so as to form a gangway for aid in entering or leaving the car, substantially as described.

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