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Children's Carriages.

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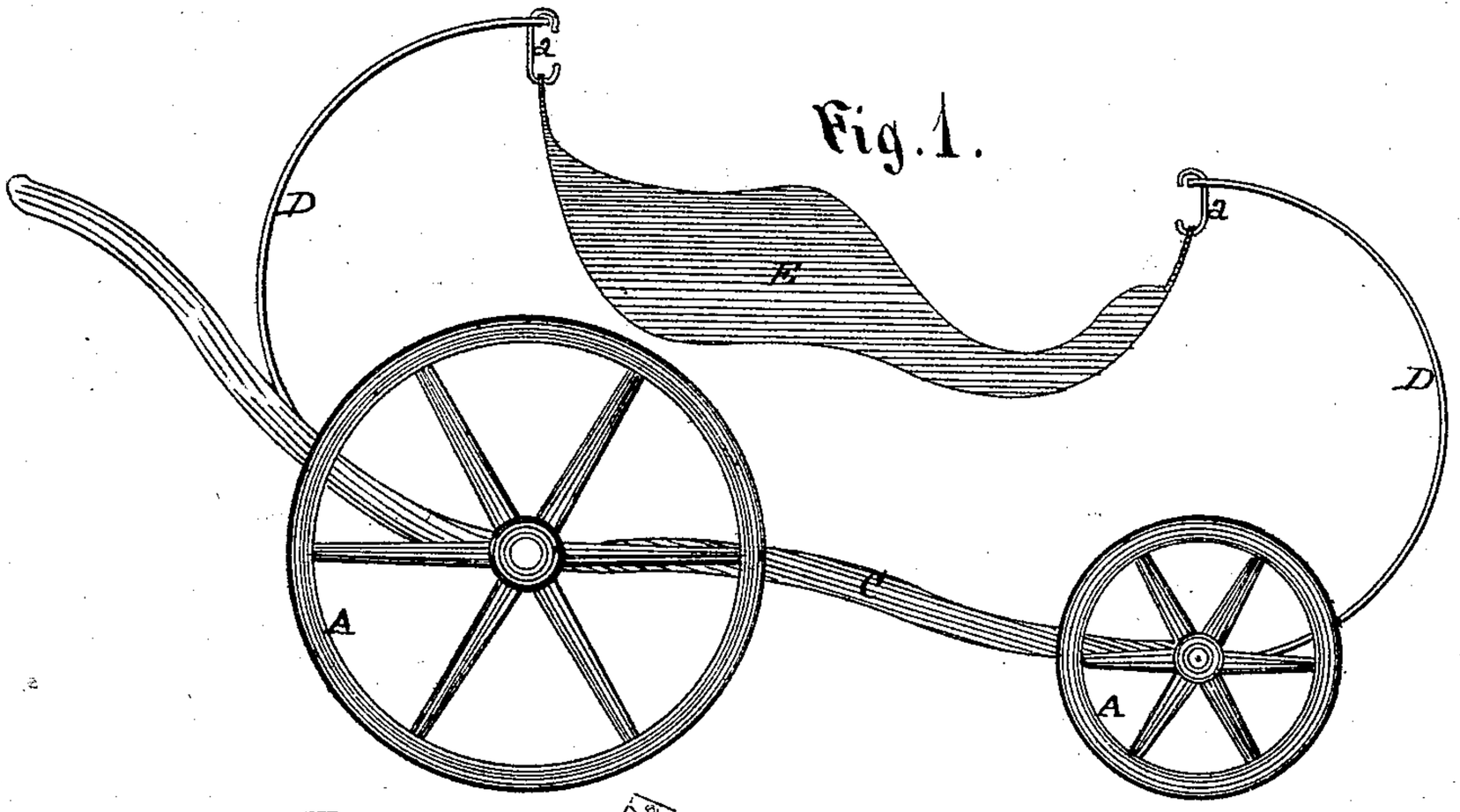
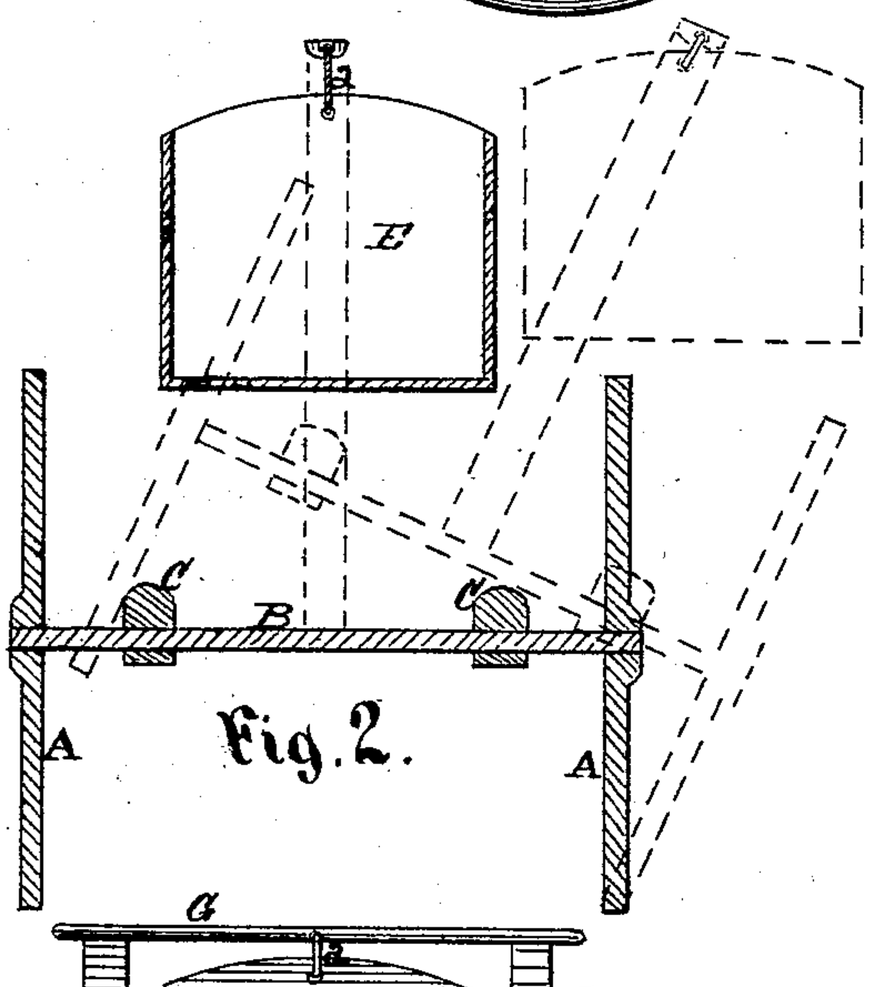
Fig. 1.





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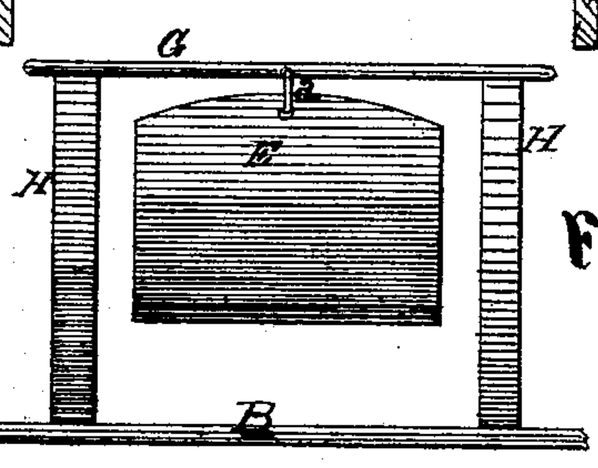

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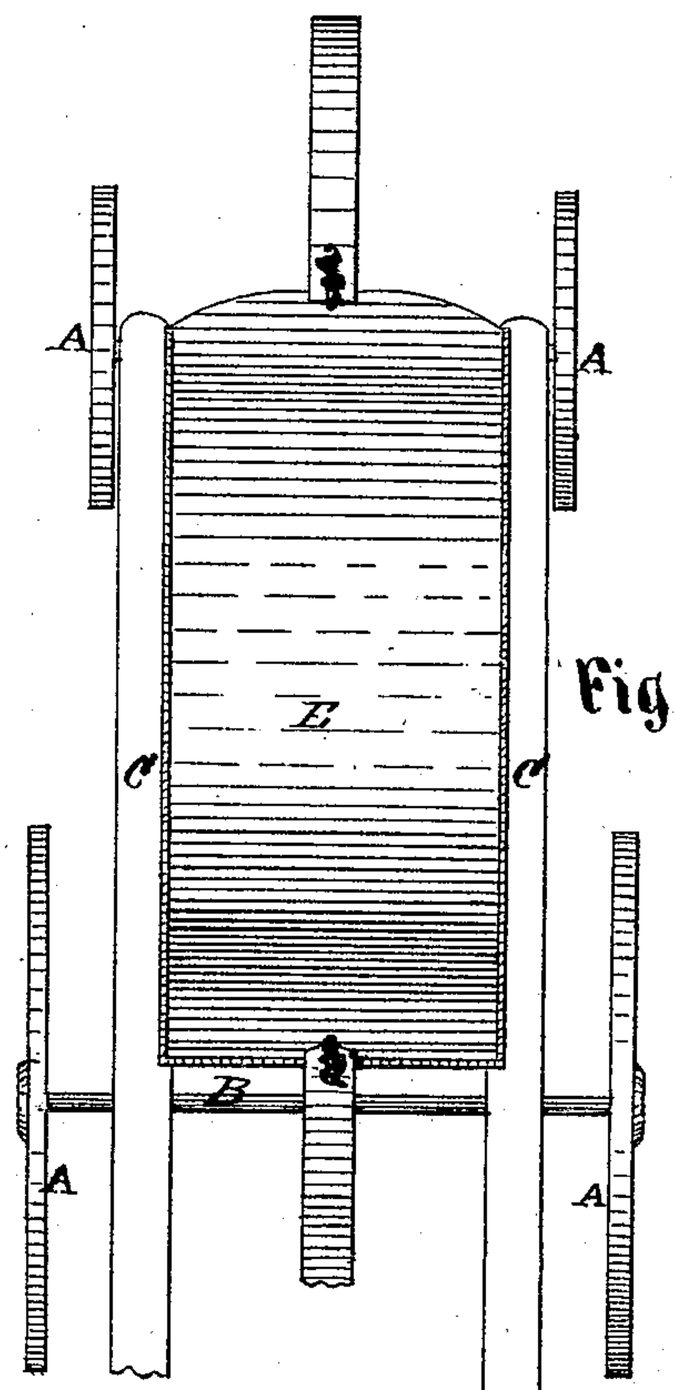

Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEO. L. SHEPARD, of the city and county of Albany, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carriages for Children; and I do hereby declare that the following is a description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this invention, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a child's carriage embodying the improvements in this invention. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the same taken at line No. 1 in Fig. 1, illustrating the same. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same. Fig. 4 is an end view of the same with a modified form for the suspension of the body.

My invention relates to children's carriages; and consists in the combination of an oscillating suspended body with the carriage-gearing part in such a manner that the said body will be free to oscillate in a lateral direction from its points of suspension above the gearing; the object of this invention being to render the carriage capable of carrying children in the manner as with carriages, and also to serve as a cradle, and also to cause the body to always remain on the same plane of hanging in a lateral direction when being drawn over uneven surfaces or being upset.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it in reference to the drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, the same letters indicating like parts.

In the drawings, A A represent the wheels; B, the axle; C, the perch; D D, the springs, of a child's carriage, all of which constitute what is termed the gearing, which gearing may in any or all of its parts be constructed in any of the usual known ways and forms. E is the body, made of any suitable material in any desired form, and with or without a top or covering.

The said body E, in this invention, is not suspended or supported by two lateral supports or suspenders as heretofore, but is suspended from any proper suspenders, placed one at the front portion and the other at the rear portion of the body E, as the links or hooks *a a*, and connecting with the body at each end in the center, as shown, and in such a manner that the body will be capable of freely oscillating in either direction.

If desired, the body can be suspended by a suspender at each end, dropping from a bar, G, supported by two side springs or elastic or other bars, H, as in Fig. 4.

Being thus constructed and arranged the carriage will be made capable of serving all the purposes of a cradle in the house, the body being arranged to oscillate as such an article. When used in the street the suspended body will always preserve the same plane in a lateral horizontal direction when drawn over uneven surfaces, or when being upset, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2.

The improvement in this invention does not add to the cost of the article, while at the same time it gives perfect safety to the child placed therein, and a more pleasant and easier mode of riding, and also enables it when fallen asleep to remain in the carriage as in a cradle until it will naturally awake.

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

The body E, suspended by the links *a a* from the springs D D, so that it is capable of being oscillated independent of the running-gear, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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