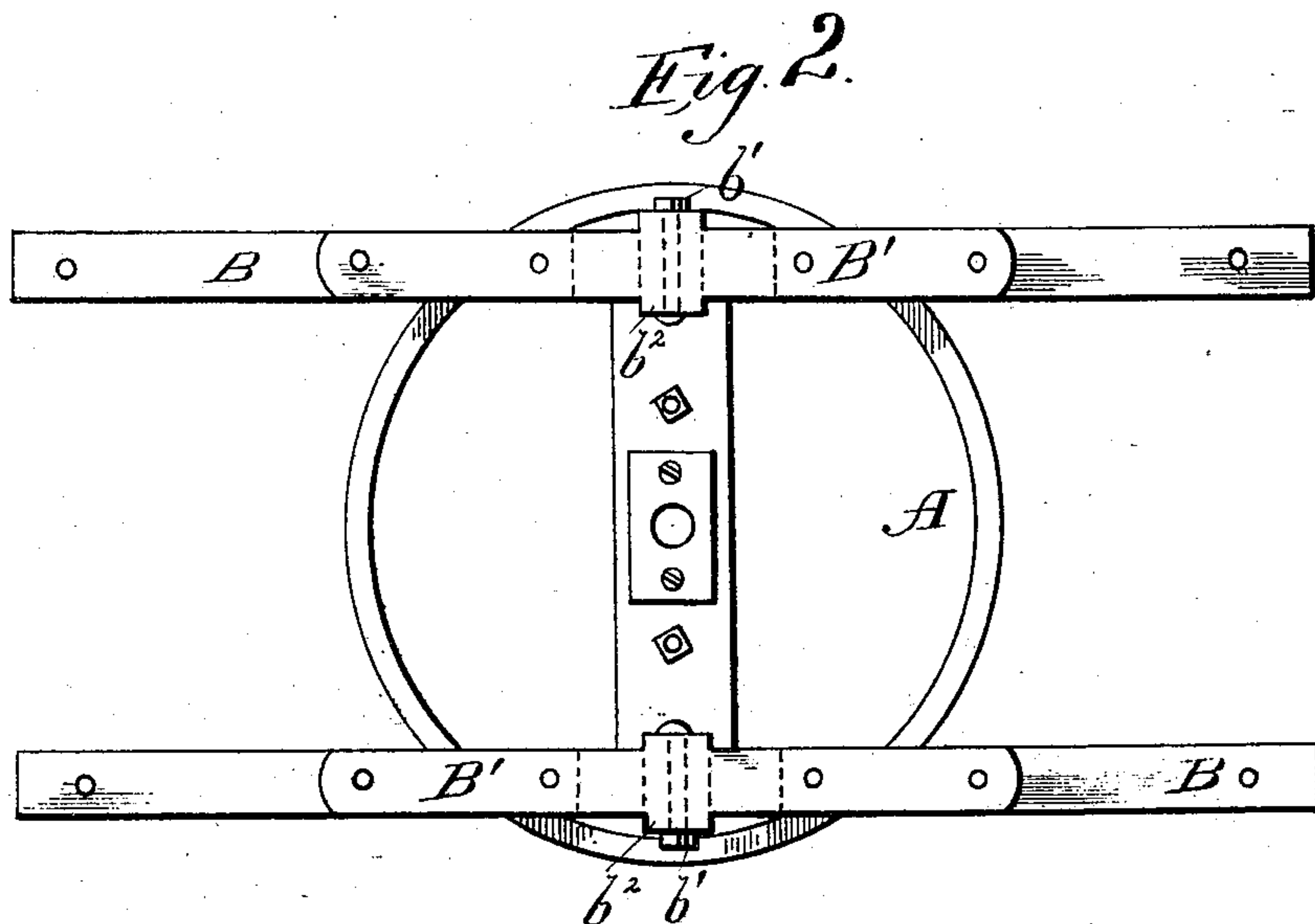
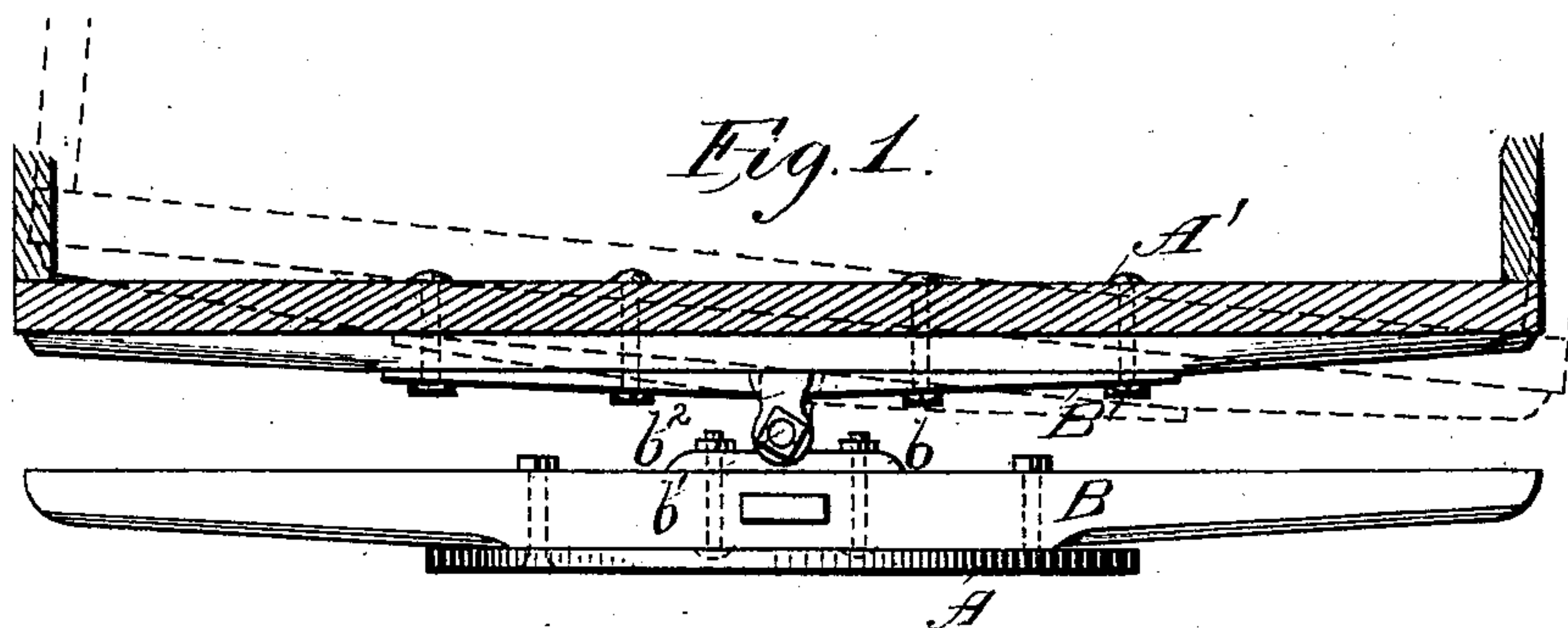


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## PLATFORM-WAGON.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROSWELL C. MORSE, of Racine, in the county of Racine, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wagons; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to platform-wagons of that class in which the body has a pivotal or hinged connection with the front gear; and it consists in placing the hinges between the cross-bars on the upper member of the fifth-wheel and the wagon-body, as will hereinafter be fully described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my invention, and Fig. 2 a top view with the wooden portion above B' removed.

Heretofore the pivotal connection of the body to the running-gear has either been directly to the fifth-wheel or beneath it in platform-wagons. Such have been complicated and expensive; and the object of my invention is to make a substitute which is simpler and cheaper, as well as strong and durable.

A is the upper member of the fifth-wheel, to which I bolt cross-bars B B, and to these bars I attach lugs *b*, perforated to receive pivot-bolts *b'*.

Plates B', attached to the wagon-body A', have ears *b*<sup>2</sup>, that depend over the lugs *b*, to receive pivot-bolts *b'* and form hinge-joints with the lugs.

I am aware that the bodies of platform-wagons have before been connected to their gearing by hinges or pivots situated on the gearing or below the fifth-wheel, and such I do not claim.

I am aware, as hereinbefore stated, that the bodies of platform-wagons have been attached to their fifth-wheels by a rocking connection, and do not claim such, broadly; and I am aware that the upper member of a fifth-wheel has been provided with lugs projecting up from it to receive or pass between ears projecting down from a plate on the body; but this involves a special construction of the upper member of the fifth-wheel, while in mine no change whatever is made in any of the parts, but the hinges are merely placed between the devices in ordinary use.

I therefore claim—

In combination with the bars B, bolted to the upper member of the fifth-wheel and having lugs *b b*, the plates B', having ears *b*<sup>2</sup>, and suitable pivot-bolts, as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand.

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