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Seat Pocket for Vehicles.

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Fig. 1.

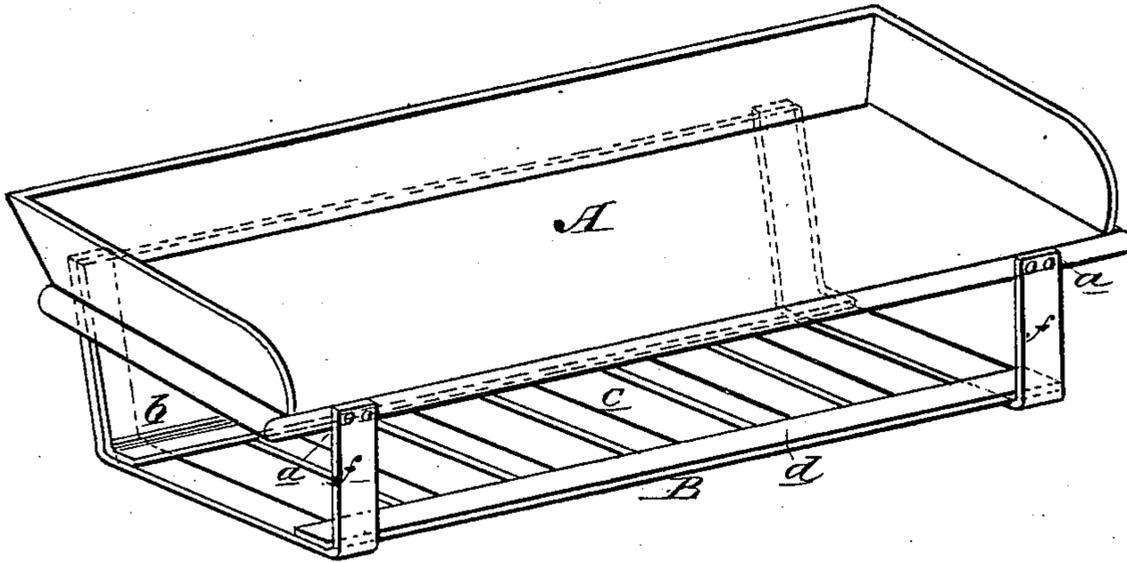
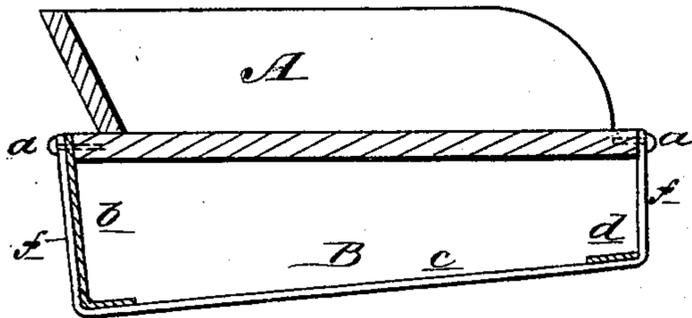


Fig. 2.



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SEAT-POCKET FOR VEHICLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN N. BROWN, of New London, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and
5 Improved Seat-Pocket for Vehicles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved attachment for buggy and carriage seats, which is in the nature of a pocket for holding the apron
10 and side curtains, also horse-cover, &c. Such pockets are attached to the under side of the seat, and heretofore they have usually been made of enameled cloth, and sometimes of
15 leather; but such pockets are objectionable, chiefly because they are liable to become wet when the vehicle is being washed, and to remain damp for a considerable time thereafter,
20 because of the lack of means for the circulation of air through them, causing the curtains and apron to mildew and rot, while the material forming the pocket proper soon also rots and requires the substitution of another. It
25 is, moreover, ordinarily difficult to place curtains, blankets, &c., in such pockets, owing to their flexibility and the indefinite form of the opening or mouth.

My invention is an improved substitute for pockets of this kind; and it consists of a metal
30 frame having certain peculiarities of form, construction, and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter more fully described.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device in position beneath a carriage-seat. Fig. 2 is
35 a sectional elevation of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a vehicle-seat, and B represents the metal
40 pocket secured thereto by screws, pins, or other suitable device, *a*. Said pocket B is provided with a solid back, *b*, a transversely barred or grated bottom, *c*, a front edge, *d*, to which the front ends of the bars *c* are secured,

and two end straps, *f f*, that form the end bars, and whose front ends are bent up at
45 right angles and are secured, by the screws *a*, to the front edge of the seat A, and whose rear ends are extended upward on the ends of the back plate, *b*, on the outside thereof, and
50 through which rear ends are passed the screws *a* into the rear edge of the seat A. The bottom of the pocket is inclined downward from front to back, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, so that the articles placed therein will not tend to slide forward, and thus fall out of the pocket, when the
55 vehicle lurches or descends a steep grade. This feature, together with the imperforate back *b*, which prevents access to the pocket from the rear, and also keeps out water in the case of rain, or in the operation of washing the vehicle, distinguishes my invention. The pocket
60 is also easy of access at the front and at the sides, so that articles may be placed in and removed from it with the greatest facility and dispatch; and, lastly, the open or skeleton
65 bottom allows downward escape of water that may adhere to the apron or curtains placed therein, and also permits the free circulation of air around them.

I am aware that movable wire platforms or
70 shelves have been attached beneath railway-car seats; but such inventions I disclaim, as not embodying the essential features of mine.

What I claim as new is—

The combination, with the seat of a vehicle,
75 of the improved metallic pocket for side curtains, aprons, horse-blankets, &c., the same being open in front and having a slotted bottom, B, inclined downward from front to rear, an imperforate back, *b*, as specified, and end
80 straps, *f f*, for suspending the pocket, as shown and described.

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