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Fig. I.

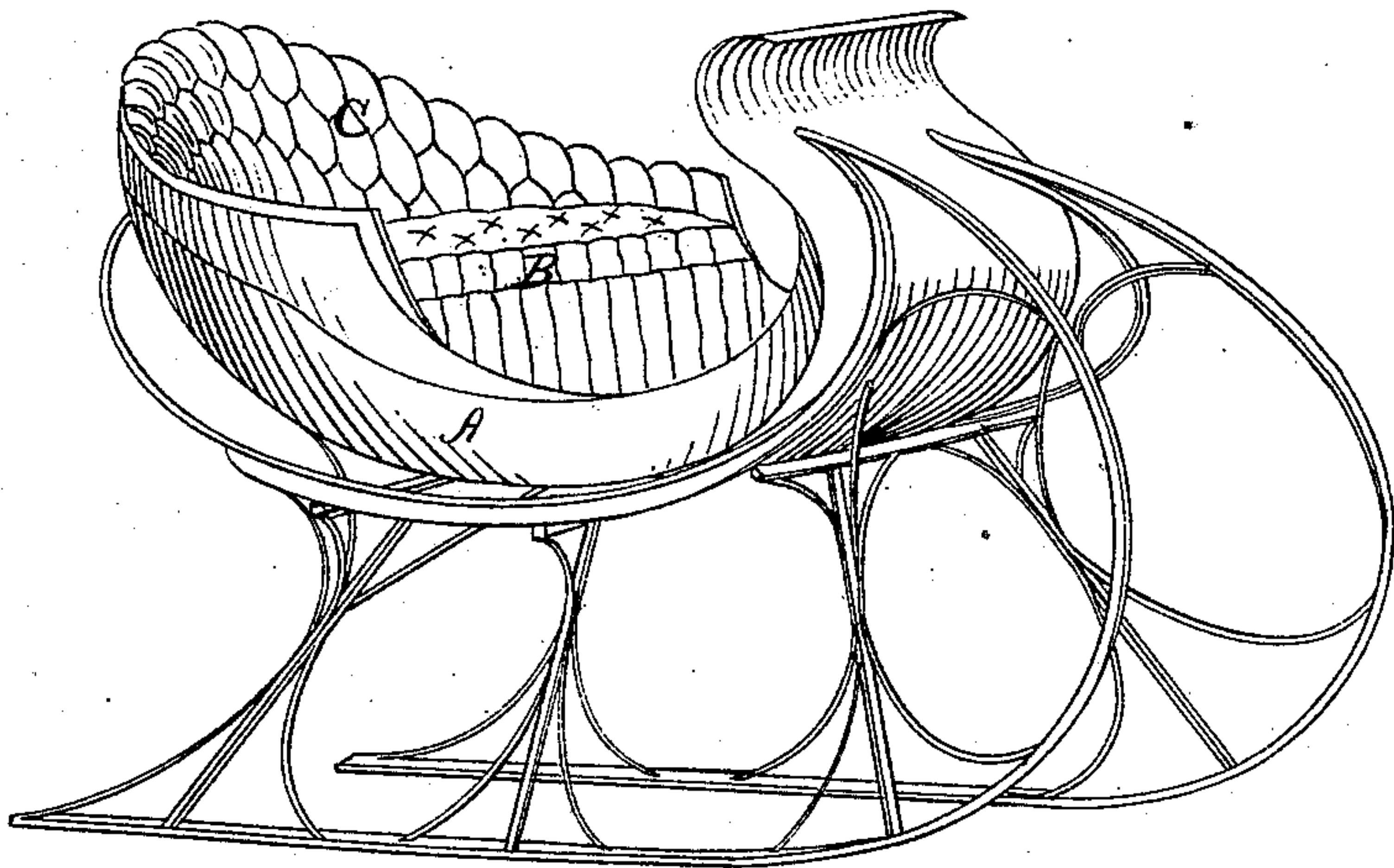


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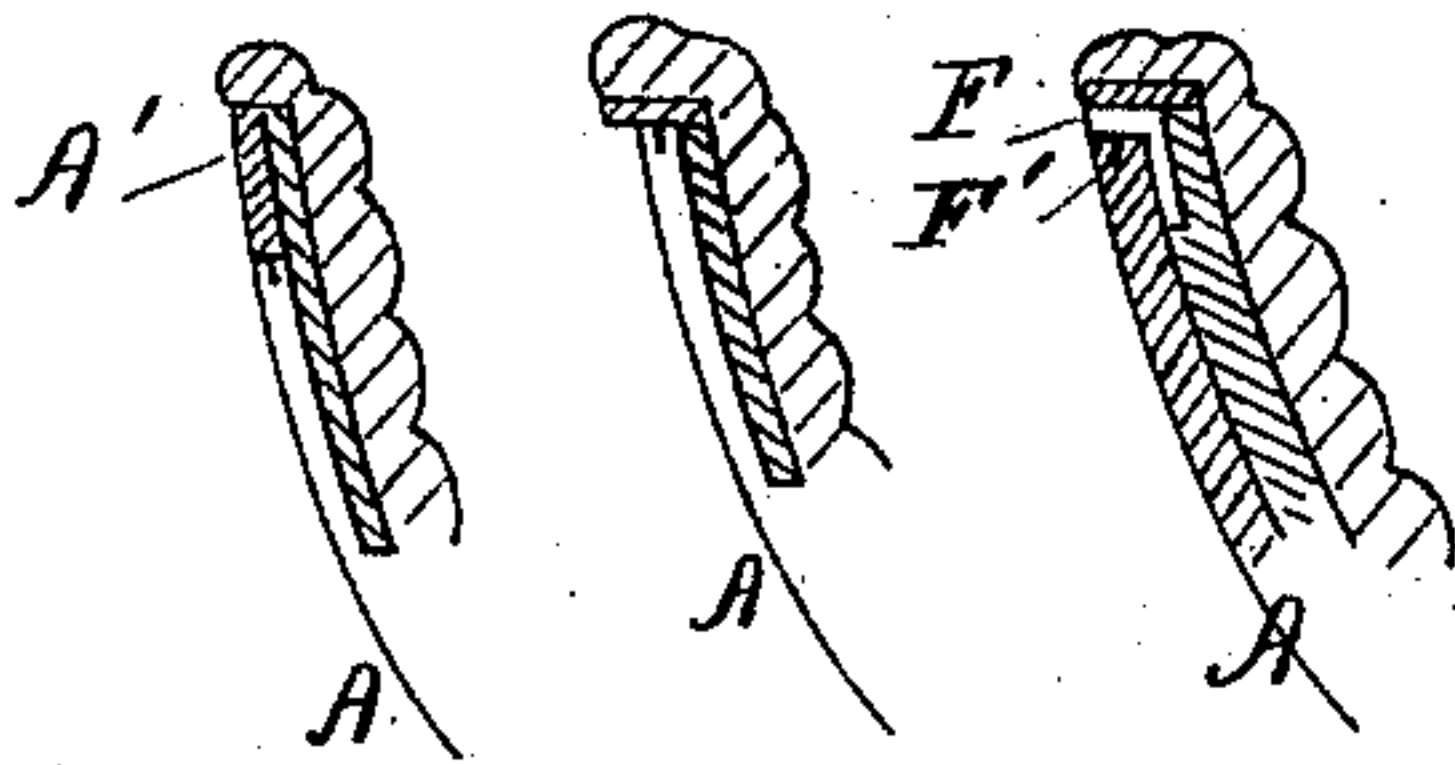
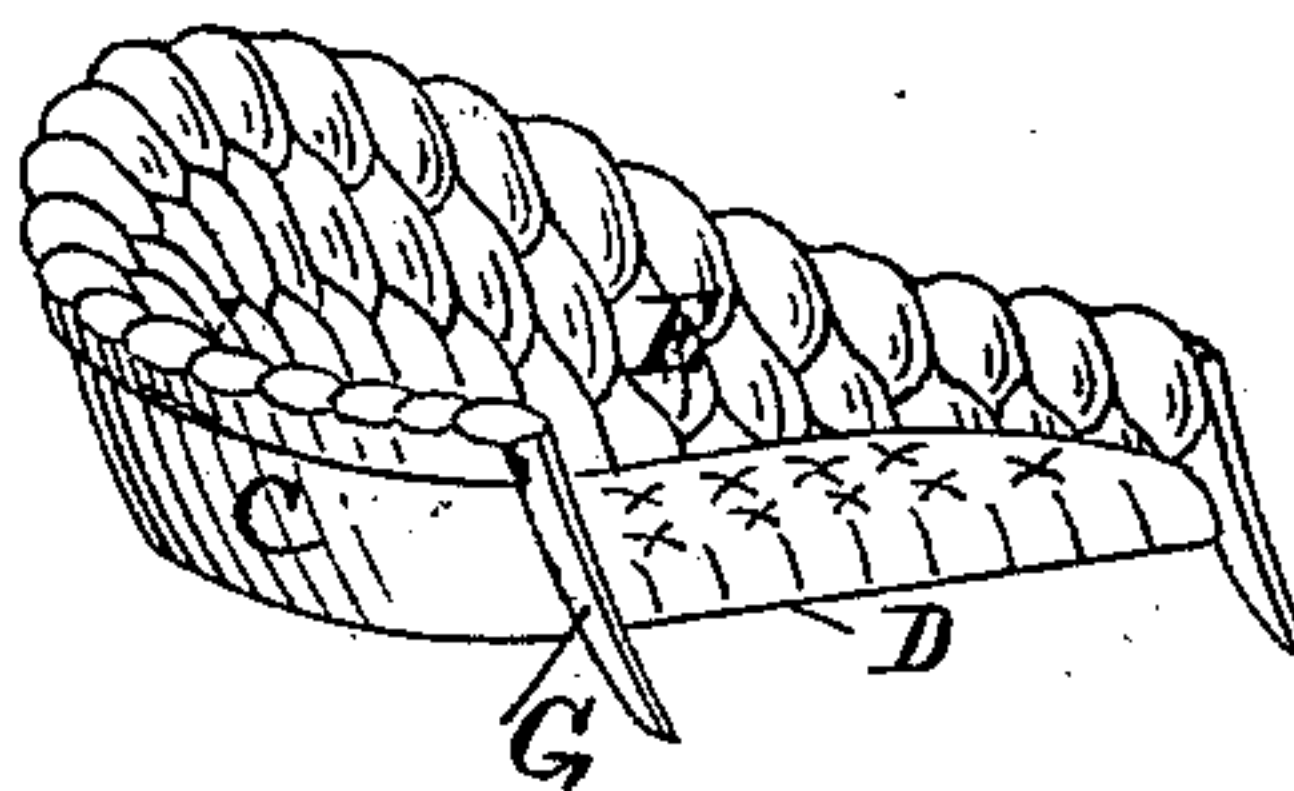


Fig. III.



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UPHOLSTERED SEAT FOR SLEIGHS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FERDENAND SELLE, of Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Upholstery for Sleighs; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention consists in providing for use with a sleigh a seat-cushion and upholstered back and sides in such form that all the seat-upholstery may be readily attached or removed from the sleigh at any time after the sleigh is finished.

In the drawings, Figure I represents a sleigh-body with my improvement attached. Fig. II is a separate view of the removable upholstered part. Fig. III is a view in perspective of the upholstering false back, sides, and seat of a sleigh.

Heretofore in the manufacture of sleigh-body sleighs it has been customary to attach the upholstery directly to the sleigh-body as a permanent fixture, or at least all the parts except the seat-cushion. This, however, has been objectionable, owing to the fact that when the sleigh is stored for the summer moth or mice are apt to get into and destroy the upholstery, and the sleigh being too cumbersome, it is difficult to guard against these encroachments. Moreover, with small dealers, such as are usually found in country shops or in the smaller villages and towns, the usual amount of work will not warrant the employment of a trimmer or upholsterer. He is obliged to make his sleigh and finish it up, then send it to an upholsterer to do that work, or else is obliged to have it first upholstered, and then run the risk of damaging the upholstery in painting and finishing the sleigh. I propose to overcome the difficulty by providing a false back and seat, to which the upholstery is all attached, and which in a sleigh of corresponding pattern can be quickly inserted and temporarily secured in place.

A represents a sleigh-body; B, its seat. C is a false back, and D is a false seat, to which

the upholstery E is permanently attached. F represents suitable angle-irons, provided with dowels F' for entering corresponding dowel-holes in the back of the sleigh, whereby the false back and its upholstery are secured to the sleigh-body.

This device, being entirely independent of the sleigh, can be upholstered at any convenient place, and can be attached to the sleigh after it is completed and finished. So, also, when the sleigh is stored for the summer the false back, with its upholstery, can be removed to a place of safety, so as neither to be damaged by exposure or by mice, moth, &c.

It is not essential that the false seat should be employed, for if the false back alone is employed for the side and back upholstery a removable cushion of the usual kind can be made upon the seat. This false back may terminate at the top of the sleigh-body, or it may, and usually should, extend over the top, so that the upper edge of the sleigh back and sides shall be upholstered. To this end the false back itself may be provided with an outstanding upper flange, over which the upholstery is carried, and adapted to rest with the under side of the flange upon the top edge of the sleigh back and sides; or when the sleigh-body is completed a narrow strip, A', may be sawed from the upper edge of the back and side arms, and this part may be attached to the upper back edge of the false back, and, thus forming a part of a false back, may be upholstered with it. The last construction will insure that the false back shall fit exactly to the back of the sleigh, and is the method in which I would usually employ the invention. The false back should also be provided with end pieces, G, for covering over and making a neat finish at the forward ends of the side arms. The part extending below the bottom of the seat may be dispensed with.

I am aware that a wagon-seat has been provided with an upholstered false back adapted to be removably secured to the back of the wagon-seat, and hence I would have it understood that I make no claim to such construction of parts.

What I claim is—

1. A combined false back, sides, and seat,

provided with upholstering, and adapted to be removably secured to a sleigh-body, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with an upholstered false
5 back and sides, of a strip cut from the top edge of a sleigh-body, substantially as set forth.

3. The combined upholstered false back and sides, provided with an outwardly-projecting flange which fits upon the upper edge of a
10 sleigh-body, and with uprights at its forward

end, which cover the forward ends of the side arms of the sleigh-body, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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