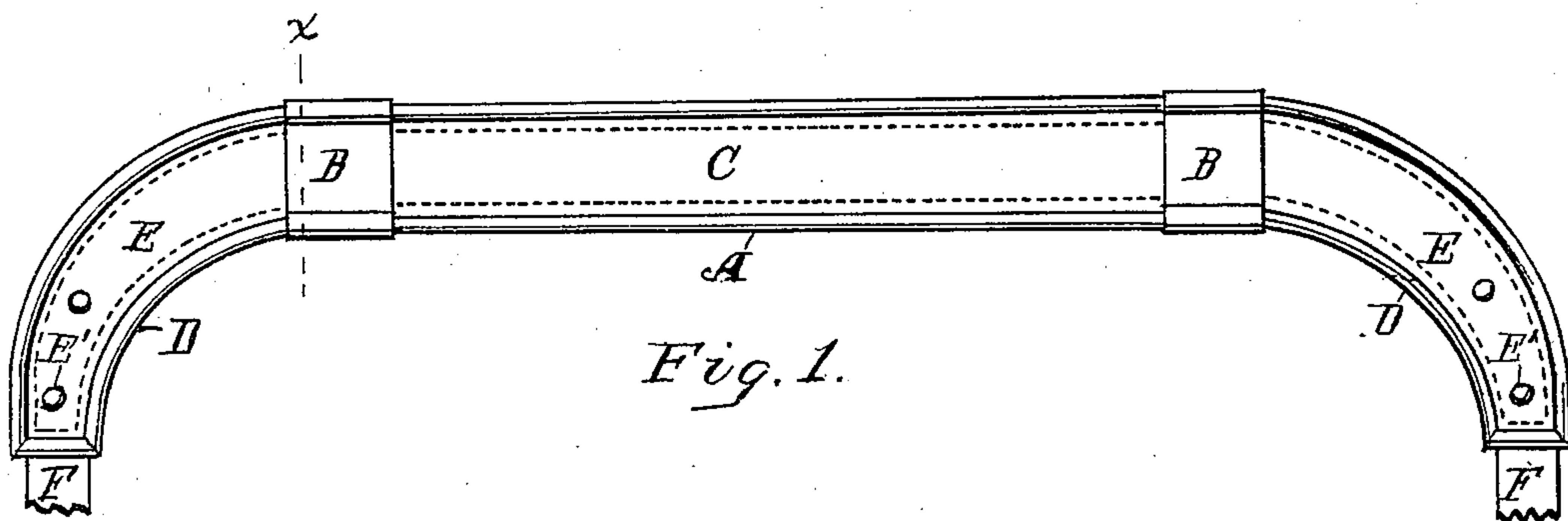
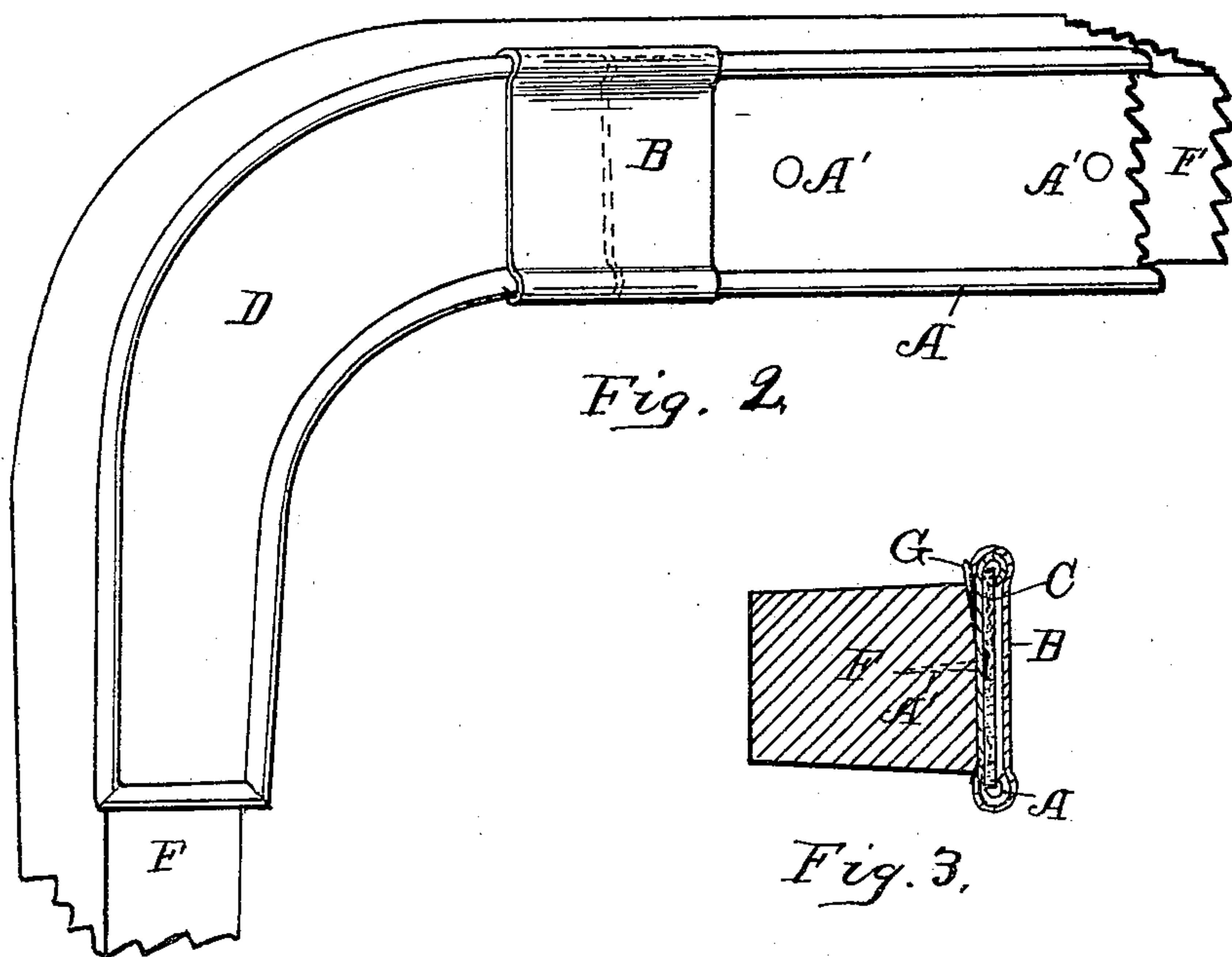


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, SEBASTIAN M. ADKINS and FRANK X. BOGENSCHUTZ, of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Buggy-Valances, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the valance. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the bow and the metal face-plate for the valance. Fig. 3 is an end sectional view through the line *x* of Fig. 1.

The object of our invention is to provide new and improved buggy-bow valance. This has special reference to the front bow of a buggy-top.

The ordinary method of constructing the valance is to provide the front face of the bow with a leather strip. The lower edge of this strip is stitched by means of a machine and secured to the lower edge of the bow, and afterward turned up and stitched by hand along the upper edge. This process is slow and expensive, requiring the most skilled labor to perform the work satisfactorily.

This invention consists in providing the front face of the buggy-bow with a metal strip somewhat wider than the face of the bow, which is provided with beaded edges, so as to allow the leather or cloth strip, which usually forms the valance, to be placed in the metal strip from one end. This strip extends to the arc at each end of the bow, where it terminates in a clasp or shield. The arc or circle of the bow is similarly provided with a curved metal strip to receive a sliding valance, and this curved strip is adapted to enter into the clasp and form a union with the straight strip before referred to, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a metal strip beaded on each edge, or having the edges lapped over, so as to permit a leather strip, C, to be inserted from one end. The strip A, when thus formed, is somewhat wider than the front face of the bow F, and is secured to the bow by means of tacks before placing in the sliding valance C. The metal strip A extends only along the straight part of the bow and ends at the beginning of

the arc. A shield or clasp, B, passes around the end of the strip A, for purposes which will be hereinafter more fully explained. The arc of the bow is also similarly provided with a curved metal strip, D, the upper end of which enters the clasp or shield B, as shown. The strips A D being of separate pieces, and having their ends covered or protected by the shield B, enables the mechanic to adjust the pieces to suit the curve of the arc on any bow. After the metal strip A is secured to the bow the leather strip B is inserted into the shield at one end and pushed through to the opposite end. The curved leather strip E is placed in the curved metal strip D and the upper end inserted in the shield B. The lower end is then secured to the bows in the ordinary manner with nails E'. A leather strip, G, folded, is placed along the upper edge of the bow, between the metal strip A and the bow, to make a more permanent joint and a better finish.

The edges of the metal may be japanned for ordinary work; but if finer finish is desired they may be nickel-plated.

Having described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The front bow of a buggy having a metal valance formed of one straight piece and two curved pieces united by means of metal shields, as and for the purpose herein specified.

2. A metal valance for buggy-bows having beaded edges united at the ends by means of shields or clasps, as herein set forth.

3. A metal valance for buggy-bows having beaded edges and shields or clasps at the ends, in combination with leather or cloth strips, secured to the front of the metal strips under the beads, as herein set forth.

4. The combination of a metal valance having beaded edges and metal shields, and provided with leather or cloth strips under the beads, with the buggy-bow, as herein set forth, and for the purpose specified.

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