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VALANCE FOR CARRIAGE BOWS.

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Fig. 1

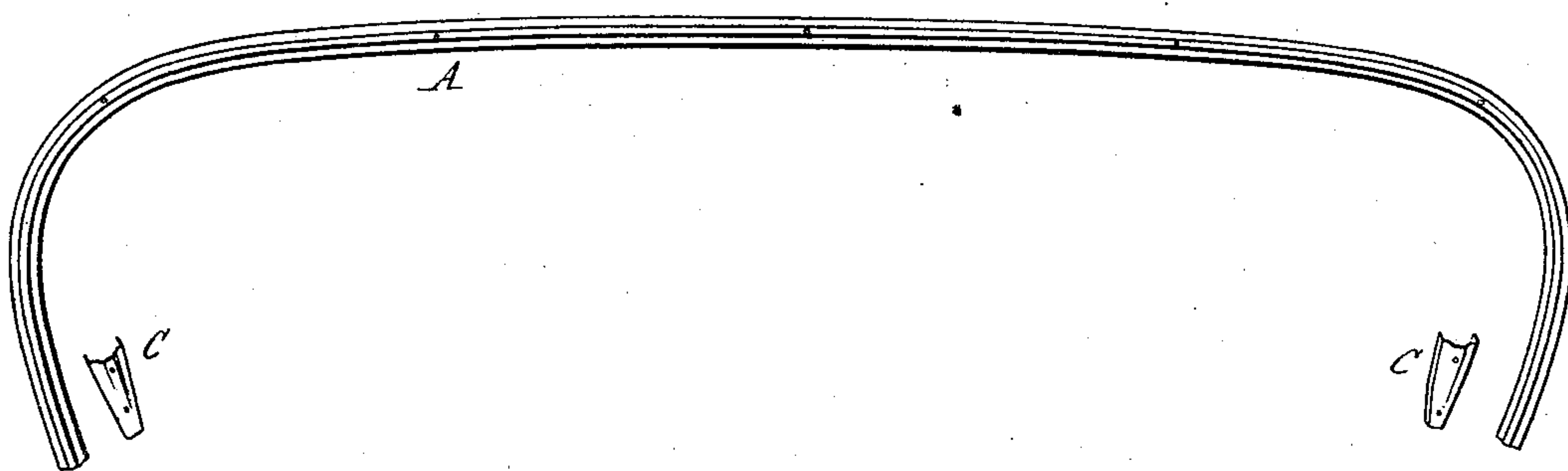
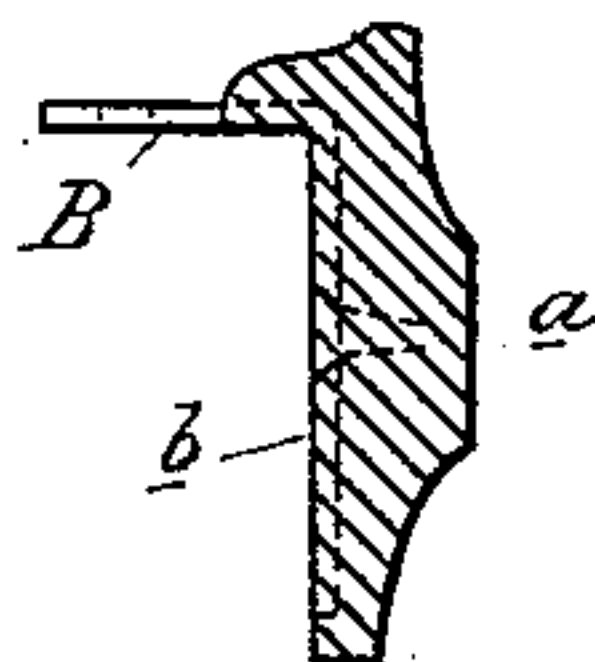


Fig. 2



Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FERDINAND SELLE and JOHN C. SELLE, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented an Improvement in Valances for Carriage-Bows, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of our invention relates to new and useful improvements in carriage-bow valances made from a single piece of bent wood suitably beaded and provided with proper clips, by means of which they can be attached to the bows, and with shields or end plates for the ends in order to form a good finish.

The invention consists in the novel construction of the valance, and the combination thereof with of clips and shields, as more fully hereinafter described, and then pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 is an elevation of one of our improved carriage-bow valances. Fig. 2 is a top plan. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line *x x* in Fig. 2.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, A represents a valance for carriage-bows to be used in place of the leather ones in common use, and which are put on at great expense, and in place of those which are made of sheet metal, which are pressed into shape, and which are liable to rattle, to the annoyance of the occupants of the carriage.

Our improved valance is made of proper wood, cut into suitable lengths, with parallel sides. The front *a* may be beaded in any desired style of beading ornamentation, and the rear side, *b*, is rabbeted out, as shown in Fig. 3, after which the stick thus prepared is steamed and bent, in the usual manner of steaming and

bending timber, into the form shown in Fig. 1. Clips B, made preferably of sheet metal, are then secured to the rear side, by means of which to secure the valance to the carriage-bow. The valance being made of wood, the ends may be readily sawed off by the trimmer should he desire to do so, or should such ends project down the bow too far. Tips or end shields, C, pressed from sheet metal, preferably into the form of the ornamentation of the front of the valance, and tapering, are designed to be fitted upon the ends thereof to give a finish thereto when applied to the bow.

We are aware that carriage-valances have been made of leather, and we are also aware that valances with beads have been made from sheet metal, and therefore we do not claim either of such inventions.

What we claim as our invention is—

1. A carriage-bow valance bent into shape from a single piece of wood which has been previously beaded on its front and rabbeted on its back, substantially as described.

2. A bent wood carriage-bow valance provided with tips or shields C, adapted to receive and secure the ends of the valance to a carriage-bow, substantially as described.

3. In combination with a carriage-bow, a valance bent from a beaded and rabbeted piece of wood, and provided with angle-clips B, for securing it to the bow, and shield C, for receiving and fastening its ends, substantially as described.

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