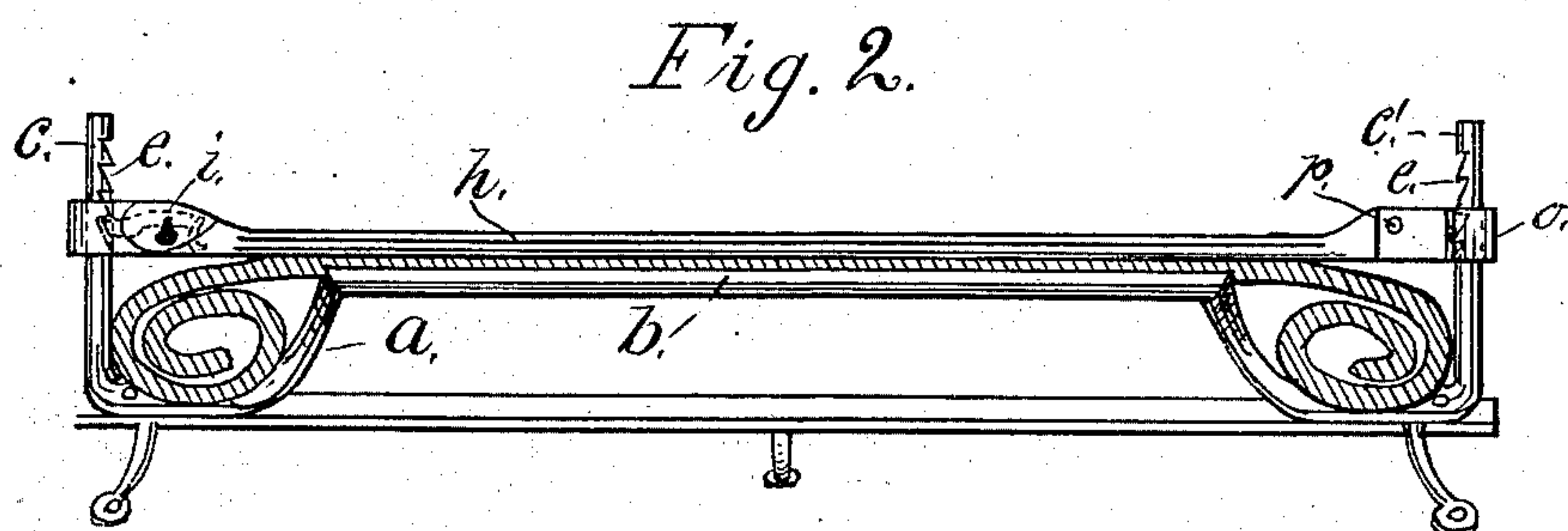
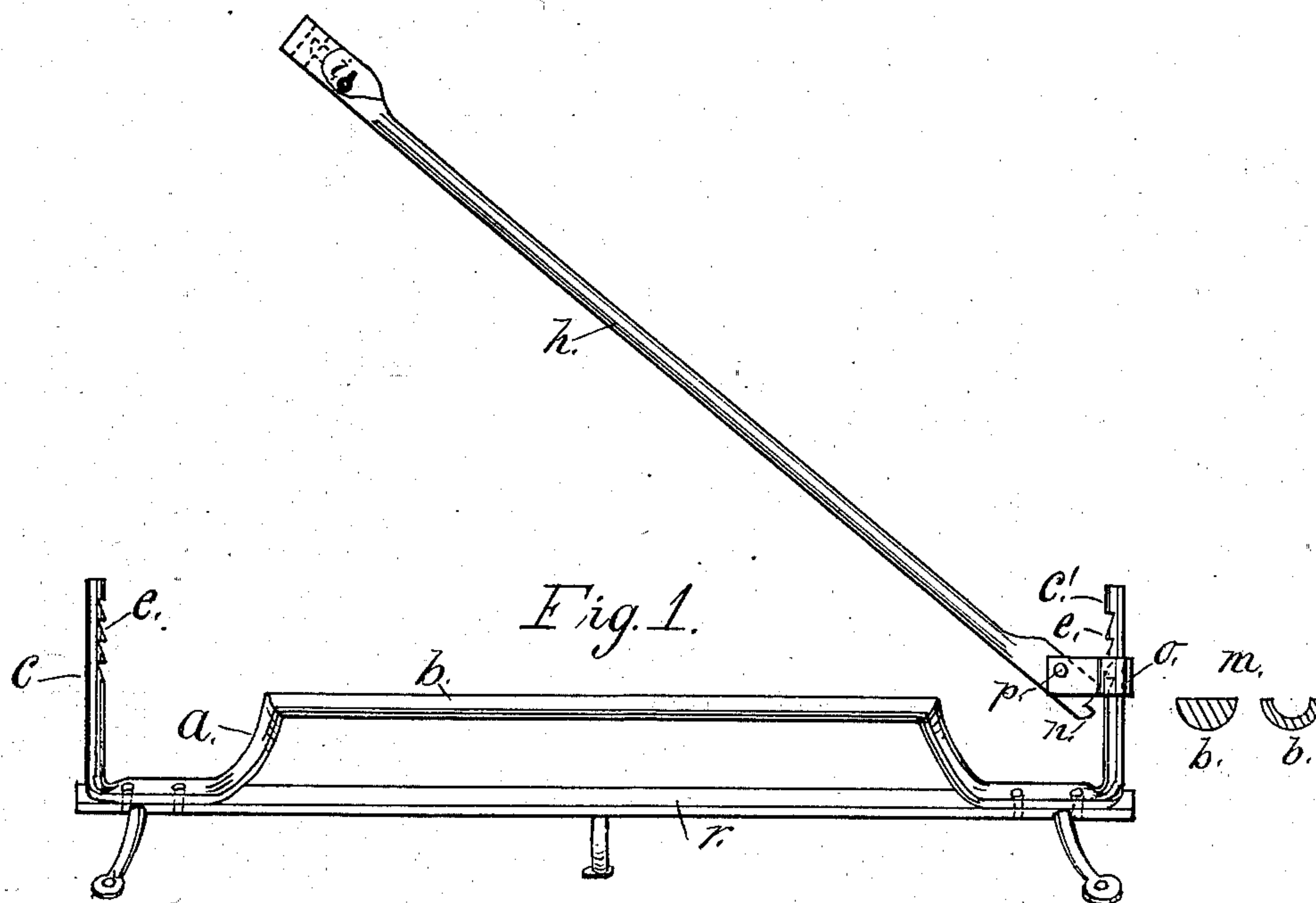


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY C. McFARLAND, a resident of Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Robe-Locks, of which the following is a specification, having reference to the accompanying drawings.

The object of my invention is to neatly secure a lap-robe in a carriage so that the lower corners will not fall out and against the wheels, and, further, to lock the robe to the carriage so that it cannot be stolen or lost.

My invention consists essentially, first, of an iron frame, formed as hereinafter described, and adapted for holding one end of a lap-robe and to be secured to or near the front of a carriage-floor.

It consists, further, in combining with such a robe holding frame a locking-bar, as hereinafter fully described.

It consists, further, in combining such a robe holding and locking device with a foot-rest, as hereinafter fully described.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention.

Figure 1 is an elevation showing the device open to receive the robe. Fig. 2 is an elevation showing the same closed and holding the robe, which is shown in section.

a is a metallic frame, having a straight portion, b , the upper surface of which may be flat or grooved, as shown in the section m , Fig. 1, is bent downward at the ends and then upward, thus forming arms or recesses to hold the loose lower corners of the robe, which is rolled up therein, as shown in Fig. 2. The upward-projecting sides c and c' are cylindrical, and are each provided with a series of notches, e . A movable bar, h , slides between said uprights. One end of the bar is bored out, so as to slip over and embrace the upright c , and is provided with a lock, i , which may be of any well-known construction. The one shown is supposed to have a spring-bolt. The other end of bar h has a projection, n , which is adapted to enter the notches in c' . A band or

clasp, o , is fitted to embrace and slide nicely on c' . Bar h is pivoted to band o , the pivot p being so placed in relation to projection n that when the other or lock end of the bar is raised the projection is thrown out of the notch in c' , as shown in Fig. 1.

r is an ordinary foot-rest, to which the frame a is riveted or welded.

The operation of my device is as follows: One end of the robe is laid over the straight portion b , the surplus width being neatly folded into the space between it and the uprights c and c' , bar h being raised, as shown in Fig. 1, or removed entirely, as may be desired. Bar h is now, swinging on pivot p , brought down closely on the robe, the projection n engaging one of the notches in c' , according to the thickness of the robe, and the bolt of the lock i engaging one of the notches in c' , thus clamping the robe closely between bar h and straight portion b , and preventing its withdrawal until lock i is unlocked.

It is obvious that a lock similar to i may also be applied to the other end of bar h in place of projection n and band o without departing from the spirit of my invention.

When used without the foot-rest, frame a may be screwed or bolted directly to the carriage, the straight portion b forming a very good foot-rest when no robe is used.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, with frame a , of bar h , adjustably secured to uprights c and c' , substantially in the manner described, for the purpose set forth.

2. A robe-locking device consisting of the holding-frame a and locking clamping-bar h , substantially as described.

3. The above-described robe holding and locking device, combined with a foot-rest and a carriage-body, substantially in the manner described.

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