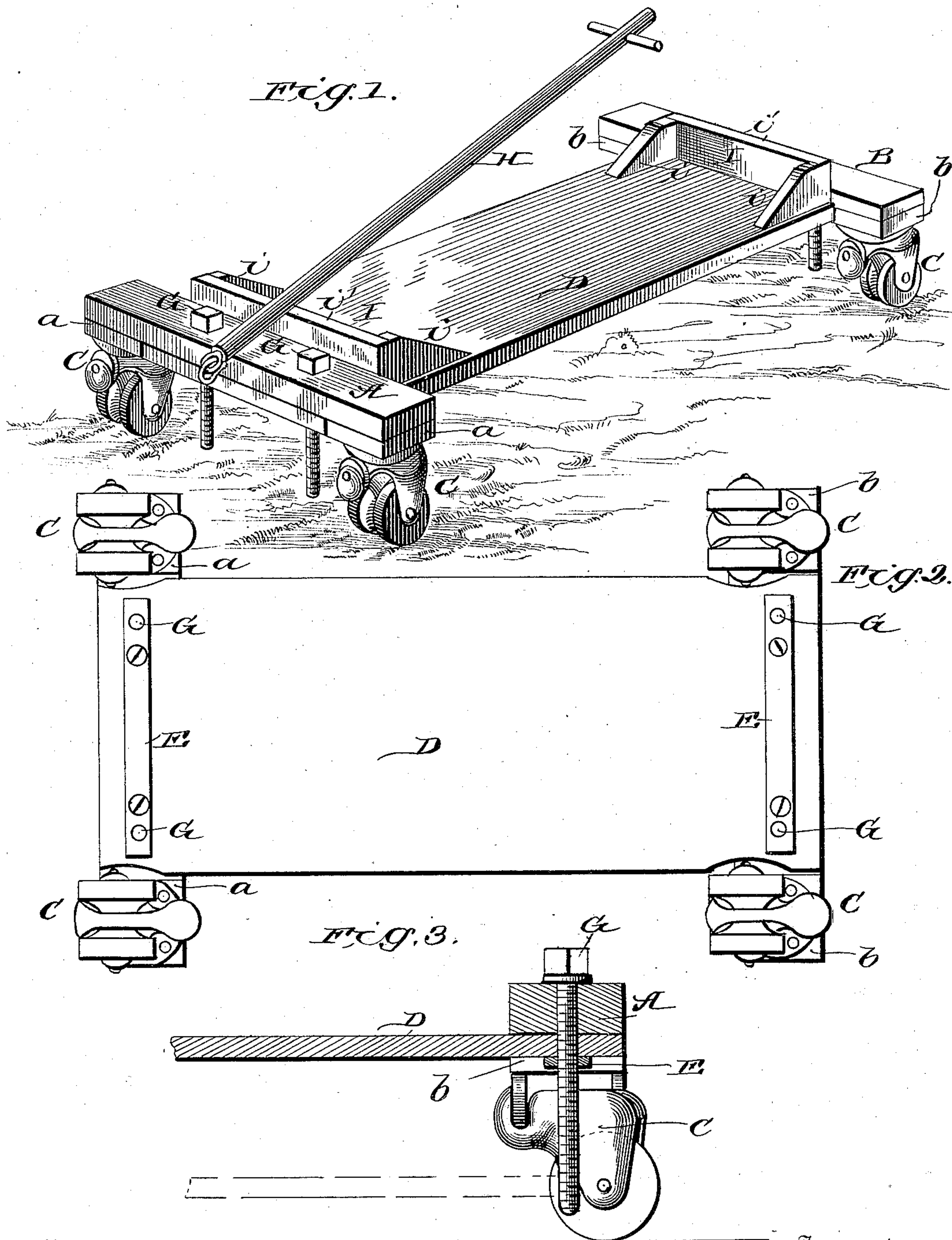


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MAUS VANDENBERGH CLUTE, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Charles, in the county of Kane and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stove-Trucks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a stove-truck adapted to be used to transport stoves from one part of a house to another, and is designed especially for family use.

The invention consists in providing front and rear trucks, between which is arranged a platform which is adapted to be elevated and lowered by appropriate means, the said platform being designed to be placed under the stove and drawn up to its place, thus elevating the said stove in a position to be conveyed to the desired point.

The invention consists, further, in certain details of construction, hereinafter more fully described, and specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings hereto annexed, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the truck. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detached longitudinal section.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates the front and B the rear truck of the device, having the blocks *a a* and *b b* secured to the under side of the ends of the same, and C designates the frictionless casters which are secured to the under sides of the said blocks.

D designates the platform of the truck, adapted to fit at the ends between the said blocks on the ends of the trucks A and B, and on the under side of the said platform, at the ends, are secured the plates E E, having threaded perforations therein to align with perforations in the said platform.

G G designate screws which pass down through perforations in the trucks A B, through the perforations in the platform D, which are aligned therewith, and screw into the threaded perforations in the stationary nuts or plates E. It will be seen that if the said screws or bolts G are unscrewed the platform will be lowered, and as the said bolts are made long enough to reach nearly to the floor it is evident that the platform may be lowered nearly to the floor.

H designates a tongue or handle pivoted to

the front truck, A, to enable the device to be easily drawn by the operator.

I I designate movable blocks placed on the upper side of the platform, comprising the tapered side pieces, *i i*, and the cross-piece *i'*, to hold the said side pieces together, and the function of the said blocks is to more easily accommodate the truck to stoves of different heights, or where the distance from the floor to the stove differs in different stoves.

When it is desired to move a stove, the platform is lowered, as described, and passed under the stove, the blocks I are forced under the lower edges of the same, and the bolts are then screwed up and the platform raised until the upper side thereof is drawn up firmly against the under side of the trucks A B, when the stove is in position to be moved.

It will be readily seen from the foregoing that the device is very simple in construction, may be cheaply manufactured, and is very strong and durable. Further, the device will be found very serviceable, thus rendering it very easy to move a stove from one part of a house to another, whereas heretofore it has been a great undertaking if the said stove is large.

A woman, or even a child, can by means of the device herein described move a stove which it would require two or three men to carry, and with perfect safety to the operator, as there is no danger, if properly used, of the stove falling or otherwise becoming unmanageable.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A stove-truck comprising the end trucks, blocks *a b*, secured to the ends of the said trucks, having the casters secured thereto, platform having the ends under the said trucks, and bolts passed through the trucks and adapted to screw into the said platform to raise and lower the same, the said platform being adapted to be lowered to the floor, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The herein-described stove-truck, comprising the front and rear trucks, A B, blocks *a* and *b* on the outer ends of the said trucks, having the casters pivoted thereto, platform D, the ends of which are adapted to fit between the said blocks *a a* and *b b* on the trucks, plates E E on the under side of the platform, near the ends, having threaded perforations therein,

perforations in the said platform, and similar perforations in the trucks A and B, to align with the threaded perforations, bolts G, to pass through the perforations in the truck and  
5 platform and screw into the threaded perforations in the plates E, and the movable adjusting-blocks I, for the purpose hereinbefore set forth, substantially as described.

10 3. In a stove-truck, the combination of the trucks A and B, the platform D, arranged between the same, with its ends under the trucks, and the elevating bolts or screws G, extending through the trucks and engaging in the ends

of the platform to raise and lower the same under the trucks, whereby the platform may 15 be lowered to the floor or raised to the under side of the trucks, all constructed and arranged substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in pres- 20  
ence of two witnesses.

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