

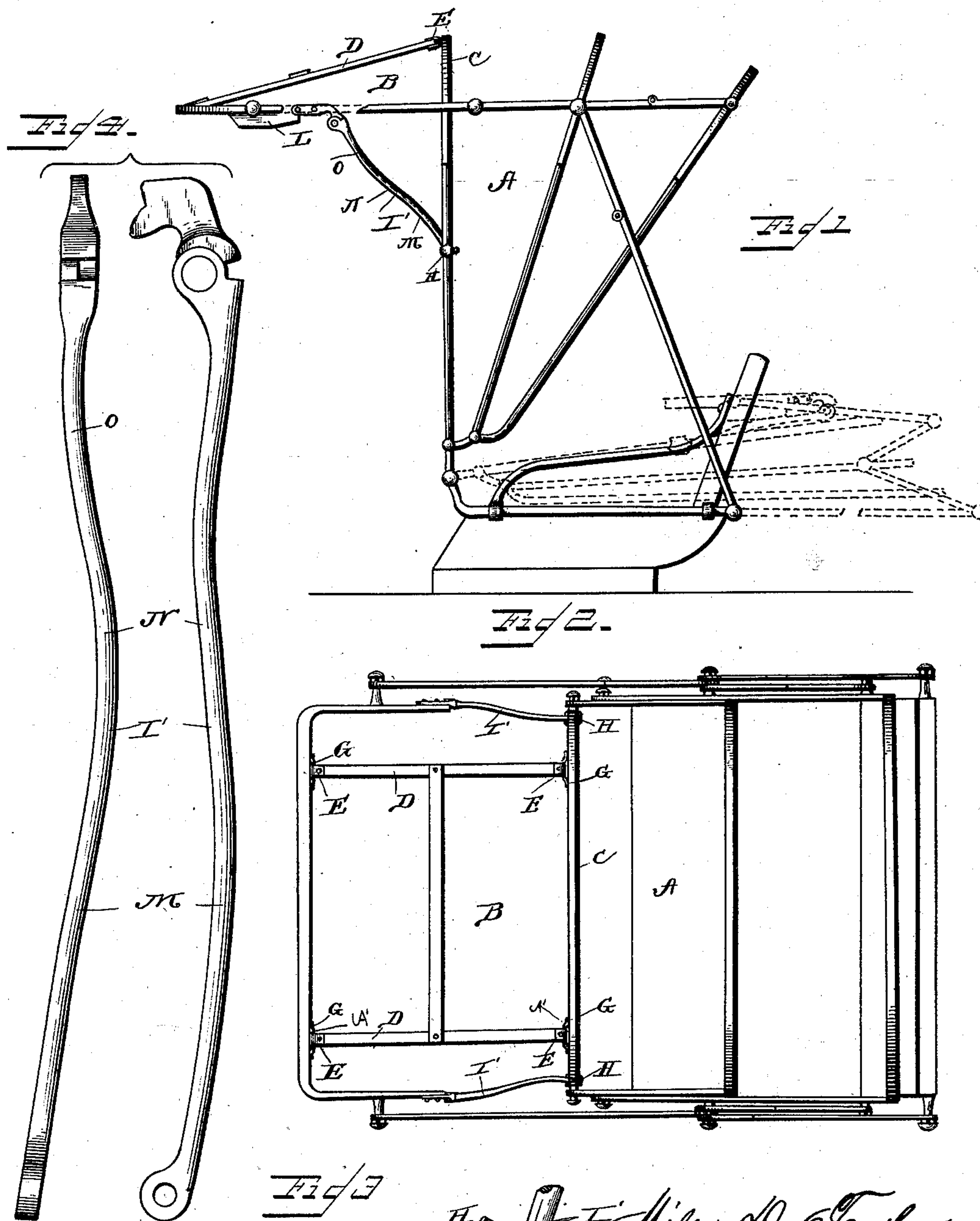
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CARRIAGE TOP.

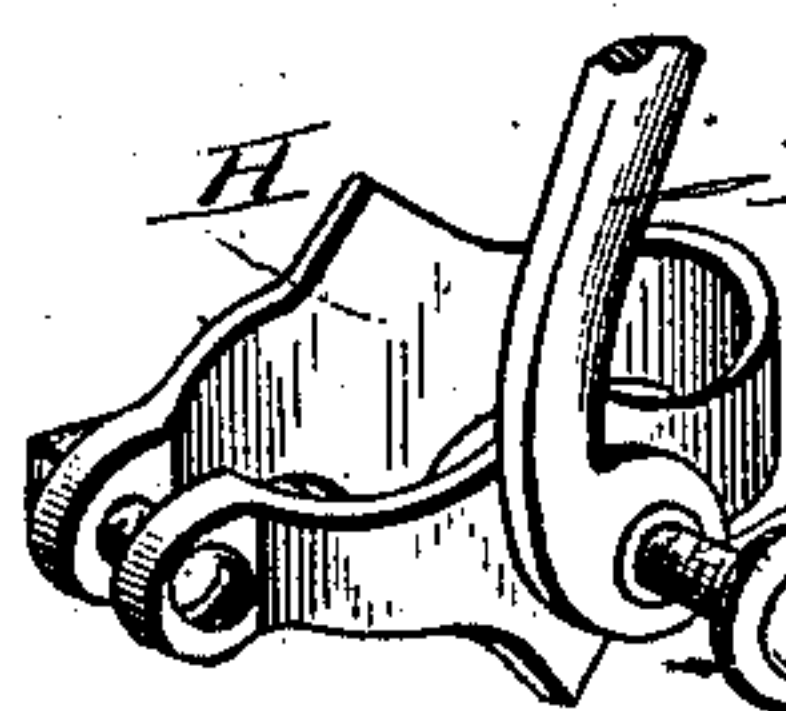
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CARRIAGE-TOP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILES D. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Janesville, in the county of Rock and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carriage-Seat Tops; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a frame of a carriage-seat top with the covering removed therefrom, so as to more clearly show the manner in which my invention is secured in operative position. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view of a clasp, and Fig. 4 is a detail view of the brace-joint.

Similar letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention has relation to carriage-seat tops; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of the same, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A denotes a folding carriage-seat top frame of the ordinary construction, and B the swinging bow. This bow is hinged to the bow C of the frame by slats D, having at each end a leaf-hinge, E. The rear end of this slat is connected by the leaf-hinge to a rod, A', having eyes G secured to the forward edge of bow C, while the forward end of the slat is hinged to the swinging bow B in the same manner as above described.

H indicates a clasp, having a screw-threaded aperture in its inner side, secured to the intermediate portion of the forward bow, C.

I' represents an elongated S-shaped brace, rule-jointed at its upper end and secured to the end of the swinging bow, and pivoted at its lower end to a pivotal screw, J, secured in

the aperture of the clasp and having a washer, K, between its head and the end of said brace.

A bearing-block, L, having its rear end beveled, is secured to the lower edge of the bow, slightly in advance of the rule-joint of the brace.

When the carriage-frame and swinging bow are folded, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, the inwardly-curved portion M of the elongated S-shaped brace will prevent its chafing the bow-socket, while the upper curve, N, terminating in the outwardly-curved portion O, which rests with the rule-joint on the bow C, forms a seat or rest for the beveled end of the bearing-block, thus firmly bracing the swinging bow and at the same time protecting the forward bow-socket from being chafed and marred.

It is obvious that the hinged slat will be entirely concealed or hidden from view by the covering and the lining of the carriage-seat top, and it is also obvious that the upper rule-jointed end of the curved brace-rod will be concealed between the side portions of the said covering and lining, thus improving the general appearances of the carriage-seat top.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

In a carriage-seat top, the combination, with the bow C, and the swinging bow B, hinged thereto and provided with bearing-blocks L, of rule-jointed braces I', secured with their rule-jointed ends to said swinging bow and at their opposite ends to the bow C, and formed with the curved portions M, N, and O, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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