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Fig. 1

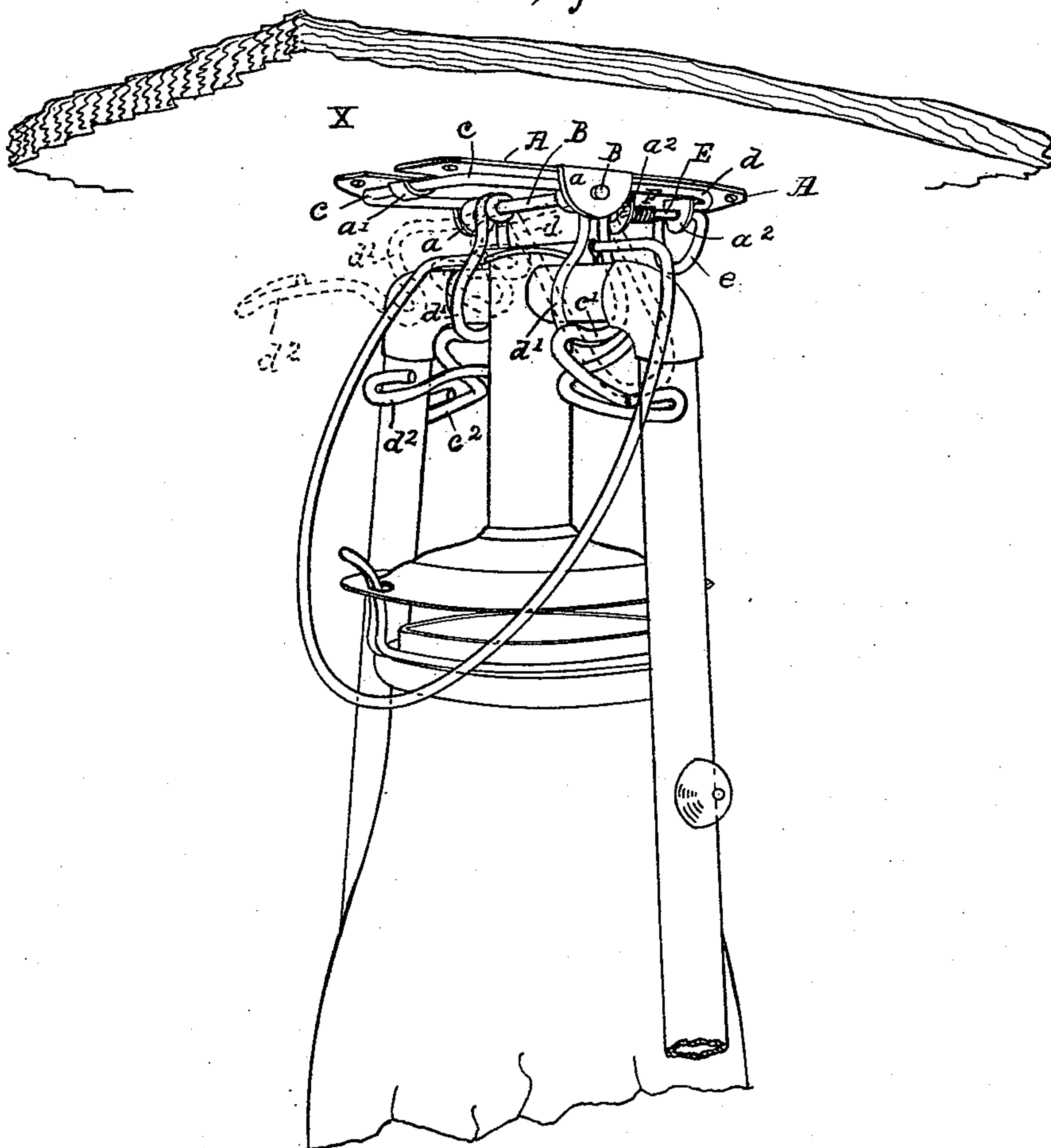
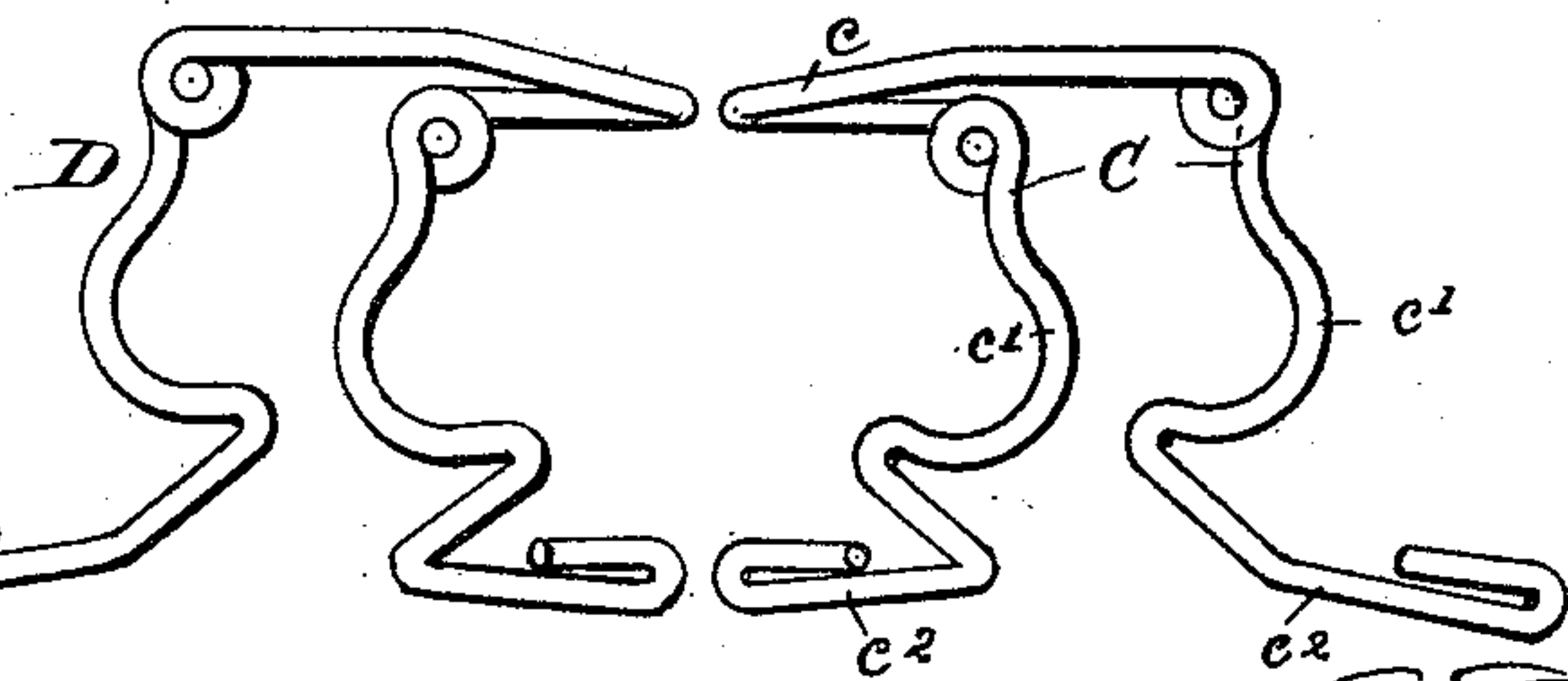


Fig. 2



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## LANTERN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWIN G. ANNABLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norwich, in the county of Windsor and State of Vermont, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Lantern-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple and easily-adjusted support or hanger for lanterns adapted for attachment to the under side of a carriage or wagon body.

The invention will be readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the following specification, and claim.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device with a portion of a lantern in its proper relative position, Fig. 2 being a detached view in perspective of the stationary support.

The section X represents either the under side of a carriage-body or of the ceiling of a room or of a beam to which it is desired to attach my device.

A is a metal plate, provided with ears *a*, in which is mounted a rod B, which carries the lantern-support and clasp C D. These are best made of wire, and both are made in substantially the same shape or form, as illustrated in the detached view, Fig. 2, to be presently explained, one being mounted stationary and the other movable. A straight piece of wire after being cut the proper length is bent at a point midway from either end, and thus formed similar to a staple, and the parallel sides are then bent so as to form an eye at the proper point to insert the rod B and allow the remaining portions of said wires to extend in a direction at or nearly at a right angle from one side of the staple or bail portion. These are then bent outward and inward, and again outward and laterally in a manner to clasp between them the tubular portion of an ordinary lantern when the bail portion of said wire support and clasp are in a horizontal position, as indicated by full lines in the drawings.

The support C is rigidly secured to the plate A by means of the ear *a'* bent under the bail portion *c* thereof, while the clasp D is free to move upon the rod B, and when in the position shown by dotted lines the upper horizontal tubular part of a lantern may be placed in the semicircular curved portions *c'* of the stationary support C, and by raising the bail *d* of the movable clasp D to a horizontal position the semicircular curved portions *d'* of the said clasp drop down against the opposite side of the tube of the lantern, thus supporting the horizontal portion of said tube. The lateral projections *c<sup>2</sup>* *d<sup>2</sup>*, respectively, of the support and clasp C D bear against either side of the vertical portions of the tube of a lantern, and thus prevent any swinging motion of said lantern, as shown by full lines in the drawings.

In order to lock the clasp D in the position necessary to secure a lantern suspended, a suitable spring-latch E is mounted in the ears *a<sup>2</sup>* of the plate A in a manner adapted to extend under the bail *d* of the clasp D, as shown, a spring F bearing against said latch in a manner to hold it normally extended for this purpose, and by aid of the inclined part *e* the latch is pushed back by contact with the bail *d* when the same is raised, extending again automatically to its normal position as the said bail passes its end.

Having described my improvement, what I claim is—

In a lantern-holder, a stationary and movable wire clasp C D, suitably mounted upon a metal plate, each comprising a bail portion *c d*, respectively, and the curved and laterally-projecting portions *c' c<sup>2</sup>* and *d' d<sup>2</sup>*, respectively, and a spring locking device for the bail *d*, all substantially for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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