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Fig. 1

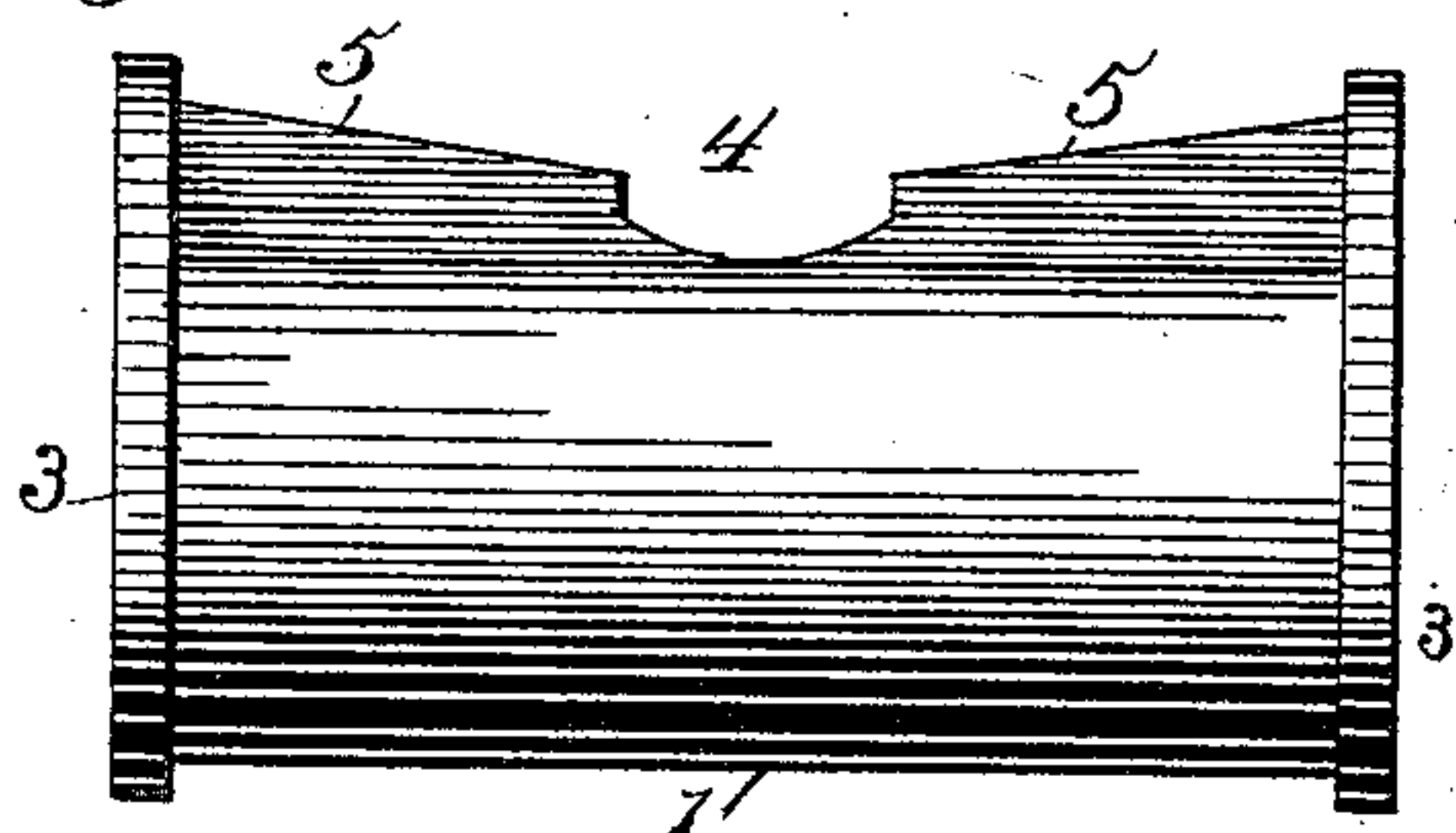


Fig. 2.

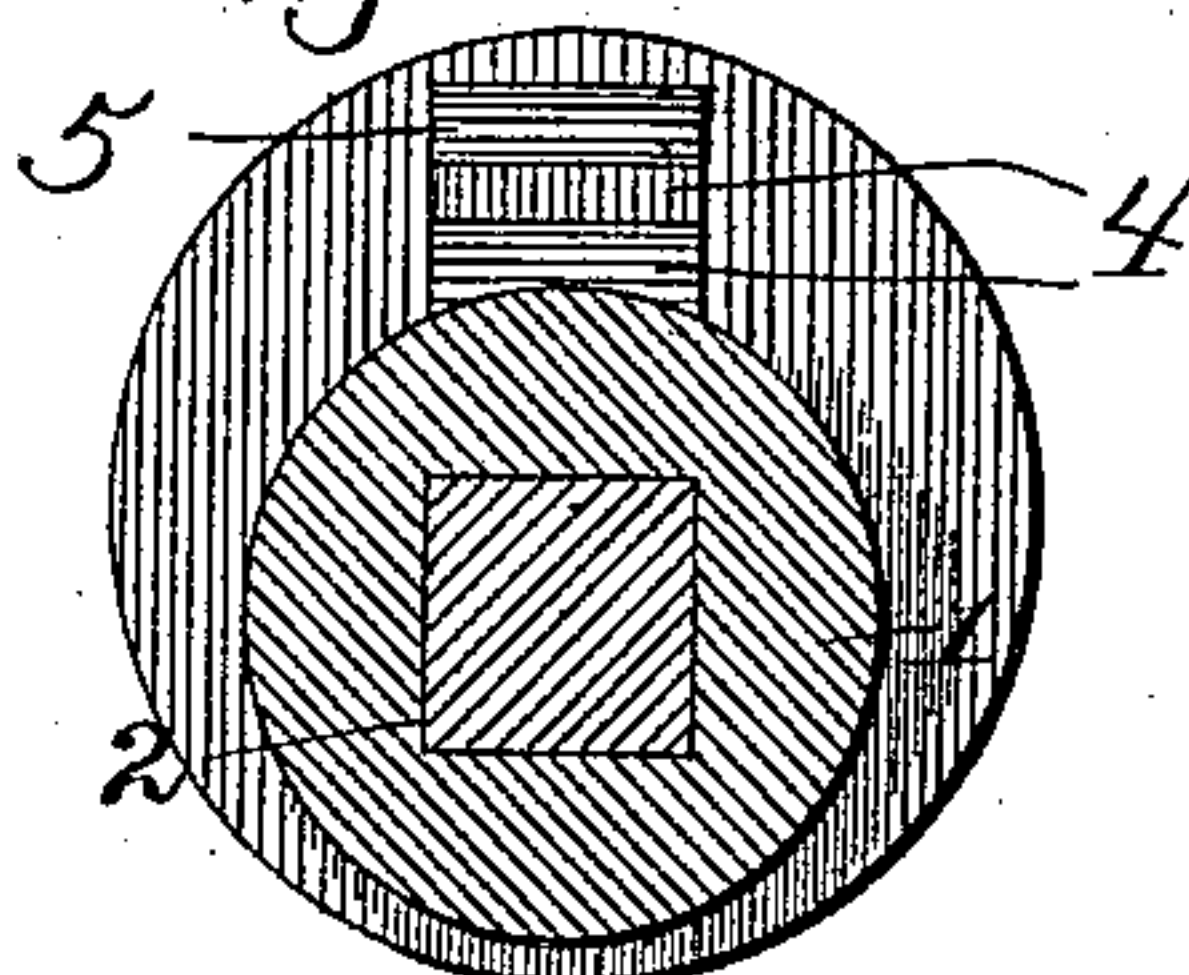
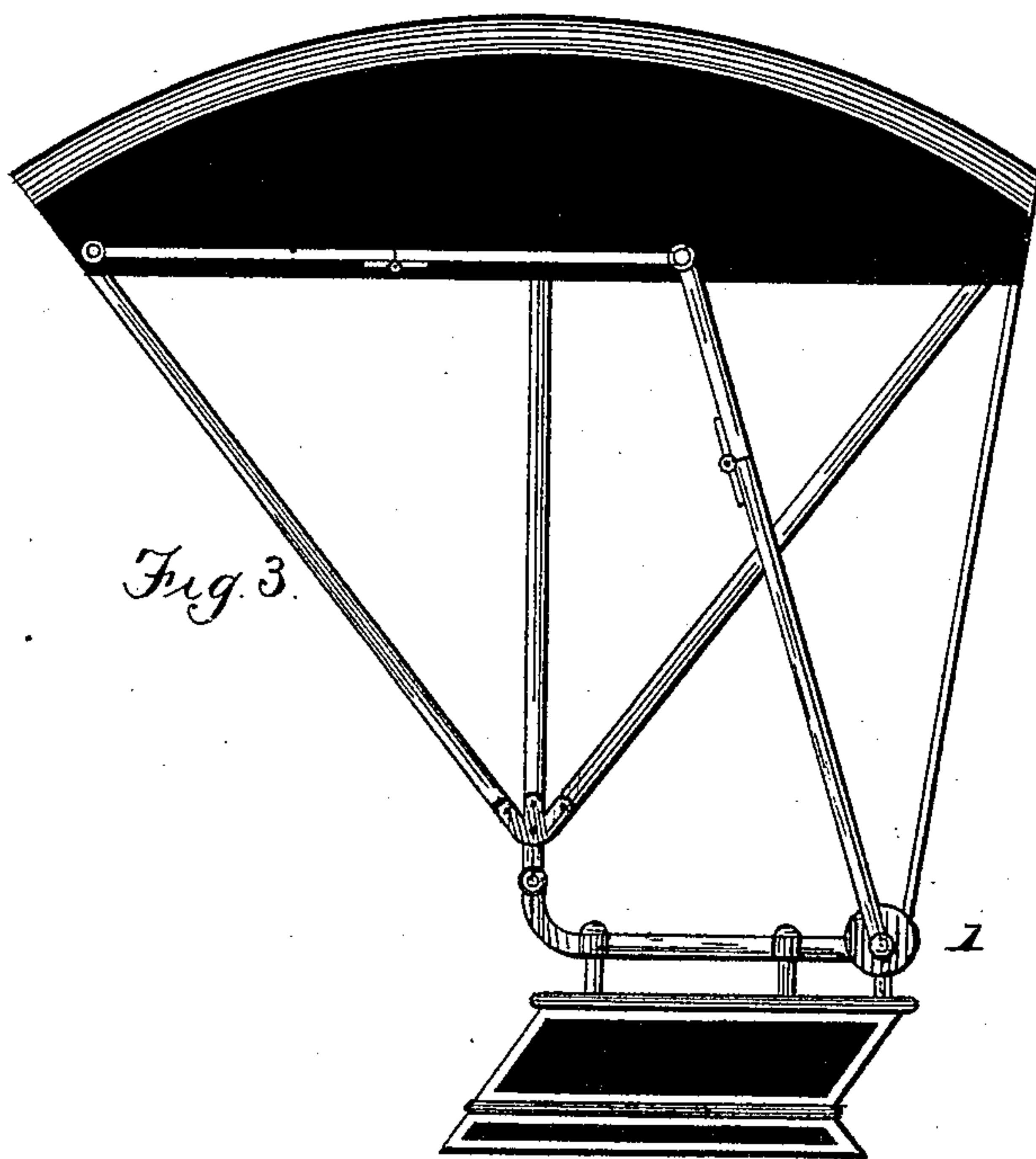


Fig. 3.



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PROP-BLOCK FOR CARRIAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROLLIN C. TAGGART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Defiance, in the county of Defiance and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Prop-Blocks for Carriages, &c., of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This improvement relates to that style of prop-blocks which not only serves as a support, but also serves to prevent the injurious side shaking which the tops of wagons having the props in common use are subjected to; and the invention consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement, and combinations of parts hereinafter more particularly described, and then definitely claimed.

15 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows an elevation of my prop-block. Fig. 2 is a transverse central vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a side view of a buggy-bed with my prop in use.

25 Referring now to the details of the drawings by figures, 1 represents the body, having a square hole 2 and end rims 3, as usual. In the center is a groove 4, preferably made of such shape as to fit the bow of the top, and on each side of this groove is an incline 5, which gradually becomes higher until it reaches the rim 3.

35 The prop is secured in the usual manner. When in use, if the top is thrown back carefully, the bow will fall in the groove 4, and will stay there without moving from side to side, as is the case with tops having the common prop-block. Should, however, the bow drop on either side of the groove 4, it will fall

on one of the inclines 5, and as said inclines run downward toward the center or groove 4 the motion of the buggy will immediately throw the bow into said groove 4 and hold it firmly and rigid, so that the buggy-top cannot move to and fro, but is kept in position by the peculiar shape of said prop-block.

45 Now, the advantage of my prop-block is that the joints in a buggy-top having the ordinary props soon become worn and loose by the constant swinging or side motion of the top, causing the bows, which rest on the prop-blocks, to slide back and forth on the same, and thus soon loosen the joints, so that the top often swings around and strikes the wheel, which my improved stop-block obviates, as it holds the top firm and rigid and in its true and proper position as it drops back and down onto the prop-block and automatically adjusts itself to the center or groove 4, should it accidentally or carelessly be thrown down upon the incline 5.

60 What I claim as new is—

1. A prop-block having a body 1, on which is formed a rib having a central groove 4 and two inclines 5, substantially as described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, the herein-described prop-block, having a central transverse groove and two rims 3 at the extremity of the prop-block, substantially as described.

70 In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 2d day of September, 1891.

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