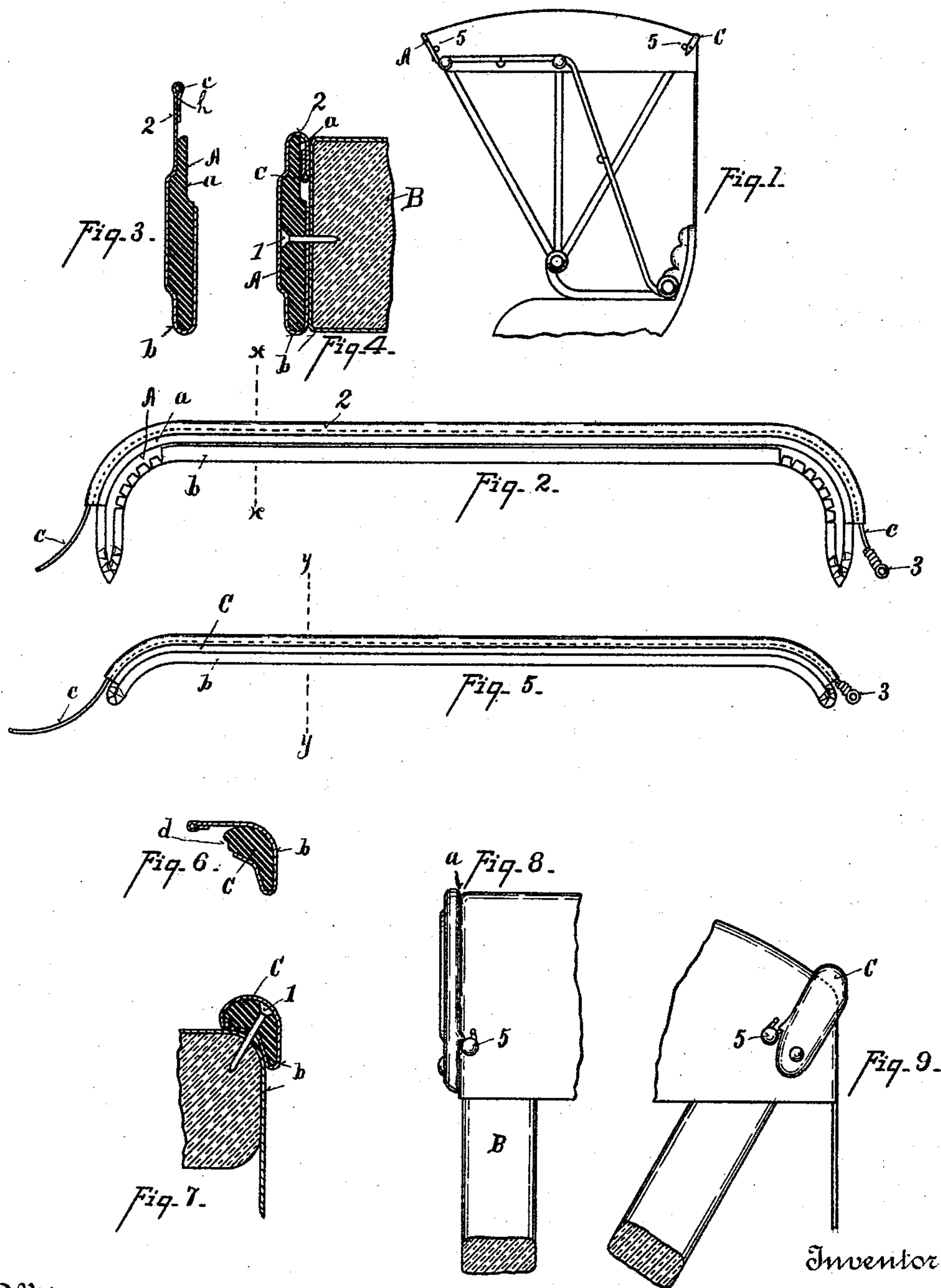


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORNELIUS BAUER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Valances for Carriage-Tops, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to making a new valance or finishing part to a carriage bow, which is adapted to be used both as a front and rear valance.

The various features of my invention are fully set forth in the description of the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the carriage top with my improvements applied to the front and rear bows. Fig. 2 is an inside plan view of a completed front valance before attachment. Fig. 3 is a cross section on line *x*, *x*, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a similar section showing the front valance attached to the bow. Fig. 5 is an inside view of the rear valance ready for attachment. Fig. 6 is a section on line *y*, *y*, Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a similar section of the valance attached to the rear bow. Fig. 8 is an end elevation of the front valance attached to a carriage bow. Fig. 9 is an end elevation of the rear valance attached to a carriage bow.

One of the objects of my invention is to conceal the seams, and as far as possible conceal the valance attaching devices, so as to make the carriage top more ornamental. I accomplish this in the following manner:

A represents say the front valance bow preferably made of wood and bent to have the contour of the carriage bow; it is provided with a rabbet *a*, into which is drawn the flap of the valance cover, as hereinafter explained.

B represents the front bow of a carriage top.

b represents the covering, which is leather, but other appropriate material may be employed.

c represents a cord preferably brass or tinned wire, which will not rust and injure the finishing material, and it is loosely inclosed in a loop seam *h*.

The following is the preferred method of making and attaching the valance: The cov-

ering is cemented to the valance on the rear side and around on the front face to a point below the attaching nail 1; holes are pierced in the valance bow for the said nails to pass through and secure it to the bow B; then the valance cover is cemented from that point up to the top leaving the flap 2 of the covering material free, as shown in Fig. 2. Wire or cord *c* is provided with an eye 3 at one end, and at the opposite end no eye is shown; the flap 2 is pulled into the position shown in Fig. 4 by taking hold of the end of the wire or cord and drawing the same inward and downward and taut which brings the flap into the rabbet *a*. The eye 3 at one end is secured by a screw 5, and the opposite end of the wire is then drawn around the head of another attaching screw 5, as shown in Fig. 8. The rear valance C is bent to conform to the shape of the rear bow; it is preferably made of wood and provided with a rabbet or concavity *d*; the rear valance is covered and attached in the same manner as the front valance; that is, it is provided with a flap in the seam of which a binding cord or wire is loosely run; the cover is partly cemented to the bow which is nailed in position, and then the top portion of the covering is cemented onto the bow and then drawn into the rabbet and the binding wire secured at the ends to hold the same in place in like manner as explained for the front valance. By this means I am enabled to fasten securely to the front and rear bows a finishing valance with the seams completely closed and hidden from view, and a very secure and neat attachment is provided.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A carriage valance composed of a bow provided with a rabbet on the inner edge, a covering secured thereto, and provided with a flap and binding cord by means of which the flap may be drawn into the rabbet of the valance bow to hold the cover in position, substantially as specified.

2. A carriage valance composed of a bow provided with a rabbet upon its upper inner face, a covering cemented thereto upon the front face and provided with the flap 2, and the binding cord *c*, by means of which the

flap is drawn into the rabbet and securely fastened therein, substantially as specified.

3. In combination with a carriage bow, a valance bow secured to the carriage bow by a
5 concealed nail, a cover secured thereto, and provided with a flap having a cord incased in its free end by means of which it is drawn into the rabbet between the valance and bow,

and secured by fastening the ends of said cord, substantially as specified. 10

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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