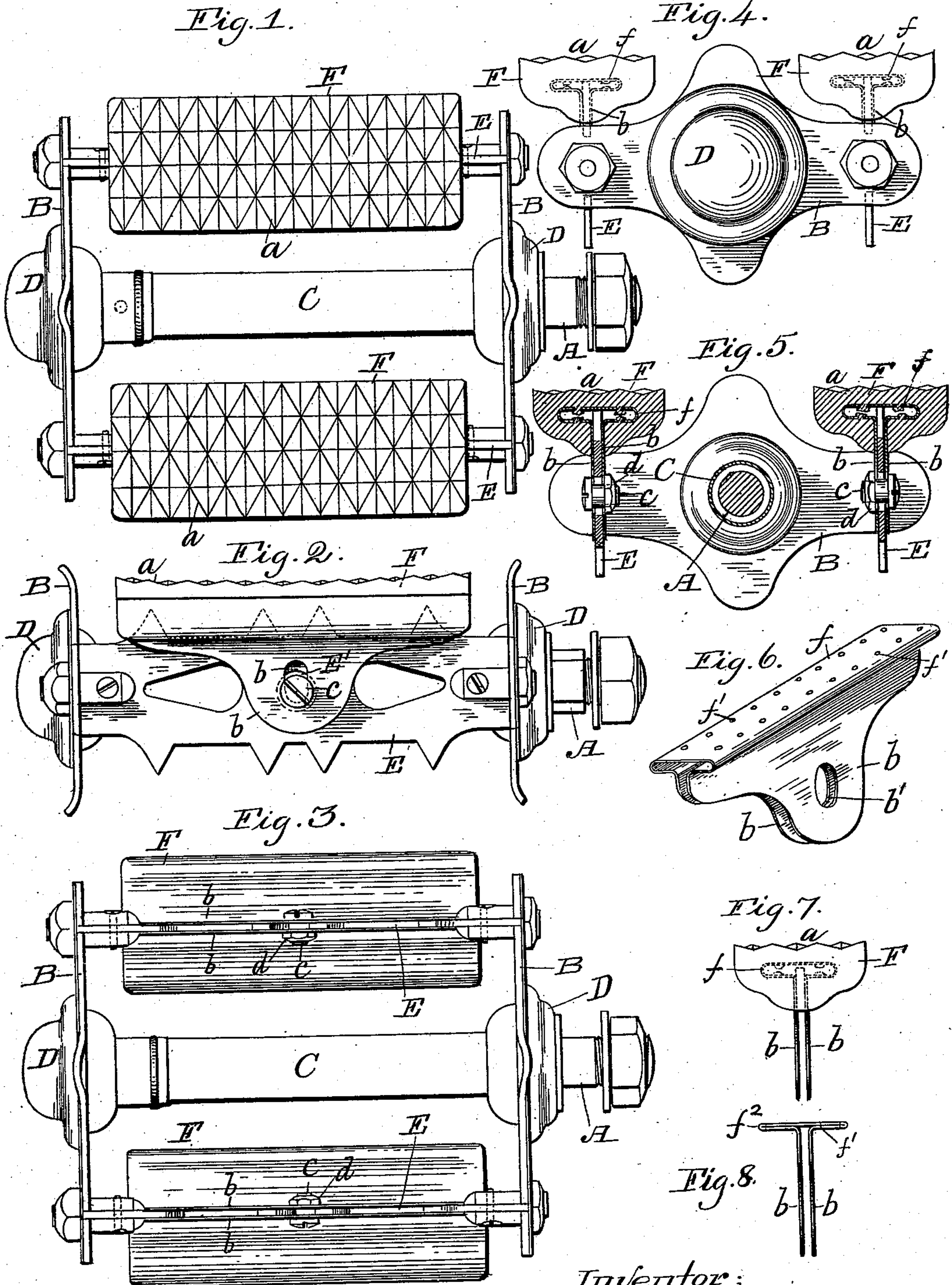


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT B. CURTIS, of the city and county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Velocipede-Pedals; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan of my improved pedal. Fig. 2 is a side view; Fig. 3, a bottom view, and Fig. 4 an end view thereof. Fig. 5 is a central, transverse section through the pedal. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the metal holding-plate of one of the detachable foot-rests of the pedal, hereinafter described. Fig. 7 is an end view of one of said detachable foot-rests, with its holding-plate secured therein, and Fig. 8 shows a slight modification in the construction of said metal holding plate.

My invention relates to means for converting what are commonly termed "rat trap" pedals, into pedals having removable elastic foot-rests; and consists of certain improvements in the construction of and mode of applying said removable foot-rests, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order that others may better understand the nature and purpose of my said invention, I will now proceed to describe it more in detail.

With the exception of the aforesaid detachable foot-rests, the rat-trap pedal shown, is of well known construction, and, therefore, requires only a general description in connection with said improvement. It is provided with the usual, central spindle A, end-plates B B, sleeve C, arranged over said spindle between said plates, dust-caps D D, and rat-trap plates E E, extending between the outer ends of the end plates and serving as foot-rests for the pedal when used as a rat-trap pedal without my improved, cushioned, detachable foot-rests F F. Said foot-rests F F, may be made of any suitable shape or material. I prefer, however, to make them of rubber, and with their top surfaces  $\alpha$  flat and roughened, as is shown in the drawings, so that the feet of the velocipede rider may more

perfectly fit and adhere thereto. Each foot-rest is provided with two inwardly projecting, parallel plates  $b b$ , arranged just far enough apart to receive and hold the outer edges of the rat-trap plates between them. They are fastened in position after adjustment by means of short bolts  $c$ , and nuts  $d$ ,—said bolts being passed transversely through suitable openings  $b' E'$  in the plates  $b b$  and E, respectively, as is shown in the drawings. Said parallel plates  $b b$  project at right angles from a horizontal, tubular body  $f$ , and both the plates and body are preferably made integral, from a single piece of sheet metal, of the proper size and shape to produce said parts when bent into substantially the shapes shown in Fig. 7. The tubular part  $f$ , and a portion of the base or inner ends of the parallel plates  $b b$  are embedded in the elastic foot-rests F F in casting the latter, and are thereby securely fastened therein, as is fully shown in the drawings. To facilitate fastening said tubular bodies in the foot-rests, they may be provided with a series of holes  $f'$  for the material from which said foot-rests are cast to enter, and thereby more securely hold the metal part in position.

If desired, the body  $f$  may be made flattened in the form of a double plate  $f^2$ , as is shown in Fig. 8.

In applying the detachable foot-rests to convert an ordinary rat-trap pedal into a cushioned pedal, the rider has but simply to slip the holding-plates  $b b$  over the outer edges of the rat-trap plates E E, then pass the transverse bolts  $c$  through the openings  $b' E'$  in said plates, and turn the nuts  $d$  thereon; and the removal of said foot-rests, it is obvious, may be performed with equal facility by reversing said operation.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In rat-trap, and similar pedals for velocipedes, detachable foot-rests, adapted to be applied to the rat-trap plates, and having parallel holding plates projecting therefrom, adapted to be fitted to said rat-trap plates, and means for fastening said holding plates to the rat-trap plates, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.



2. In rat-trap and similar pedals, the detachable foot-rests F F adapted to be applied to the rat-trap plates, in combination with an irregular shaped, metal holding plate fastened thereto, by embedding a portion thereof in said foot-rest, and consisting of the central body *f* and parallel plates *b b* projecting at right angles therefrom, and means for fastening said parallel plates to the rat-trap plates, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A detachable foot rest for rat-trap pedals having a clamp shaped to receive a rat-trap plate, and faced with rubber, and means for

detachably securing said clamp to said plate, substantially as described.

4. A detachable foot-rest for rat-trap pedals having a perforated metallic clamp adapted to receive a rat-trap plate, a rubber facing cast upon and extending through the perforations of the metallic clamp and means for detachably securing said clamp to said plate, substantially as described.

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