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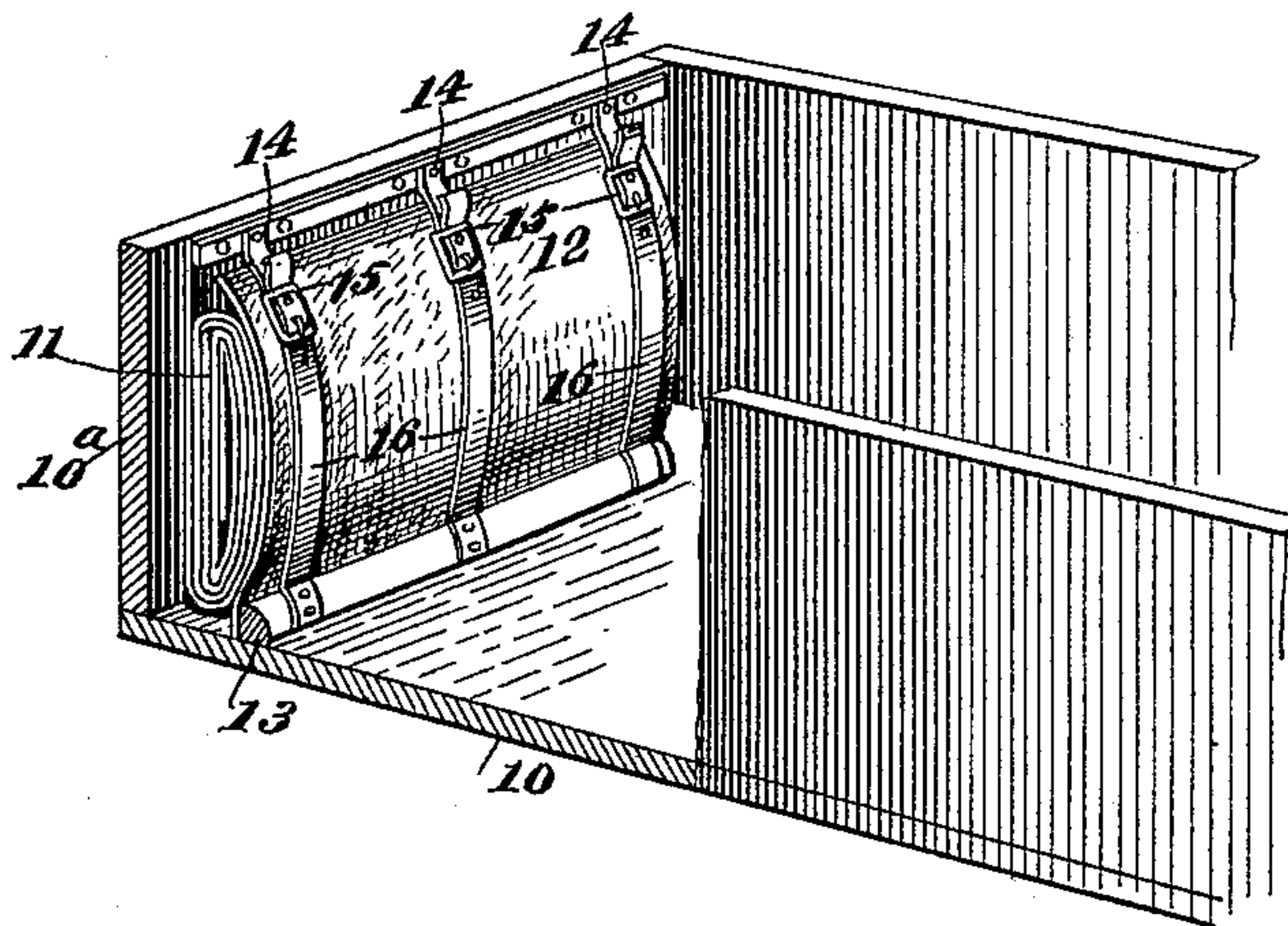
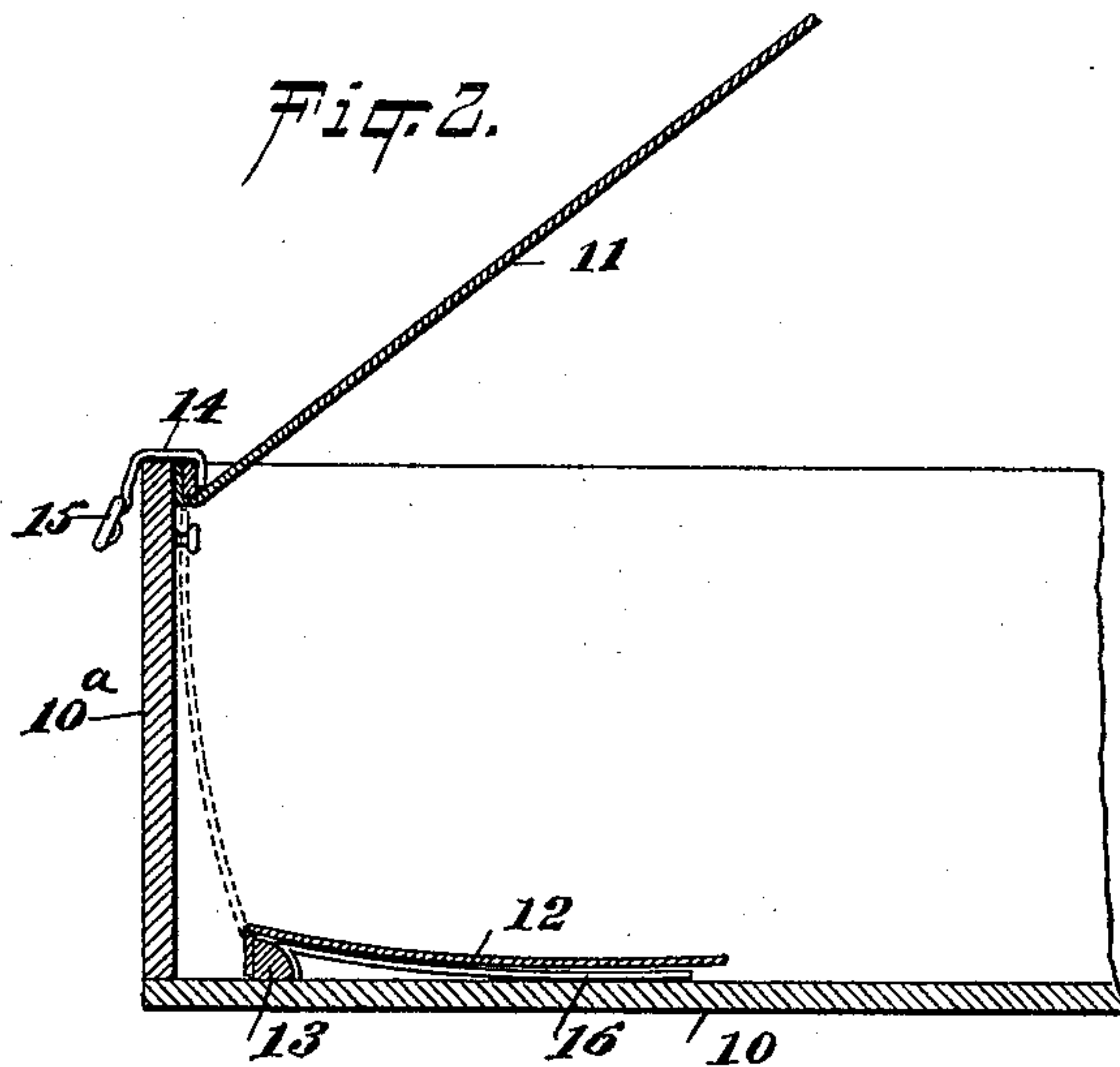


Fig. 2.



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## STORM-APRON CASE FOR VEHICLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM FETZER, of Sheldon, in the county of O'Brien and State of Iowa, have invented a new and Improved  
5 Toe-Rest and Case for Storm-Aprons, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a novel attachment for the front end of a vehicle-body to  
10 provide a convenient case for containing a folded storm-apron, and when so employed serve as a toe rest or cushion whereon the feet of the occupant of the vehicle may be rested.

The invention essentially consists in the  
15 novel construction and combination of parts, as is hereinafter described, and defined in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification,  
20 in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a sectional side view of a vehicle-body in part and of the improvement in folded condition containing a folded storm-  
25 apron; and Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing the storm-apron extended for service.

In the illustration of my invention, 10 indicates the forward portion of a vehicle-body,  
30 of which 10<sup>a</sup> is the front wall.

11 represents a storm-apron, of the usual or any approved material, which may be readily folded into a compact package for stowage at the inner side of the front wall 10<sup>a</sup>, as shown  
35 in Fig. 1.

The improvements essentially comprise the provision of a pliable casing 12, that is preferably formed of suitable carpet material or any other fibrous material adapted for the  
40 service to be afforded by it.

The dimensions of the casing 12 are proportioned to that of the vehicle and the bulk of the folded storm-apron, so that the latter when stowed in a folded condition at the front  
45 wall of the body 10 may be completely covered by the casing. To this end the lower edge of the casing 12 is secured upon a transverse strip 13, affixed on said floor at a proper distance from the front wall 10<sup>a</sup> of the body 10.  
50 This strip 13 is adapted to serve as a rest for the heel as well as a means of attachment for the casing.

A suitable number of short straps 14 are secured at spaced intervals on or near the upper edge of the transverse wall 10<sup>a</sup>, so as to  
55 depend in the body, and on the free ends of said pendent straps buckles 15 are secured.

A complementary number of longer straps 16 are secured at their lower ends upon the strip 13 or floor of the body 10 at such inter-  
60 vals apart as will adapt them when upwardly extended to respectively engage with the buckles 15 on the straps 14.

It will be seen that when the apron 11 is folded, as indicated in Fig. 1, the casing 12  
65 may be evenly imposed thereon to cover the same by upwardly folding said casing, and then the sets of straps 14 16 may be buckled together, thereby securing the casing in place over the folded apron, as shown clearly in  
70 Fig. 1.

The protrusion of the casing when covering the apron 11 and the slightly-yielding packing it provides therefor adapts the filled casing to become a cushion upon which the feet  
75 of the occupant of the vehicle may be rested.

The casing may be allowed to rest upon the floor of the vehicle-body when the storm-apron 11 is in service, and thus serve as a  
80 boot-rug.

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

The combination with a vehicle-body, of the storm-apron having one edge attached to  
85 the upper edge of the front wall of the body and arranged to be folded up against such front wall, a strip 13 secured to the bottom of the body and immediately in the rear of the apron folded, said strip forming with the  
90 front wall a compartment to receive said folded apron and a heel-rest, a pliable casing of fibrous material having one edge secured to said strip and forming a cover for the folded apron or a rug when the apron is  
95 in use, and spaced straps and buckles secured to the said front wall and strip 13 and by which the casing is held in place over the folded apron, as and for the purpose set forth.

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