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Fig. 1.

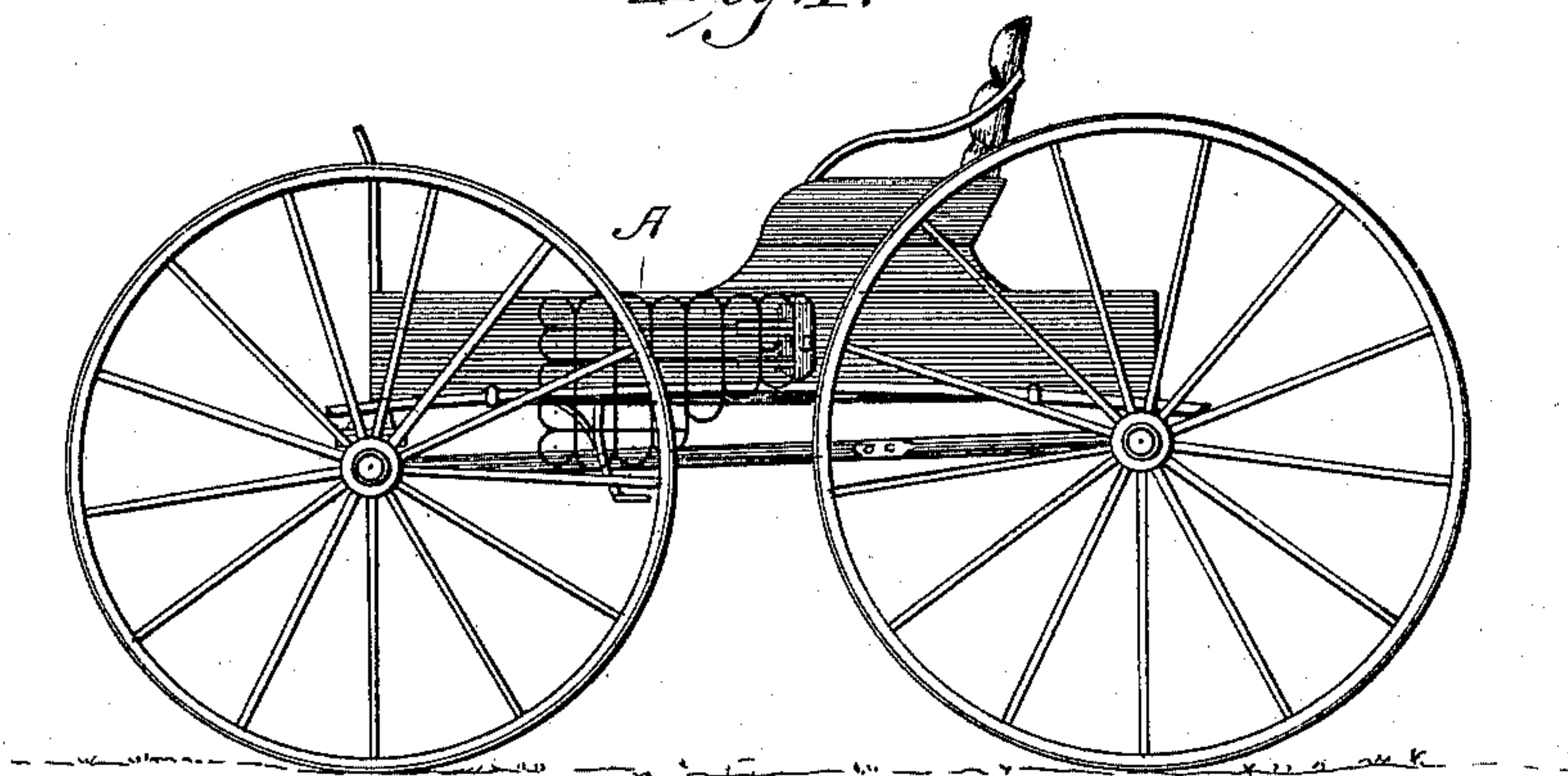
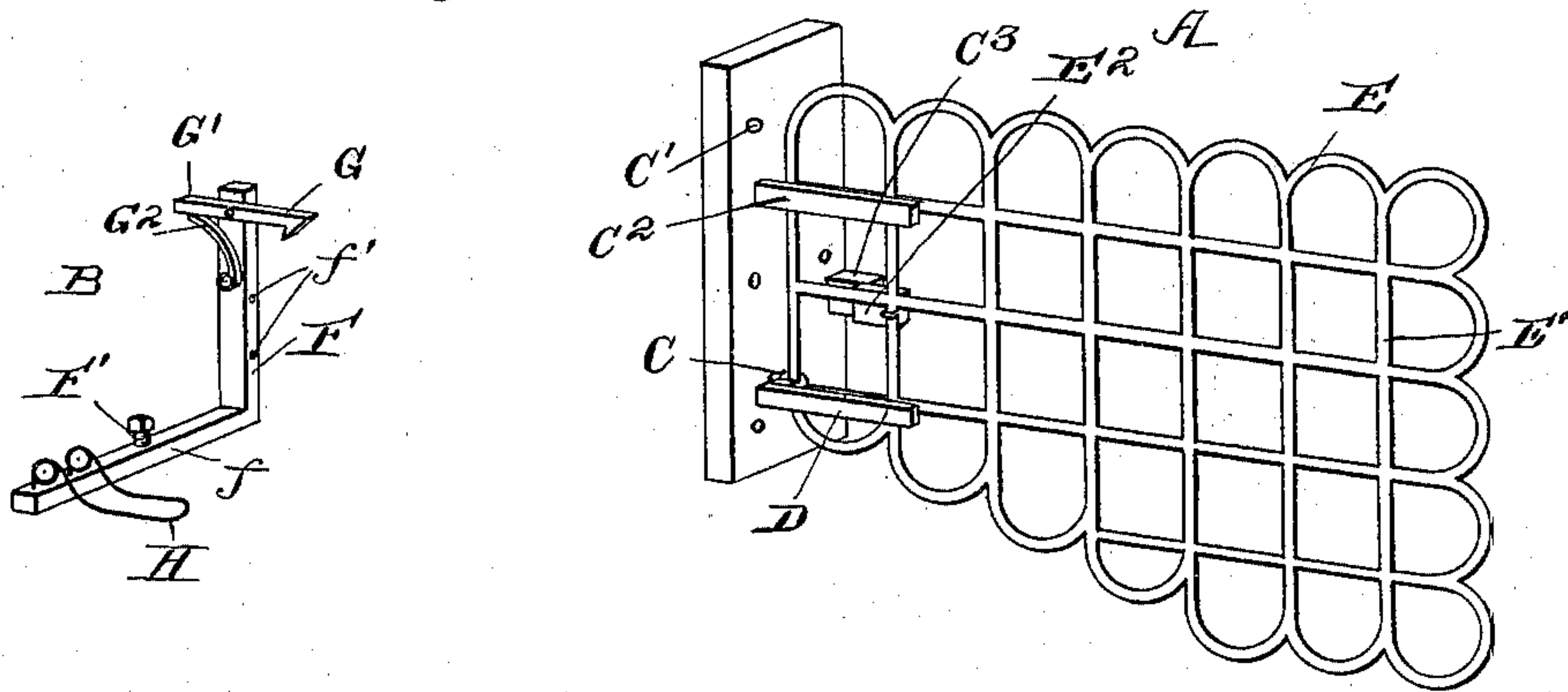


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS ARTHUR LOTZ, of Fort Recovery, in the county of Mercer and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mud - Guards and Robe-Holders for Vehicles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improved robe-holder for vehicles, and has for its object the production of a simple and efficient device for securely retaining the lap-robe in place.

15 To this end the invention consists in providing a spring-actuated hinged holder upon the side of the vehicle-body and secured by a catch extending into the vehicle and designed to be operated by the occupant thereof
20 to cause the release of the holder, which will be thrown back to release the robe under the impulse of the spring.

The invention further consists in certain other novel details of construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and
25 claimed.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the vehicle provided with my holder. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of
30 the holder and catch, the former being shown in an open position.

Referring to the letters of reference on the drawings, A indicates the holder proper, which may be of any desired form and which is preferably composed of a wire wing or clamp gradually enlarged toward its free end and hinged
35 to the side of the vehicle, preferably directly under the front edge of the seat, by hinges C. A suitable base-plate, designed to be secured to the vehicle-body, is designated by C', being preferably provided as a means of securing
40 the ready attachment of the device.

C² and D indicate a pair of stout springs secured to the base-plate and bearing against
45 the wing or holder E in a manner to normally retain the latter in a position substantially at right angles to the vehicle.

C³ indicates a stop secured upon the base-plate, and E² indicates a block carried by the
50 holder and designed to impinge against the stop when the holder is thrown back by the springs.

B indicates the locking mechanism, which consists of a suitable frame F, preferably angular, as shown, and designed to be secured
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to the floor of the vehicle adjacent to its side by a set-screw f', passing through the horizontal portion of the frame. The vertical portion or standard may be additionally secured by screws F', and at its top is provided
60 with a pivoted latch G, having an inwardly-extending handle D', urged upwardly by the spring G². The latch G is designed to extend from the upper edge of the seat of the vehicle-body and to engage the end of the holder E
65 to retain the same against the side of the vehicle to securely clamp the robe.

It will be observed that in order to secure the robe by means of the holder described the wing E must be forced against the resistance
70 of the springs C² and D until it clamps the robe securely, and by striking the inclined face of the latch causes the latter to be slightly elevated against the resistance of the spring
75 G² and to snap the wing and secure it in place. When the occupant desires to release the robe, it is simply necessary for him to depress the handle of the latch G, releasing the holder, which, under the impulse of the springs, will
80 be thrown into the open position. (Shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.)

While the present embodiment of the invention appears at this time to be preferable, I do not desire to limit myself to the structural details defined, but reserve the right to
85 change, modify, and vary them at will within the scope of the protection prayed.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters
90 Patent, is—

1. The combination with a vehicle-body, of a spring-actuated robe-holder hinged upon the outside thereof, and a latch within the vehicle-body designed to retain the holder and provided with a handle extending into
95 the vehicle, substantially as specified.

2. The combination with a vehicle-body, of a hinged robe-holder, a pair of springs bearing against the holder and designed to retain it in an open position, and a spring-actuated
100 pivoted latch designed to retain the holder, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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