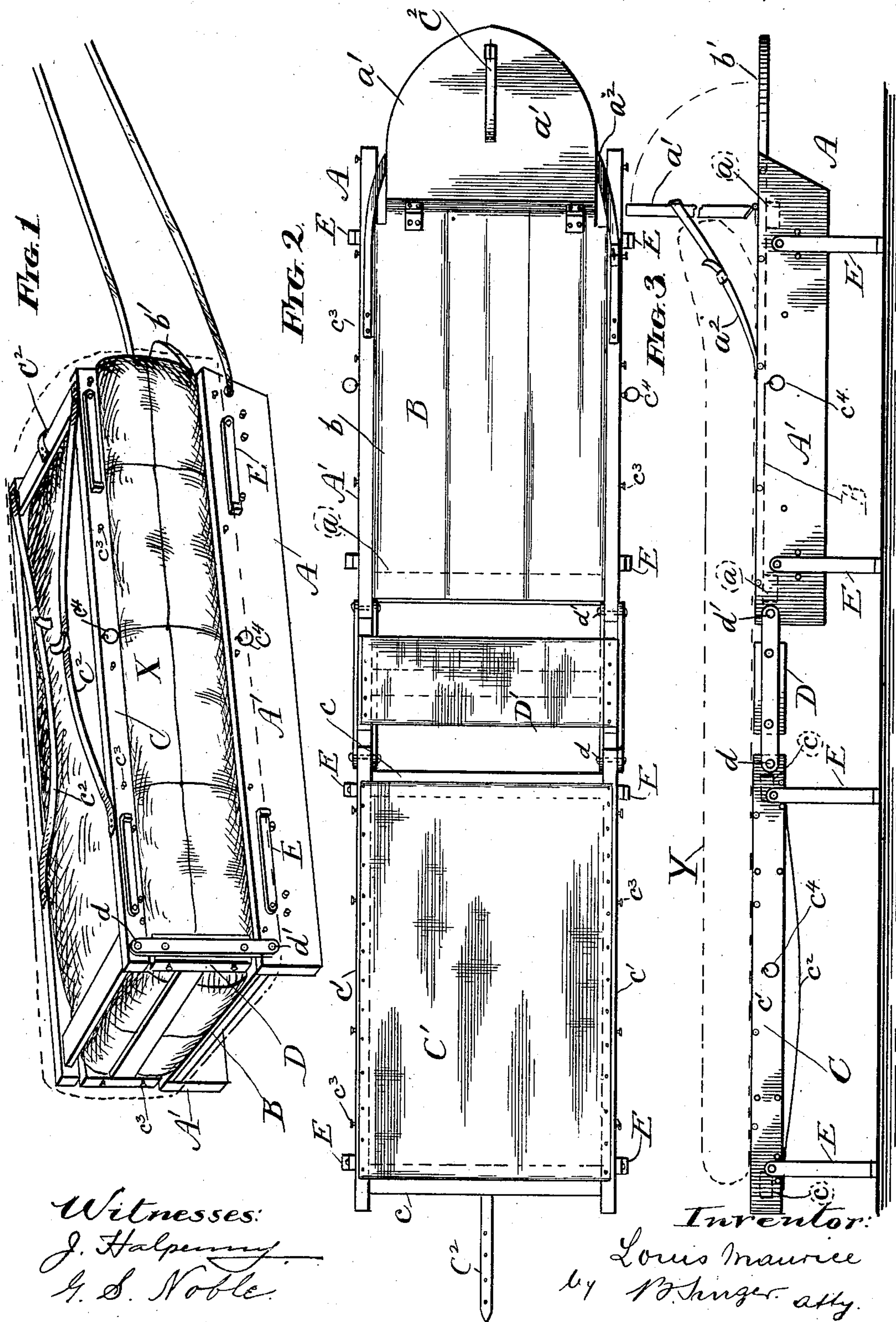


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS MAURICE, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful  
5 Improvements in Sleds, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to a class of sleds adapted to be used for various purposes, the principal feature of the device being the  
10 means by which I convert the sled readily into a bed when desired or into a pack-carrier. The constructive details by which I attain this and other features are illustrated in the accompanying drawings and will hereinafter  
15 be fully described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sled embodying features of my invention, which is shown as arranged for transporting freight or supplies. Fig. 2 is a plan  
20 view of the sled, showing the sections as arranged to form a bed; and Fig. 3 is a side view of the same.

A refers as a whole to the sled proper, which consists of two runners A', connected together  
25 by the top B. This top is preferably constructed of cross-pieces *a* and longitudinal strips *b*, with a rounded or pointed extension *b'* at the front of the sled. I also employ, preferably, a movable or adjustable head-  
30 board *a'*, which may be adjusted to different positions by a strap *a''*.

C is a light frame having cross-pieces *c*, connecting side pieces *c'* together. This frame  
35 is about the same length as the sled proper and has a canvas strip C' attached to the side pieces.

D is a short frame or section hinged or pivoted at *d* to the frame C and at *d'* to the runners A'. A canvas strip D' is attached between the sides of D, the sectional parts A C  
40 D thus forming a folding or jointed structure.

As shown in Fig. 1, the device is adapted or arranged to transport freight, of which a portion is represented at X, and the part or  
45 section C is folded forward, so as to hold down the package there represented, suitable ties or straps, such as shown at C<sup>2</sup>, being used.

E are folding legs which are hinged to the sides of the parts A' and C. These legs when  
50 not in use are folded up, as shown in Fig. 1.

When it is desired to convert the sled into a bed, as occasion would arise when the traveler might not reach a habitation at night, it only is necessary to unloosen the straps C<sup>2</sup> at the front, remove the freight, and arrange the  
55 sections as shown in Fig. 3, the legs E being let down, so as to raise the structure from the snow. When in this position, any suitable covering or a sleeping-bag, as indicated by the dotted lines Y, may be arranged thereon. 60

It is also obvious that the sled may be used as a pack-carrier—that is, packages or freight may be secured between the folding sections—and as the sled is a light structure the whole  
65 may be carried like a knapsack on the back by the straps C<sup>2</sup>, which are attached to the part C.

Buttons *c*<sup>3</sup> are arranged along the sides of the parts A C D, so that a canvas covering or tarpaulin may be attached thereto. Some  
70 rings *c*<sup>4</sup> are also placed along the sides, so as to form means for securing ropes when tying packages to the sled.

It will thus be seen that the present invention forms a very simple and compact sled  
75 which is convertible or adapted for the purposes stated.

What I claim is—

1. A sled provided with a folding top or section hinged or jointed to the rear of the sled,  
80 so as to form a movable top or cover for articles placed on the sled, substantially as set forth.

2. In a sled, the part or section C, hinged or connected by a frame or section D to the  
85 rear of the sled, the said part C having a strap or suitable means for securing same to front of sled when articles or packages are placed thereon, substantially as set forth.

3. In a sled, the main portion A having runners and folding sections or frames C, D, attached to the rear portion of said runners, the  
90 said frames C, D, having flexible strips of material arranged between their sides, substantially as set forth.

4. In a sled, an adjustable or folding head-  
95 board, having a strap or suitable means for securing it in different positions, as set forth.

5. In a sled, movable or adjustable legs,  
100 which may be let down so as to raise the struc-

ture from the ground, substantially as set forth.

6. In a sled, the sled proper having a rear folding part capable of being folded back longitudinally, the said sled and its folded section being each provided with adjustable legs which are adapted to raise the structure from the ground when desired, as set forth.

7. A sled provided with a folding top or sec-

tion which is provided with straps for carrying the whole device on the back of a person, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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