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Fig. 1.

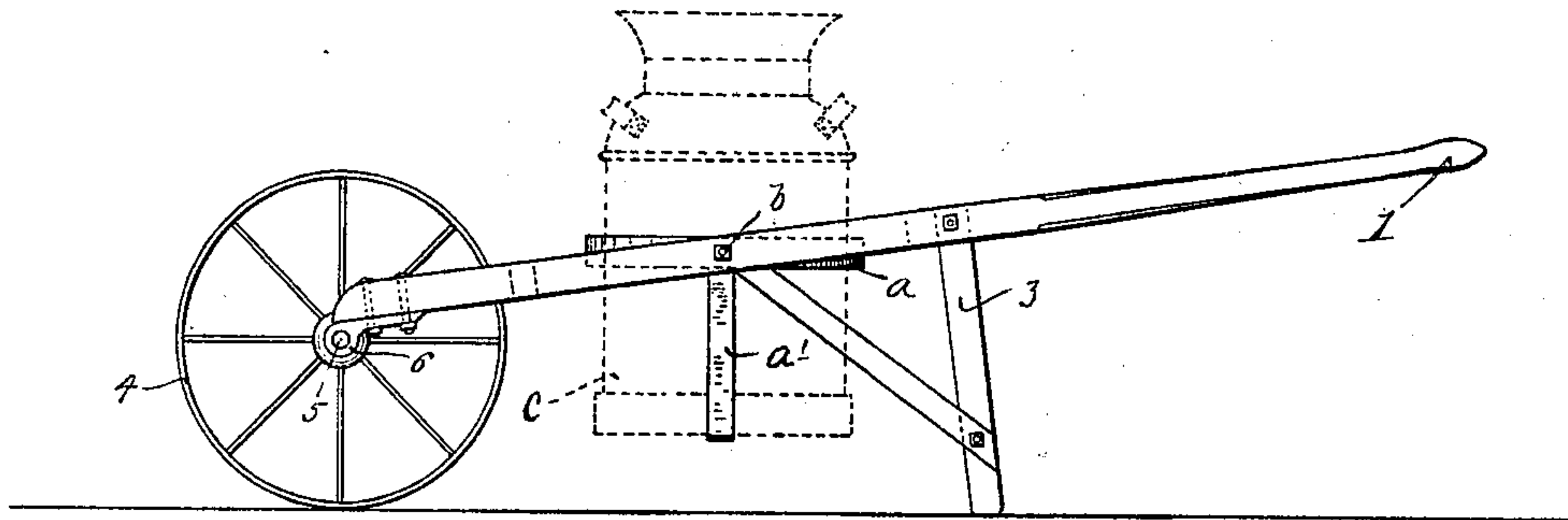


Fig. 2.

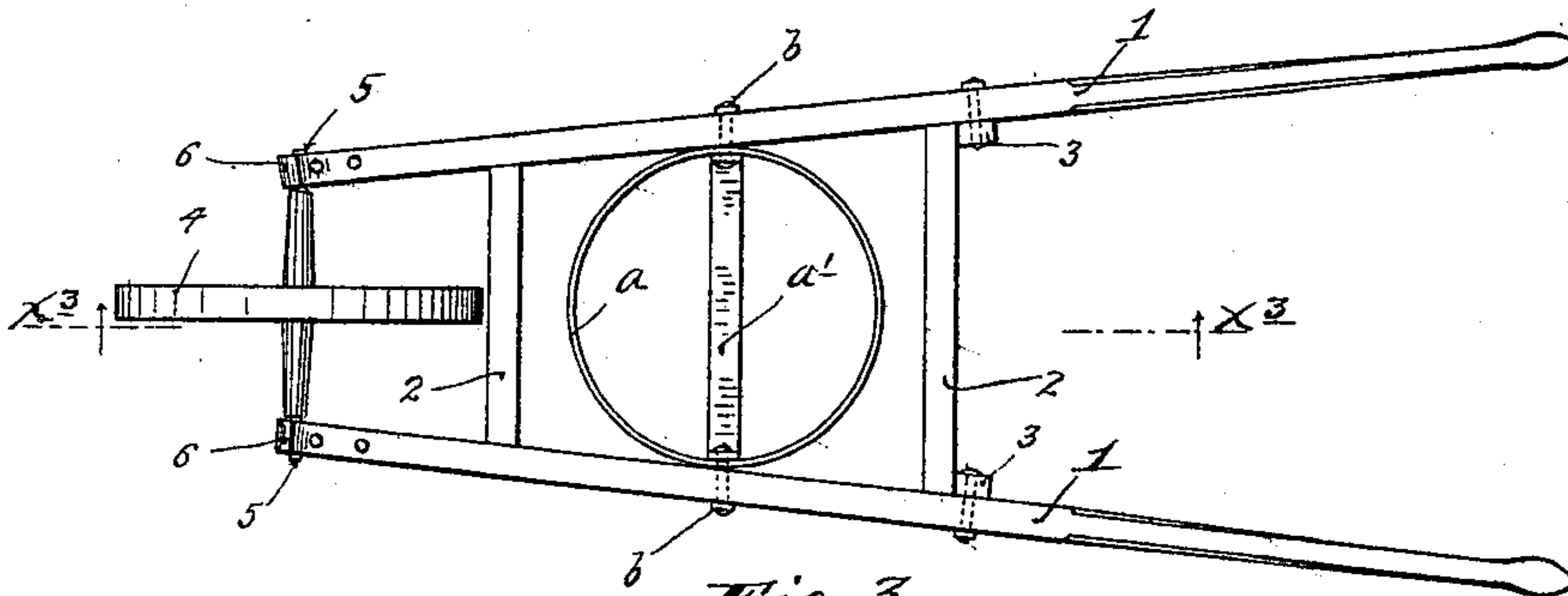
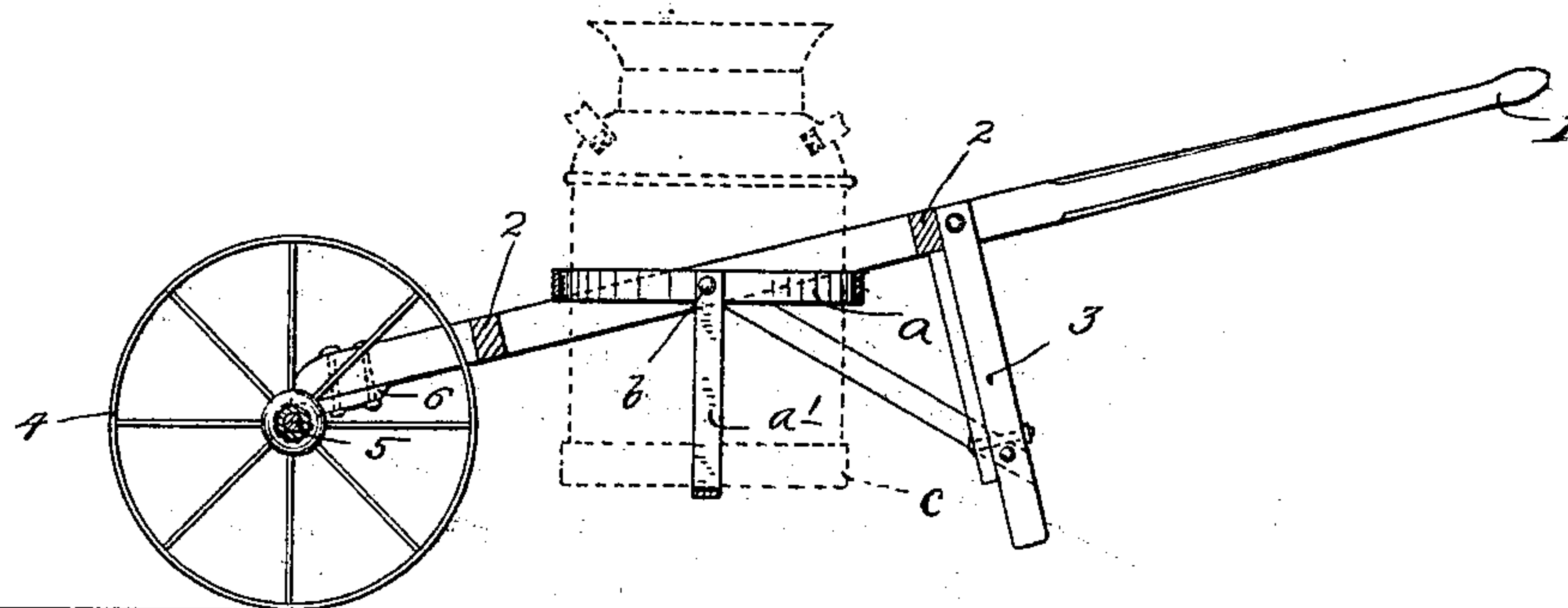


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GILBERT BAKLUND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Willmar, in the county of Kandiyohi and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Can-Carriers; 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 appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its especial object to provide an improved device for carrying large milk-cans and is in the nature of a wheelbarrow.

To this end my invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described and defined in the claim.

The invention in its preferred form is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the wheelbarrow with my improved can holder or attachment secured thereto, a milk-can being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the wheelbarrow and attachment; and Fig. 3 is a section taken approximately on the line $x^3 x^3$ of Fig. 2, the milk-can being shown by dotted lines.

The wheelbarrow-frame is made up of hand-bars 1, spaced apart by transverse tie-bars 2 and provided with braced supporting-legs 3. A wheel 4 is mounted on an axle 5, secured by bearings 6 on the forward ends of the hand-bars 1. The wheelbarrow thus formed is such as I preferably employ. To adapt this wheelbarrow to carry a large milk-can, I provide a can-holder, which is preferably in the form of a stirrup, made up of a ring a , with a depending yoke-like strap a' . This stirrup is pivoted to the hand-bars 1 by means of nutted bolts b or otherwise, and it is preferably located in the space left between said

hand-bars 1 and the transverse tie-bars 2. The stirrup $a a'$ is thus so pivoted at its upper portion that it is free to oscillate in a vertical plane extending longitudinally of the wheelbarrow. When the can (indicated by the dotted lines marked c) is placed within the stirrup or can-holder, as indicated by Figs. 1 and 3, it will be held in a vertical position by its own gravity, and as the said stirrup or holder is free to oscillate, as above described, the can will maintain its vertical position, whether the wheelbarrow is left standing, as shown in Fig. 1, or is raised, as it would be when a person is moving the wheelbarrow and as shown in Fig. 3. It of course follows that the can will maintain its vertical position regardless of the distance (within certain limits, of course) to which the rear ends of the hand-bars 1 are raised.

The device above described is extremely simple and of small cost. It is efficient for the purposes had in view and will be found a very convenient device for transporting or moving large milk-cans or similar devices.

It will of course be understood that the invention above described is capable of modification within the scope of my invention. For instance, for winter use a runner or runners might be substituted for the wheel of the so-called "wheelbarrow."

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

The combination with a wheelbarrow having laterally-spaced side bars, of the can-holder or stirrup comprising the ring a and yoke a' , pivoted to said side bars at b and adapted to swing into different vertical positions, substantially as described.

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

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