

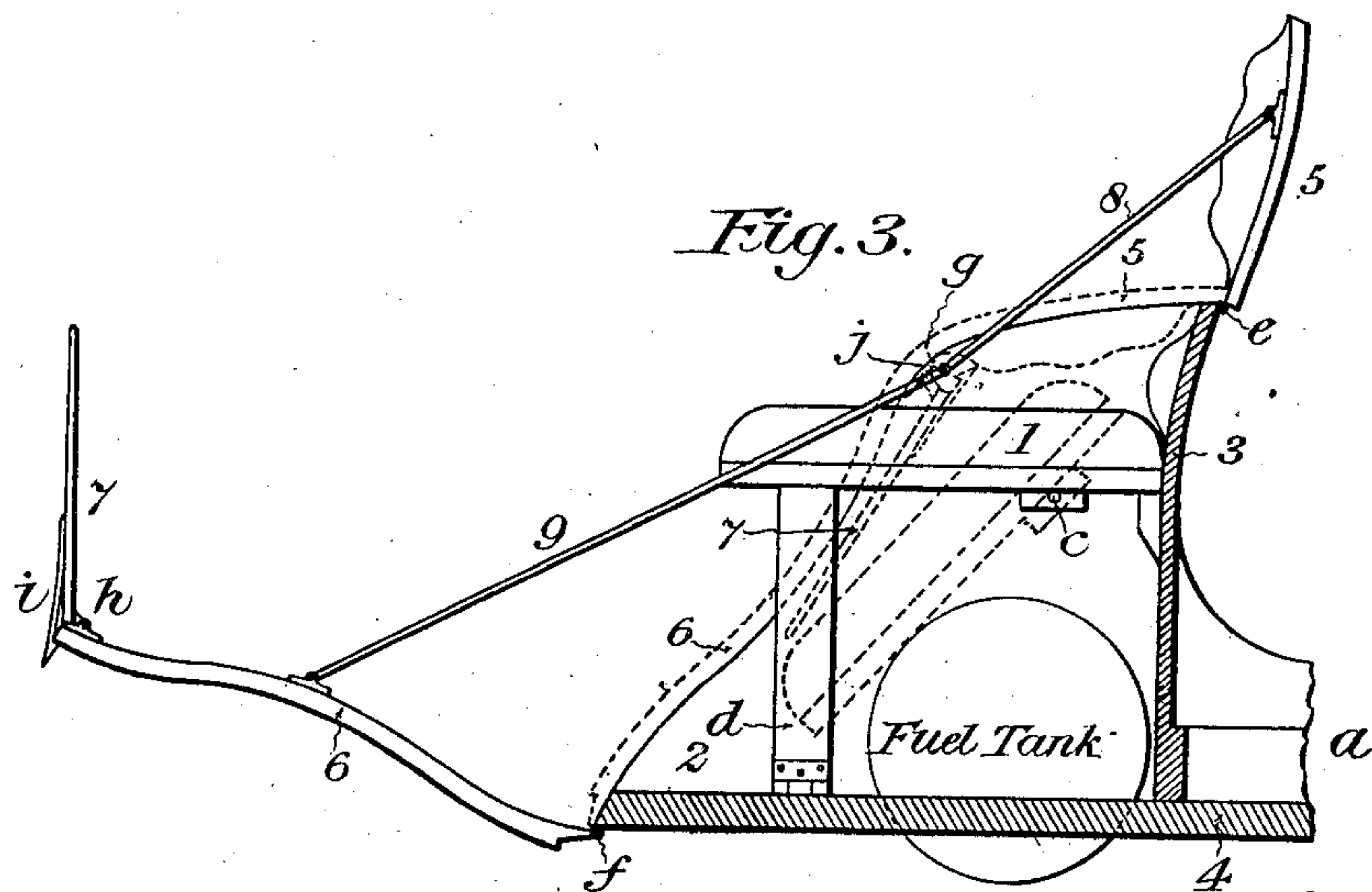
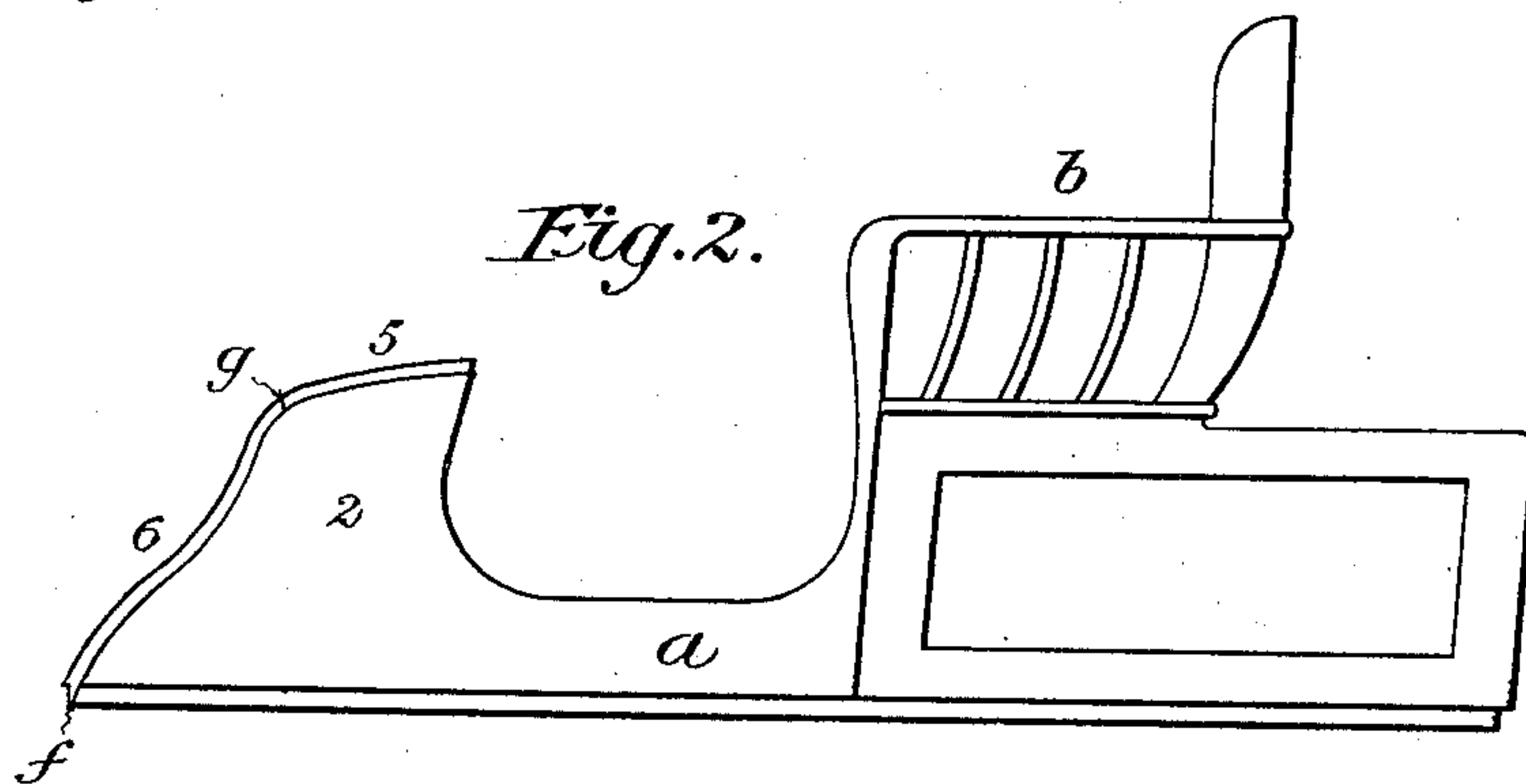
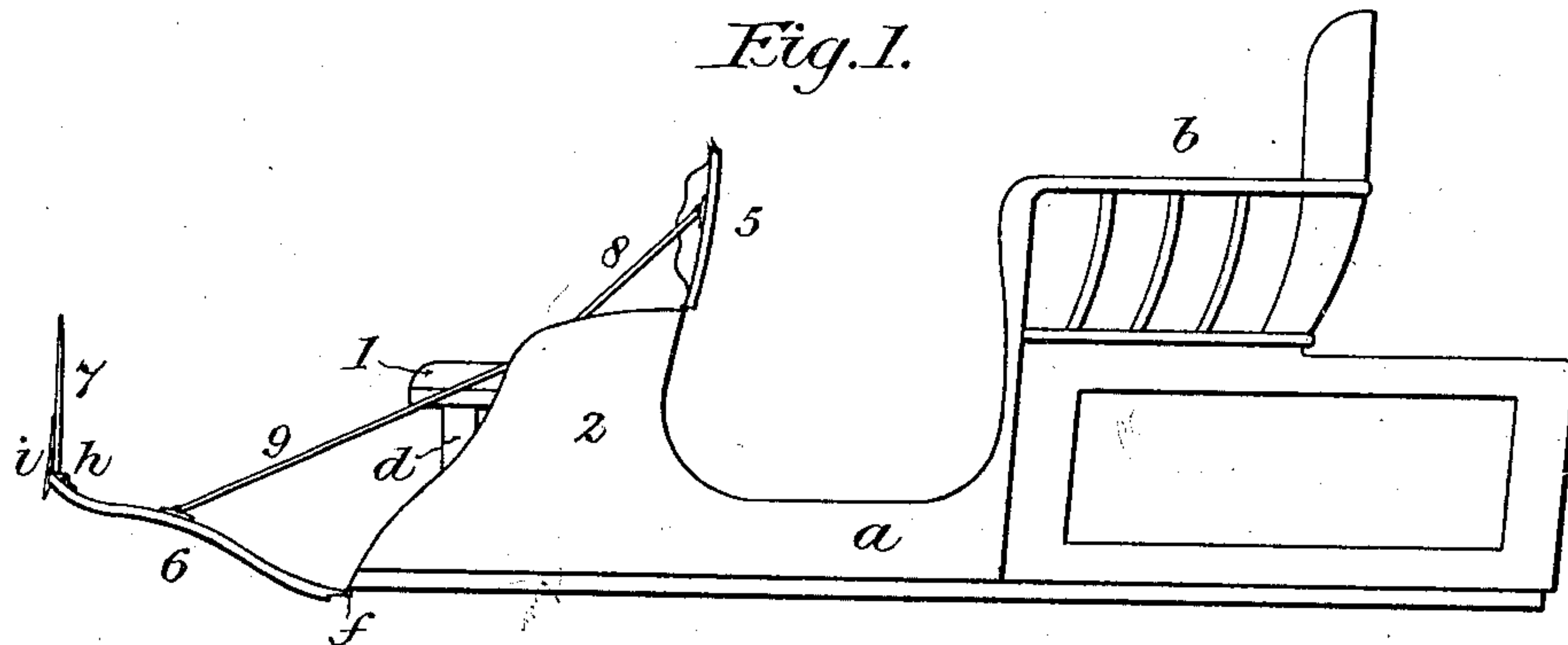
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AMOS L. PRESCOTT, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Vehicles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to road-vehicles having folding footboards and folding seats, either or both; and it consists in certain novel combinations of parts, hereinafter set forth and claimed.

The leading objects of the invention are to provide for quickly and readily converting a two-seated vehicle into a one-seat vehicle, and vice versa, to consolidate the front seat, its back, footboard, and dash into the front or wind-break of the one-seat arrangement, and more particularly to provide for covering a removable front seat or a luggage-space formed or exposed by the removal of such seat by means of a folding seat-back and a folding footboard, either or both, to form a neat and commodious "dasher-box," as it may be termed, and to provide such folding footboard with a folding dash, which may be of ample size to protect the person or persons riding upon the front seat and which may at the same time be accommodated within the front or wind-break of the carriage when the rear seat only is used.

A sheet of drawings accompanies this specification as part thereof.

Figure 1 is a small scale side view of the body of a two-seated automobile embodying the present improvement with both seats in service. Fig. 2 is a like view of the same vehicle-body with the front seat and its dash folded. Fig. 3 is a sectional side view, on a larger scale, of the front part of the carriage, showing by full and dotted lines the movable parts in their two positions.

Like letters and numbers refer to like parts in the several figures.

For the purposes of this invention the running-gear of the vehicle, with its appurtenances (not shown) and the body *a* of the vehicle, including its rear seat or seats *b*, may be of any known or improved construction.

The front portion of the body, to which the present invention is confined, is of the following construction: The front seat 1 is

adapted to drop or fold forwardly on a pair of pivots *c*, Fig. 3, and is supported by said pivots and a pair of laterally-folding props *d*, beneath its front edge, between a pair of rigid sides 2 and in front of a rigid back 3, suitably erected upon the body-sills 4. To the top of said rigid back 3 a forwardly-folding back 5 is attached by hinges *e*, and to the front edge of the sills 4 a folding footboard 6 is attached by hinges *f*, said folding back and footboard being so shaped and proportioned as to jointly cover the folded seat on top and in front, as in dotted lines in Fig. 3, the upper edge of the folding back and the front edge of the footboard meeting at a convenient point, as shown at *g*, Figs. 2 and 3. To said front edge of the footboard a folding dash 7 is attached by hinges *h*, Figs. 2 and 3, and a fastening or fastenings *i*, Figs. 2 and 3, provide for rendering the dash rigid when the footboard is in use, said fastenings being preferably in the form of spring-hooks attached to the dash in front and snapping beneath the front edge of the footboard. Flexible supports 8 and 9, preferably and conveniently of chain covered with leather or fabric, extend from a staple *j* or its equivalent on each of the rigid sides 2 to the folding back 5 and to the footboard 6, respectively, to sustain the same when they are extended for use. When the parts are folded, said flexible supports 8 and 9 readily accommodate themselves behind the folded back and footboard. When the parts are so folded, as represented in Fig. 2 and dotted lines in Fig. 3, they constitute, together with said rigid sides 2 and back 4, an ornate and effective dasher-box front or wind-break for the seat *b* behind, and when extended, as in Fig. 1 and full lines in Fig. 3, they afford a safe and commodious seat for two at the front of the vehicle.

The space beneath the front seat 1 conveniently accommodates the fuel-storage tank of an automobile, and when said seat is removed considerable additional space is afforded for luggage beneath the folding back 5 as a lid. To facilitate so removing said front seat 1, its pivots *c* are preferably and conveniently spring-bolts, so that they can be retracted at will to free the seat.

The vehicle may have one or more back



seats of any description. The front seat may be adapted to be accommodated behind the folded footboard without being dropped. Hinged or sliding supports may take the place of the flexible supports 8 and 9, and other like modifications will suggest themselves to those skilled in the art.

Having thus described said improvement, I claim as my invention and desire to patent under this specification—

1. The combination, in a vehicle, of a folding footboard and a folding dash hinged to said footboard.
2. The combination, in a vehicle, of a folding footboard, a folding dash hinged to said footboard, and means for fastening the dash in its erect position.
3. In a vehicle, a dasher-box having a removable seat and a folding footboard, the latter forming the front of said box.
4. In a vehicle, a dasher-box having a removable seat, a forwardly-folding back for

such seat, and a folding footboard uniting with said back to close the front and top of the box when folded.

5. The combination, in a vehicle, of a forwardly-folding front seat, laterally-folding props beneath its front edge for supporting said seat in effective position, a forwardly-folding back for said seat, and a rearwardly-folding footboard uniting with said back to cover the folded seat.

6. The combination, in a vehicle, of a front seat folding forwardly, laterally-folding props beneath the front edge of the seat, a forwardly-folding seat-back, a rearwardly-folding footboard uniting with said back to cover the folded seat, and a folding dash hinged to said footboard and folding behind the folded footboard.

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