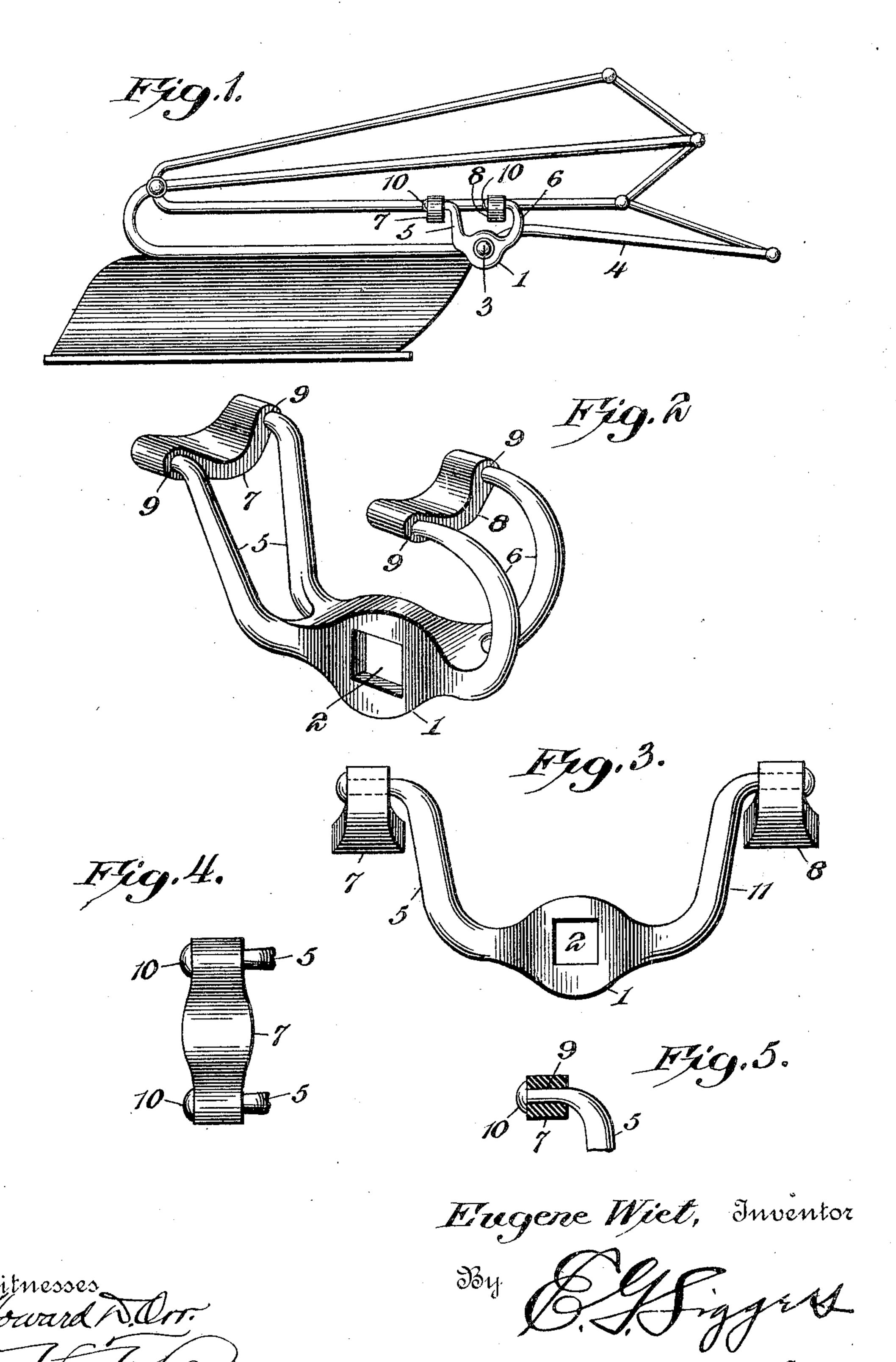
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Eugene Wier, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sacramento, in the county of Sacramento and State of California, have invented a new and useful Buggy-Top Rest, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in

buggy-top rests.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of buggy-top rests and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient one of great strength and durability, adapted to be readily applied to a buggy and capable of affording a yieldable support for the top of the same and of preventing the top from being broken or otherwise injured when it is thrown back or folded and when the buggy is traveling over rough surfaces.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details of construction within the scope of the claims may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a portion of a buggy provided with a toprest constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the buggy-top rest. Fig. 3 is a side elevation illustrating a modification of the invention. Fig. 4 is a detail view of one of the elastic cross-pieces. Fig. 5 is a sectional view illustrating the construction of the outer ends of the sides or arms of the rest.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the draw-

ings.

1 designates the body portion of the buggytop rest, which body portion is provided with
a rectangular opening 2 for the reception of
the squared portion of the lower pivot 3 of
the rear brace or prop 4 of the buggy-top, the
buggy-top rest being secured to the pivot 3
by the nut thereof. The body is provided at
its terminals with integral front and rear upwardly-extending rigid arms 5 and 6, arranged
in pairs and forming front and rear forks for

supporting elastic cross-pieces 7 and 8. The elastic cross-pieces, which span the space be- 55 tween the sides or arms of the fork, are bowed downward to present concavely-curved upper faces to the buggy-top and are provided at their ends with openings 9 for the reception of the terminals of the arms. The terminals 60 of the arms are arranged horizontally and are provided with heads 10, which engage the elastic cross-pieces and retain the same on the arms. The front arms are substantially vertical, and the rear arms are preferably curved 65 forwardly or inwardly, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, to render the buggy-top rest more compact; but the buggy-top rest may be provided with outwardly-extending rear arms 11, as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the accompanying 70 drawings.

The elastic cross-pieces, which are constructed of rubber, are enlarged at the central portion, and they perform the double function of cushions and springs, and they are adapted to 75 yieldably support the buggy-top to prevent the same from being injured by the vibration incident to the passage of the buggy over rough surfaces. The elastic cross-pieces are adapted to yield and serve as springs to pre-80 vent the buggy-top from being injured when

it is folded or thrown backward.

It will be seen that the buggy-top rest is exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, that it possesses great strength, 85 and that it presents a neat and attractive appearance and may be easily and quickly applied to a buggy. It will also be apparent that the elastic supporting and cushioning pieces, which extend across the space between 90 the sides of the rigid forks, are adapted to be readily removed when worn and that new pieces may be quickly applied to the device at very little expense.

Having thus fully described my invention, 95 what I claim as new, and desire to secure by

Letters Patent, is—

1. A buggy-top rest, comprising a pair of rigid arms spaced apart to form a supporting-fork, and an elastic cross-piece spanning the 100 space between the sides or arms of the fork and arranged to receive a buggy-top.

2. A buggy-top rest, comprising front and rear upwardly-extending rigid forks having sides or arms spaced apart, and elastic crosspieces spanning the spaces between the sides

or arms of the forks and arranged to receive

a buggy-top.

3. A buggy-top rest, comprising a body having an opening to receive the pivot of the rear 5 prop or brace of a buggy-top and provided with rigid front and rear arms arranged in pairs and forming supporting-forks, and removable elastic cross-pieces connecting the sides or arms of the forks and arranged to re-10 ceive a buggy-top.

4. A buggy-top rest, comprising a body portion having an opening to receive the pivot of the rear prop or brace of a buggy-top and provided with a rigid supporting-fork, said 15 fork having spaced sides terminating in substantially horizontal portions, and an elastic cross-piece connecting the sides of the fork and mounted on the horizontal portions

thereof.

5. A buggy-top rest, comprising a body portion provided with front and rear forks extending upwardly and provided with terminal heads, and elastic cross-pieces having openings receiving the sides of the forks, said

elastic pieces being retained in place by the 25 said heads.

6. A buggy-top rest, comprising an upwardly-extending rigid supporting-fork, and a downwardly-bowed elastic cross-piece spanning the space between the sides of the fork 30 and provided at their ends with openings receiving the upper terminals of the sides.

7. A buggy-top rest, comprising a body portion having an aperture to receive the pivot of the rear prop or brace of the buggy-top, 35 rigid front and rear forks extending upwardly from the terminals of the body, the rear fork being bent inwardly or forwardly over the body, and elastic cross-piecés connecting the sides of the forks.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in

the presence of two witnesses.

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