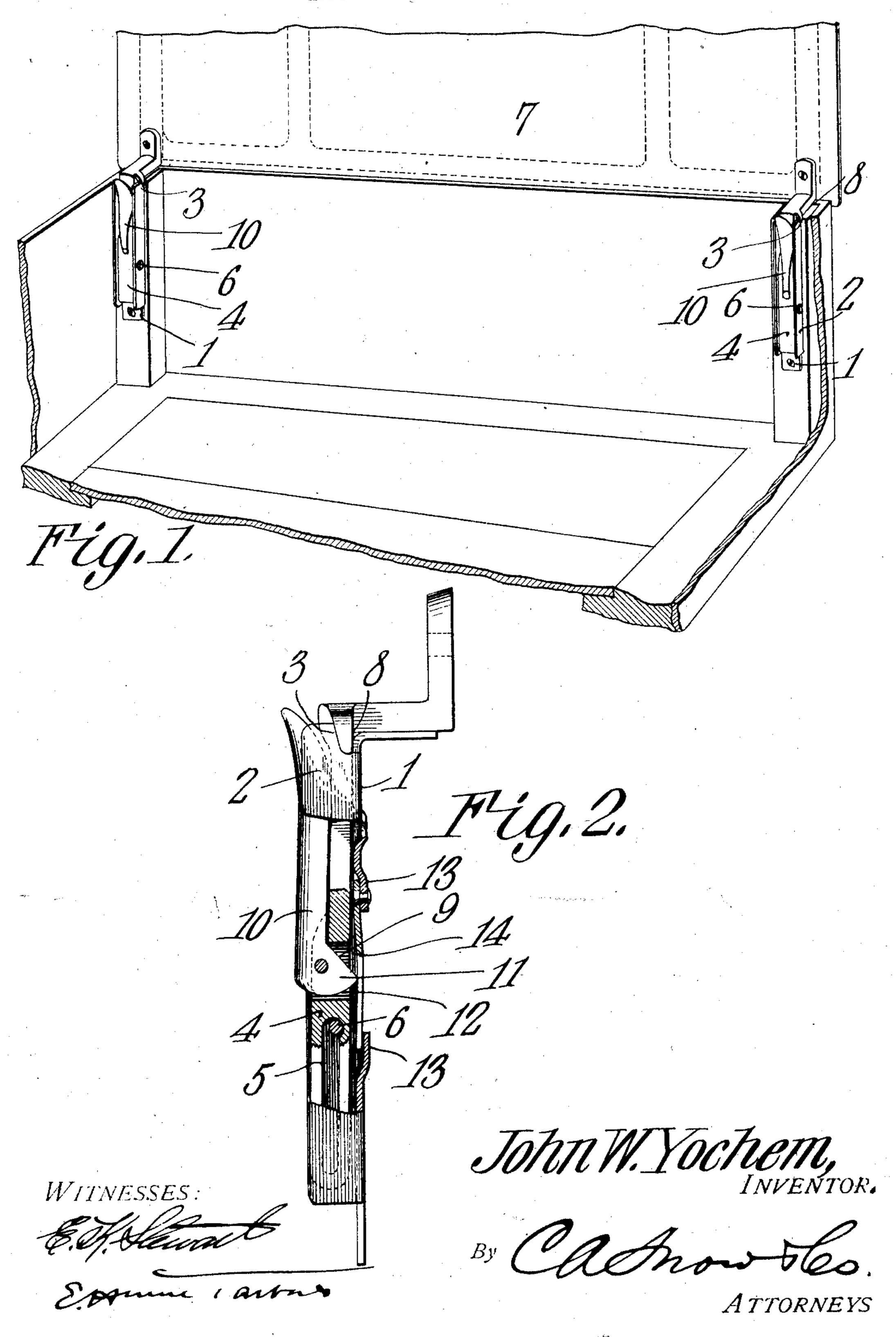
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· To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, John W. Yochem, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tiffin, in the county of Seneca and State of Ohio, have invented a new and 5 useful Dashboard-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to dashboard holders and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts as hereinafter shown and described.

The object of the invention is to provide a dashboard 10 holder which will permit of the dashboard being swung from an erect or normal position into the body of the vehicle. At the same time, the holder is so constructed that when the dashboard is supported in its normal 15 position the parts are locked and retained against vibration and incidental rattling.

The holder consists primarily of a pair of members pivotally connected together and provided at points away from the pivotal connection with interfitting 20 elements. A locking device in the form of a cam lever is fulcrumed to one of the members and the other member is provided with an opening in which is located a spring. The said cam, when moved into locking position bears against the said spring which 25 holds the cam in the said locked position. The cam forces the members away from each other said members being connected by means of the interfitting elements and the pivot. The said cam being located between the said elements and the said pivot. One 30 of the members is attached to the body of the vehicle while the dashboard is mounted upon the other member.

In the accompanying drawing:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the forward portion of a buggy body 35 having the holders applied thereto, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation partly in section of one of the holders.

The dashboard holder comprises a member 1 which is adapted to be attached to the body of a vehicle. Said member is provided with the side flanges 2 which 40 in turn are provided at their upper ends with the recesses 3. The member 4 is provided with an elongated slot 5 and the pin 6 passes transversely through the flanges 2 and the slot 5. Thus the members 1 and 4 are pivotally connected together. The dashboard 7 is sup-

ported by the member 4 and the said member is pro- 45 vided at its upper portion with the shoulders 8 which are adapted to enter the recesses 3. The member 4 is provided at a point between the slot 5 and the shoulders 8 with an opening 9. The locking lever 10 is fulcrumed in said opening and is provided with a cam 50 end 11. The member 1 is provided at a point between the recesses 3 and the pin 6 with an opening 12. The material at the upper and lower edges is countersunk or depressed as at 13. The flat spring 14 is confined at one end to one of the depressions 13 and at its other 55 end overlaps the opposite depression 13. The intermediate portion of the said spring 14 lies in the opening 12 with its surface flush with or lying in the same plane as the surface of the member 1.

When the member 4 is swung up against the member 60 1 and the shoulders 8 are inserted in the recesses 3 the locking lever 10 may be swung up against the member 4 and when this is done the cam end 11 is forced laterally against the spring 14. Thus the locking lever has a tendency to force the members apart and the cam end 65 11 being in contact with the flat spring 14 which is slightly distorted, the said spring forms a means for retaining the locking device in locked position.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is:-

1. A dashboard holder comprising a pair of members pivotally connected together, interfitting elements located away from said pivotal connection, a locking device located upon one of the members between the interfitting elements and the pivotal connection and a spring simi- 75 larly located upon the other member for holding said locking device in locked position.

2. A dashboard holder comprising a pair of pivotally connected members, a locking device mounted upon one of the said members, the other member having an opening, a 80 spring confined at one end only and lying in said opening and having its end opposite its confined end extending beyond the edge of the opening, said spring forming a holder for retaining the locking device in locked position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I 85 have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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