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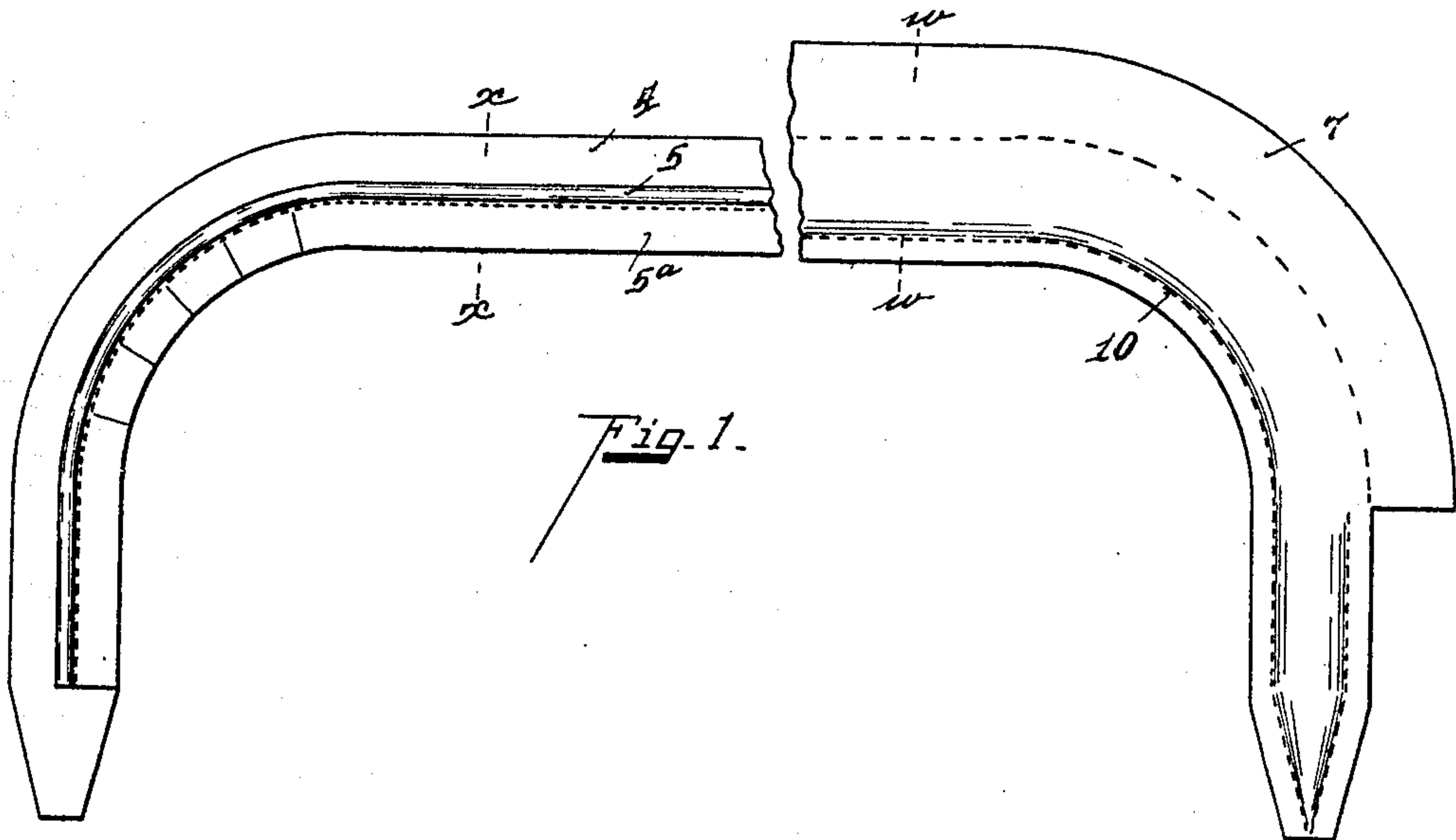


Fig. 1.

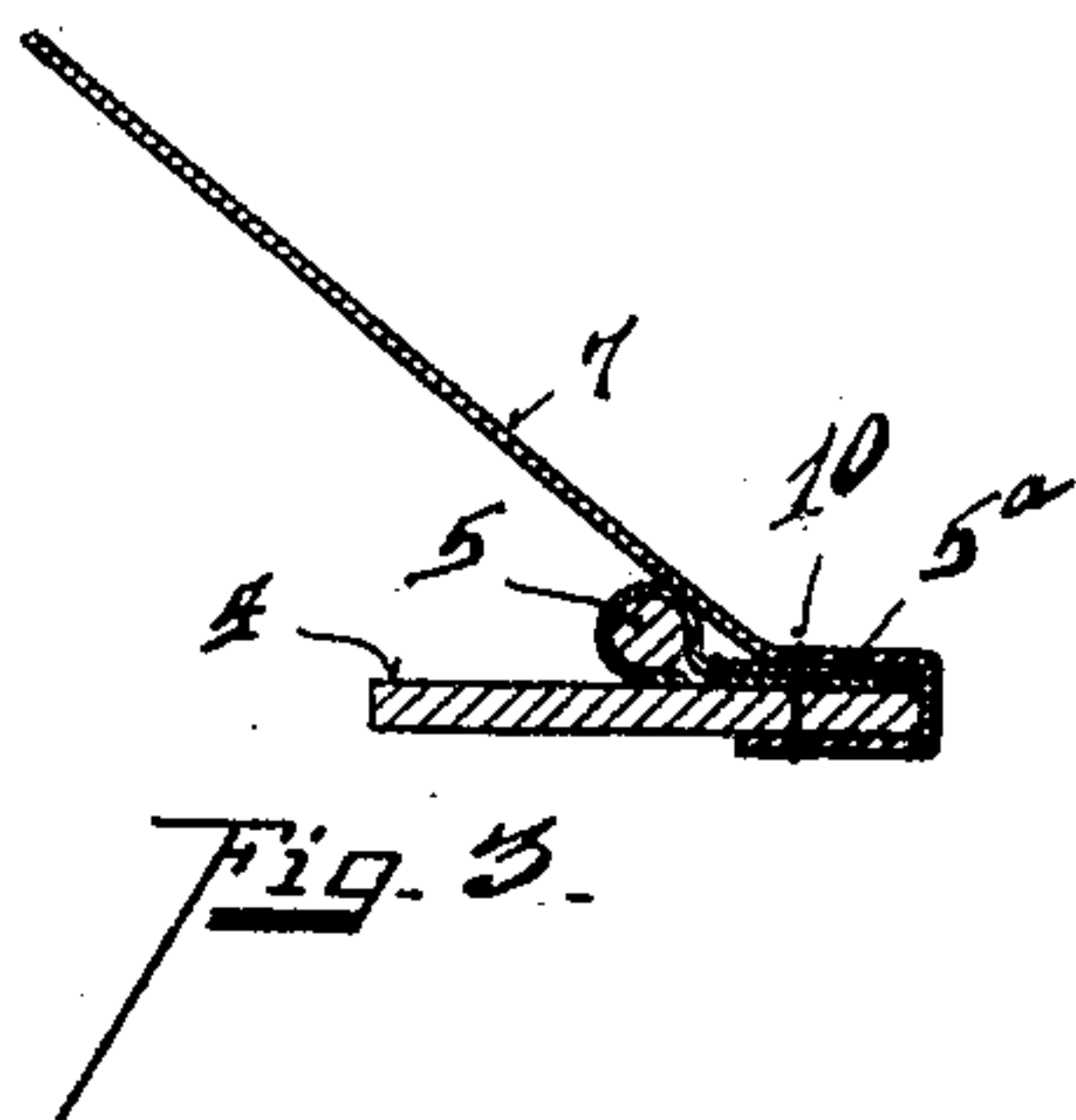


Fig. 3.

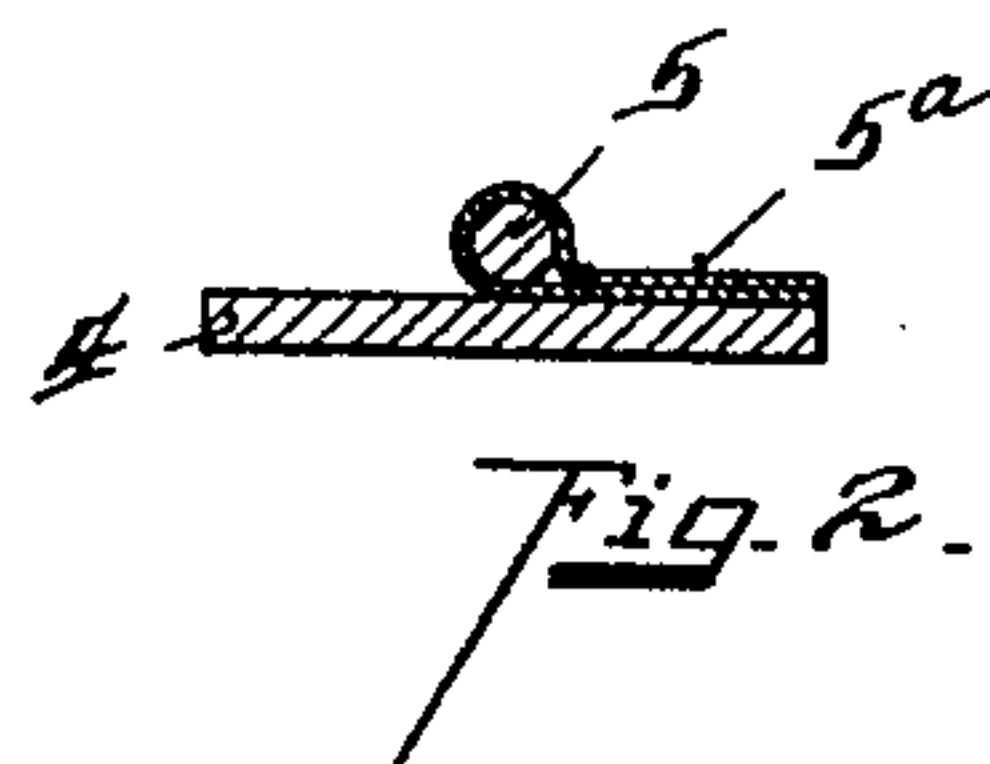


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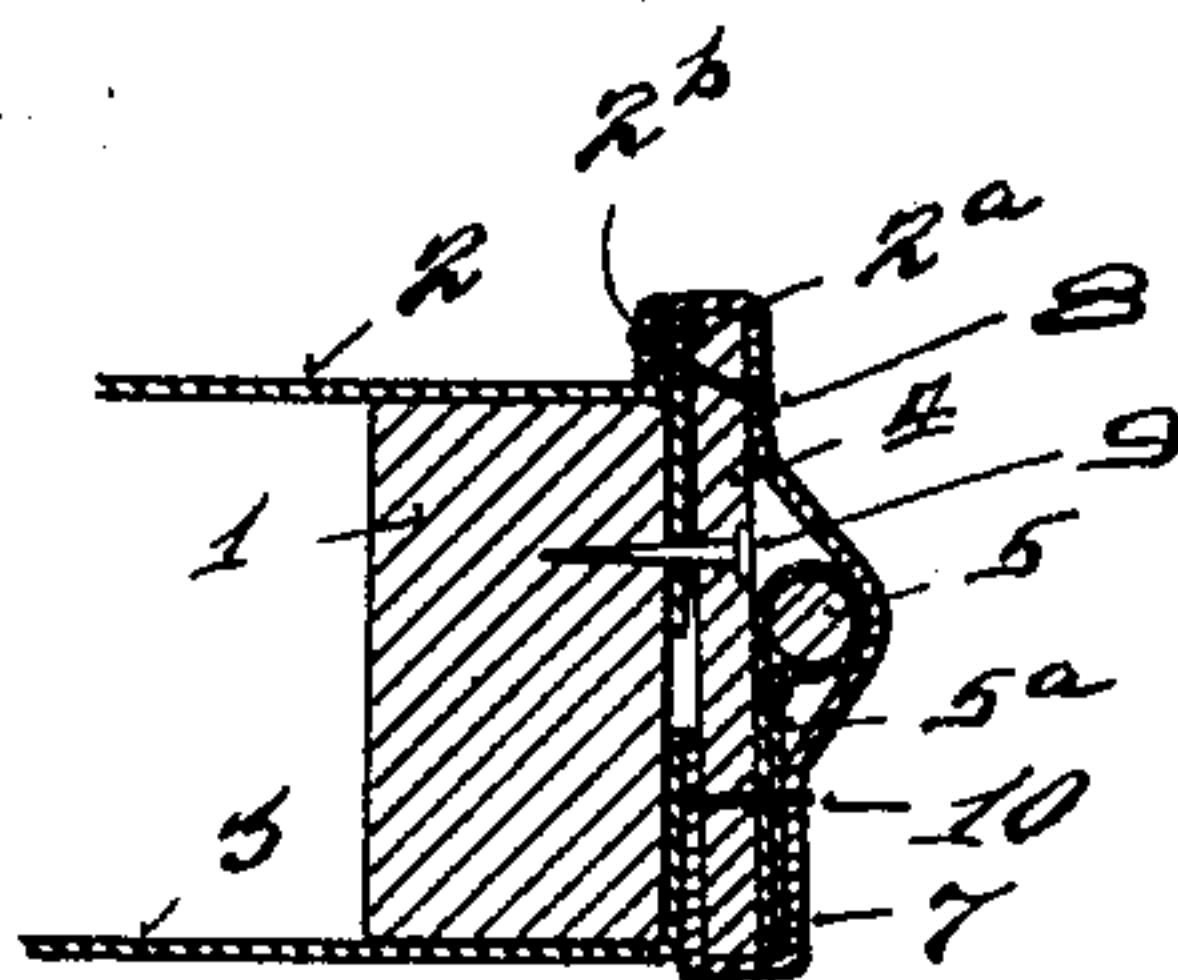


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, IRWIN O. BAUER and HARRY N. BAUER, citizens of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Valances for Carriage-Tops, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to an improvement in valances for carriage tops.

The object of the invention is to produce a neat, simple and inexpensive article having a superior finish and a durable structure.

The features of the invention are more fully set forth in the description of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation showing the bow with the bead strip on one side and the valance cover on the other. Fig. 2 is a section on line *x, x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section on line *w, w*, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a central vertical section through the valance portion of the buggy top.

1 represents the buggy top bow.

2 represents the carriage top of leather or other suitable material, which is extended across the top of the bow to the outer face thereof. It is then doubled to form the upwardly extending rib 2^a, and its outer edge 2^a is extended downward and secured upon the outer face of the bow 1, see Fig. 4. 3 represents the lining of the carriage top, which is secured upon the lower portion of the front face of the bow 1.

4 represents a stiffening strip constituting the core of the valance. It is slightly wider than the outer face of the bow.

5 represents the cord or bead which is inclosed between folds of a suitable flexible strip 5^a forming a flap portion. The bead 5 is placed adjacent the medial line of the valance, with the flap 5^a projecting downwardly and glued to the lower face of the stiffening strip 4.

7 represents the valance covering of patent leather or any other suitable material; its inner edge is placed upon the inside face of the stiffening strip 4, it is then doubled around the lower edge of the strip and bent

upwardly over the flap 5^a and the bead 5, and then is doubled around the top edge of the stiffening strip 4 and over the covering fold 2^a, so as to make a water-proof hood for this top joint. The outer and inner sections of this cover 7 are secured by a line of stitches 8 extending through the stiffening 4 and the covering fold, so as to hold them tightly together at the top.

9 represents a line of tacks or staples passed through the stiffening strip 4 and the buggy top section 2^a and into the bow 1. These tacks are driven before the covering 7 is applied and they are shown passing through the strip 4 into the carriage top bow above the bead 5, in which position they are inclosed within but yet out of contact with this covering 7, although this is not material.

10 represents a line of stitches passed through the front and rear edges of the covering 7 and securing these edges to and upon the lower portion of the stiffening strip 4 and the bead flap 5^a, said stitches lying below the bead 5.

This valance is very easily made and attached as very few parts, it is extremely durable and compact and presents a highly ornamental exterior.

Having described our invention, we claim:—

In combination with a carriage top bow, a carriage top and lining secured to the front face of the bow, the top having an upwardly extended fold, a stiffening strip, a bead, having a flap glued to the front of the strip with the bead extending adjacent the medial line of the bow, and a covering strip doubled over the top and bottom edges of the stiffening strip and inclosing the bead, and fastening devices securing the said parts together, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hand.

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