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ADVERTISING VEHICLE.

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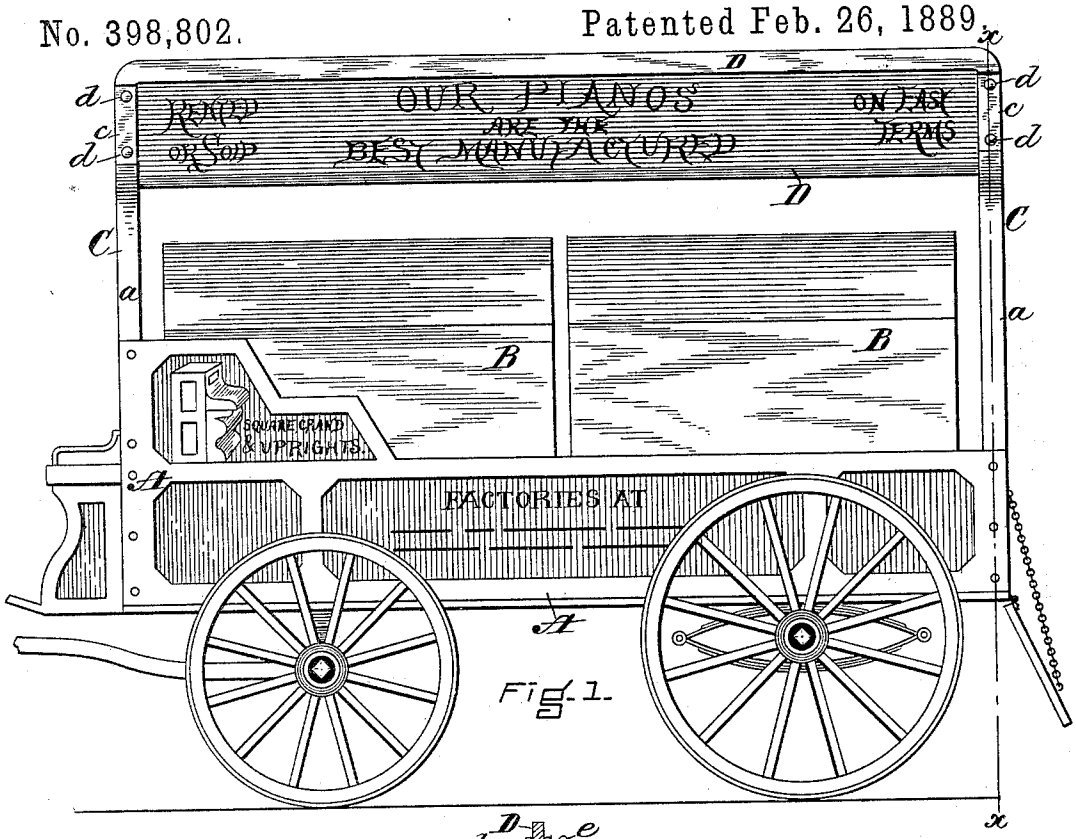


Fig. 1.

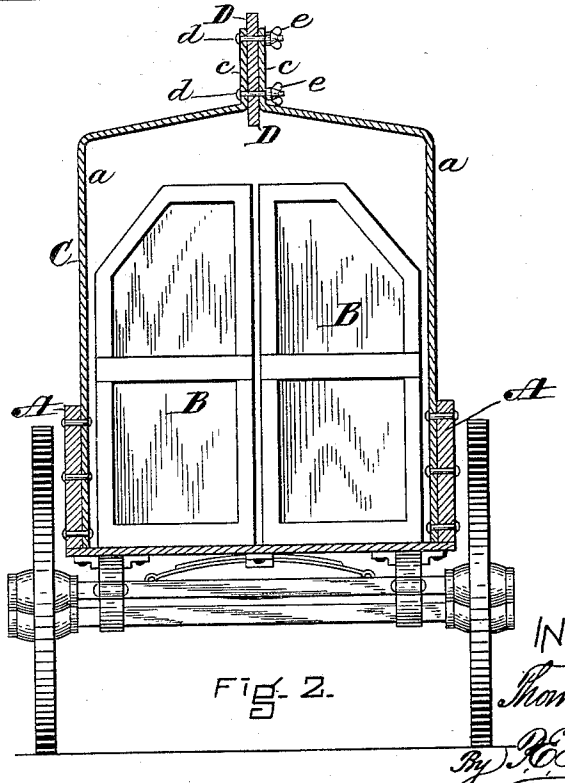


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS F. SCANLAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Advertising-Vehicles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of an advertising-vehicle constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

My invention relates to an improvement in advertising carriages and wagons, and has for its object to facilitate the display of an unlimited variety of signs upon the same vehicle, whereby its usefulness and value as an advertising medium is materially increased.

To this end my invention consists in an advertising-vehicle provided with a series of supporting-frames, each composed of two portions having at their upper ends vertical offsets or projections forming jaws, in combination with a detachable sign supported by and fitting within said jaws, and extending centrally over the body of the vehicle in the direction of its length, and means for detachably securing said sign within the jaws of the supporting-frames, as hereinafter more particularly set forth and specifically claimed.

In the said drawings, A represents a wagon or vehicle which is especially designed for carrying pianos, organs, &c., a number of pianos in their packing-cases B being shown as loaded upon the said vehicle; but it is obvious that it may be adapted for any other description of goods which it may be desired to transport.

From the body of the vehicle rise a series of supporting-frames, C, which are composed of metal or other suitable material, and are preferably placed one at each end of the body; but instead of two frames, C, as shown, three or more arranged at suitable distances apart may be employed, if desired. Each of these frames is composed of two portions, *a a*, bent as shown, each portion having at its upper end a vertical offset or projection, *c*, the two offsets forming a pair of jaws, as seen in Fig. 2, between which is fitted one end of a long detachable sign-board, D, bearing upon its sides any desired device or advertising matter—for instance, matter relating to the goods which the wagon is designed to transport, or the name or names of the dealers or manufacturers. The sign D extends centrally over the body of the vehicle in the direction of its length, preferably from one end to the other, and is detachably secured within the jaws of the supporting-frames C by bolts *d* and thumb-nuts *e*, as seen in Fig. 2, or by means of any other suitable clamping or fastening device which will admit of the sign-board being easily and quickly removed and replaced.

By this construction it will be obvious that an unlimited scope is afforded for advertising, as any desired number of different signs can be kept on hand, any one of which can be easily and quickly adjusted and secured in place between the jaws of the supporting-frames C, thus enabling any desired sign to be advantageously displayed, and in going long distances a number of signs can be carried in the vehicle, if desired, which can be displayed at pleasure in different localities, thus attracting much attention and creating the impression that a large number of different vehicles are in use, thereby greatly enhancing the value and usefulness of the vehicle as an advertising medium without materially increasing the expense, as a single wagon or vehicle thus equipped with a number of signs will in passing through the streets at different times produce substantially the same effect upon the public as would be produced by a number of wagons or vehicles having signs permanently secured thereto, as heretofore.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In an advertising-vehicle, the combination, with the body, of a series of supporting-frames, C, each composed of two portions, *a a*, having at their upper ends vertical offsets *c*, forming jaws, a detachable sign, D, supported by and fitting within said jaws, and extending centrally over the body of the vehicle in the direction of its length, and means for detachably securing said sign within the jaws of the supporting-frames, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

Witness my hand this 22d day of December, A. D. 1888.

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In presence of—
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