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Fig. 1

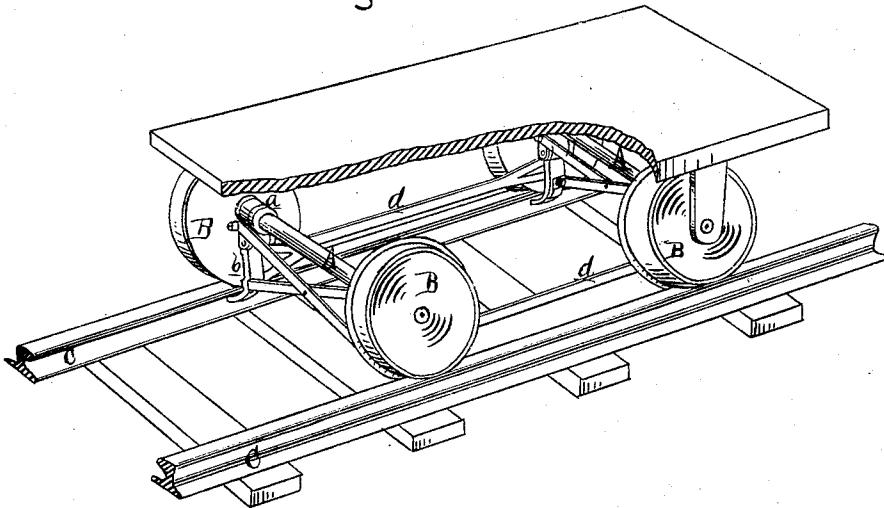
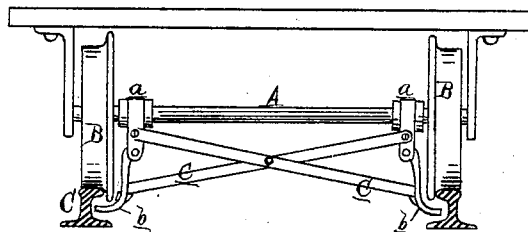


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN RAILWAY-CARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY SCHREINER, of the city and county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Safety Attachment to Railway-Car Trucks, of which the following is a specification:

This invention has for its object to provide the trucks with a safety attachment to prevent the wheels from leaving the rails by reason of meeting with an obstruction thereon, the result of a collision, a broken axle, or for any other cause; and it consists in a pair of hooks suspended from a sleeve on the axle near each wheel, the lower end of each hook extending under the head of each rail, and kept in place by a truss of crossed bars or levers. The hooks of one side of the truck are connected by a longitudinal bar, as well as those of the other side, making with the trusses a rigid frame.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a four-wheeled truck fitted with my improved safety attachment. Fig. 2 is an end elevation.

Like letters refer to like parts in both figures.

In the drawing, A A represent the axles of a four-wheeled truck, upon which are mounted the wheels B, flanged to run on the rails C. Near each wheel a sleeve, *a*, is kept in place on the axle by a collar at each side of it. This sleeve has a pendent lug, to which is secured, by a bolt, a curved bar, *b*, hooked or bent outwardly at its lower end to extend under the

head of the rail. *c c* are crossed levers, the upper end of each being bolted to the lug of the sleeve, and its lower end to the opposite hook *b*, thereby keeping the hooks in position during the swaying or vibration of the truck. A rod, *d*, is bolted at its ends to the hooks *b* of each side, which rods, with the trusses *c*, constitute a frame to give greater rigidity to the hooks.

The invention is applicable to existing roads ironed with the ordinary T-rail, necessitating, however, some slight alterations in the switches and frogs; but, where possible, iron of the section shown in Fig. 2 should be used, which can easily be done in building new roads, as this section gives the hooks a greater projection under the head.

So long as the train is on the track the device is inoperative; but as soon the wheels rise to leave the rails the hooks engage with the rails, which thus hold them down in place.

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

The safety attachment to railway-car trucks, consisting of the sleeves *a*, curved or hooked bars *b*, truss-rods *c*, and side rods *d*, constructed and combined with the axles, as shown and set forth.

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