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Fig: 1.

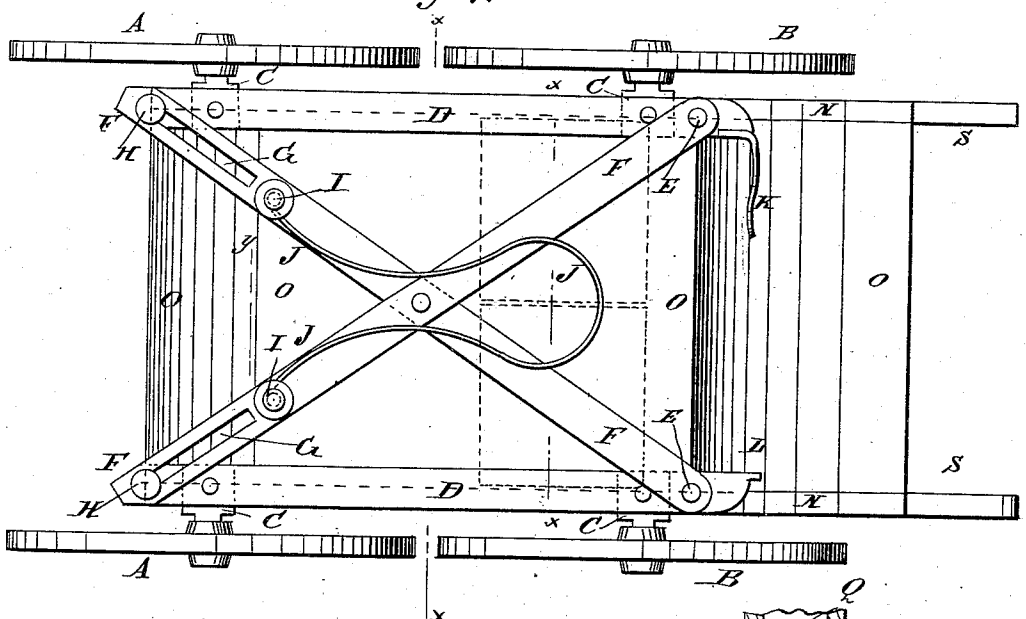


Fig: 2.

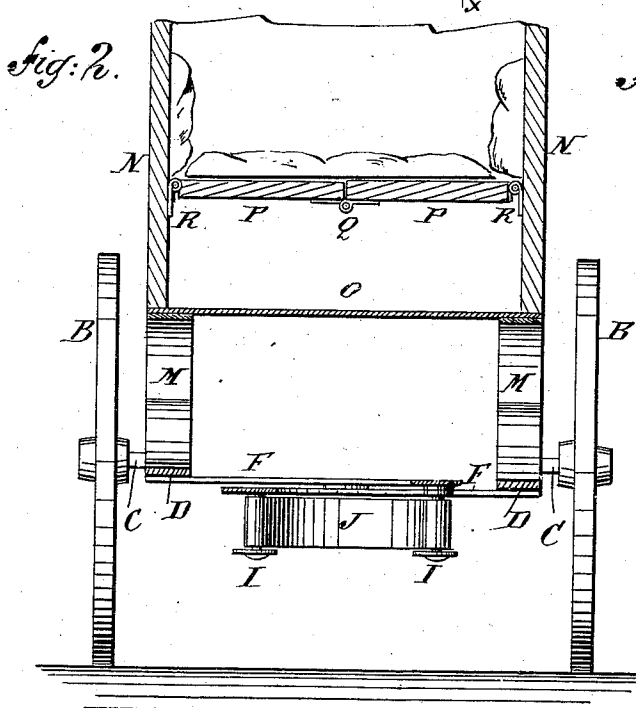
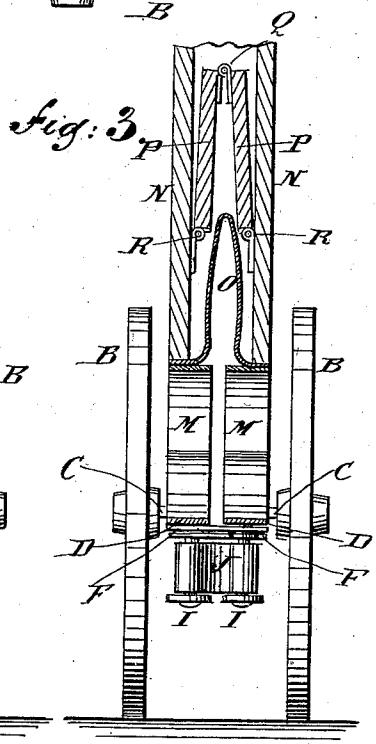


Fig: 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ERNEST W. GERBRACHT, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, and EUGÈNE A. GERBRACHT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Baby-Carriages and other Vehicles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a bottom view of our improved baby-carriage. Fig. 2 is a sectional front elevation of the same, taken through the broken lines *x x x x* and *y y*, Fig. 1, and showing the carriage opened for use. Fig. 3 is the same section as Fig. 2, but shows the carriage folded.

The especial object of this invention is to provide baby-carriages constructed in such a manner that they will be held firmly and securely in place when opened for use, and which shall be simple in construction and conveniently operated.

The invention relates to a folding baby-carriage constructed with the rigid sides and the flexible bottom and back of the carriage-body provided with a seat made in two parts, hinged to each other and to the said rigid sides, whereby the said seat can be folded with the carriage-body, and will serve as a lock-brace to the said carriage-body when opened for use, as will be hereinafter fully described and then claimed.

We will describe our improvement as applied to a folding baby-carriage, but do not limit ourselves to that application, as it can be used with advantage in sleds and in various other folding vehicles.

A represents the fore wheels, and B the rear wheels, the short axles C of which are attached to the side bars, D, near their ends.

To the rear ends of the side bars, D, are attached pins E, to which are pivoted the rear ends of two bars, F. The bars F cross and are pivoted to each other at their centers, and in their forward ends are formed longitudinal slots G, to receive the pins H, attached to the forward ends of the side bars, D.

To the crossed bars F, about midway between their centers and forward ends, are attached pins I, to which are secured the ends of a U-spring, J, by the elasticity of which the side parts of the carriage are separated when released from the fastening K L, that holds them when closed. The fastening K L is formed of a spring-latch, K, formed upon or attached to the rear end of one of the side bars, D, and which engages with the catch-pin L, formed upon or attached to the rear end of the other side bar, D.

To the side bars, D, are attached the springs M, to which or to bars attached to the said springs are secured the lower edges of the sides N of the carriage-body. The sides N are rigid, and are connected by cloth, leather, or other suitable flexible material, which forms the bottom and back O of the carriage-body.

The seat of the carriage-body is made in two equal parts, P, the adjacent ends of which are connected with each other by the hinges Q, and their outer ends are connected with the sides N by hinges R. With this construction, when the carriage is closed, the seat P folds together, as shown in Fig. 3, and when the carriage is opened the seat P is extended into a horizontal position, as shown in Fig. 2, and serves as a lock-brace to hold the said carriage open. With this construction the carriage is provided with a seat which folds with the carriage, and which, when the carriage is opened for use, becomes rigid, and, in addition to its use as a seat, serves also as a lock-brace to hold the various parts of the carriage in place.

To the rear ends of the sides N are attached, or upon them are formed, handles S, by means of which the carriage is propelled and guided in the ordinary manner.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

In a folding baby-carriage, the combination, with the rigid sides N and the flexible bottom and back O of the carriage-body, of the seat P, made in two parts, hinged to each other and to the said sides, substantially as herein shown and described, whereby the said seat can be folded with the carriage and will serve as a lock-brace to the carriage-body when opened for use, as set forth.

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