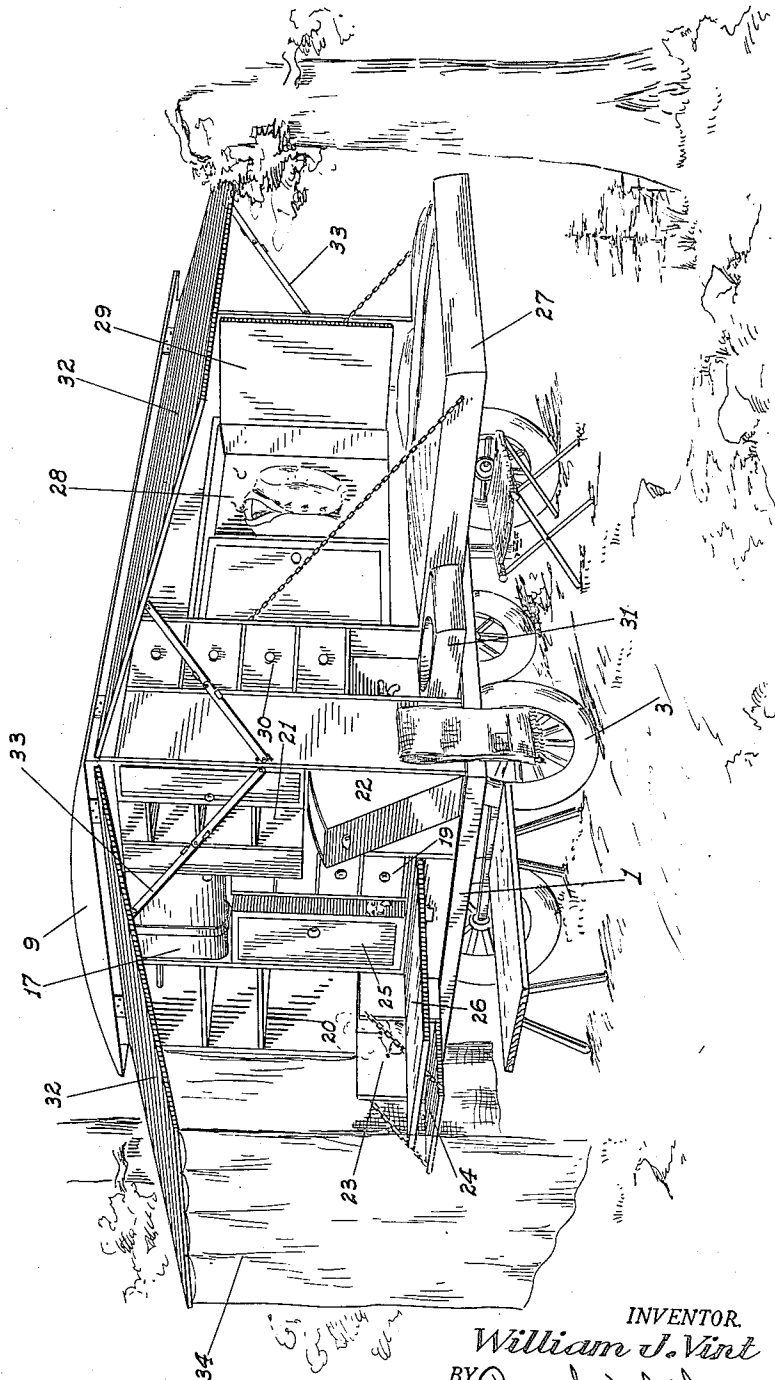


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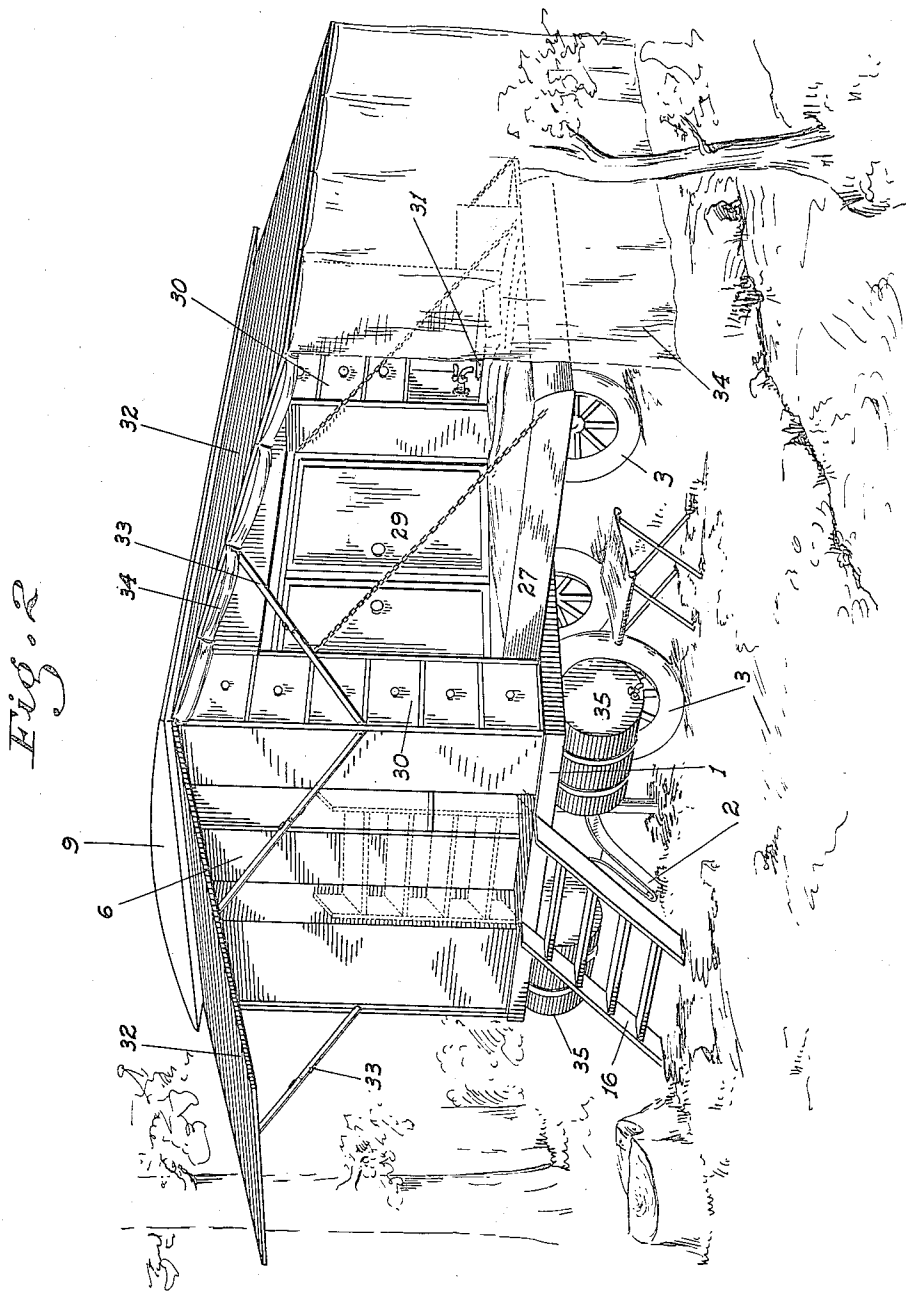
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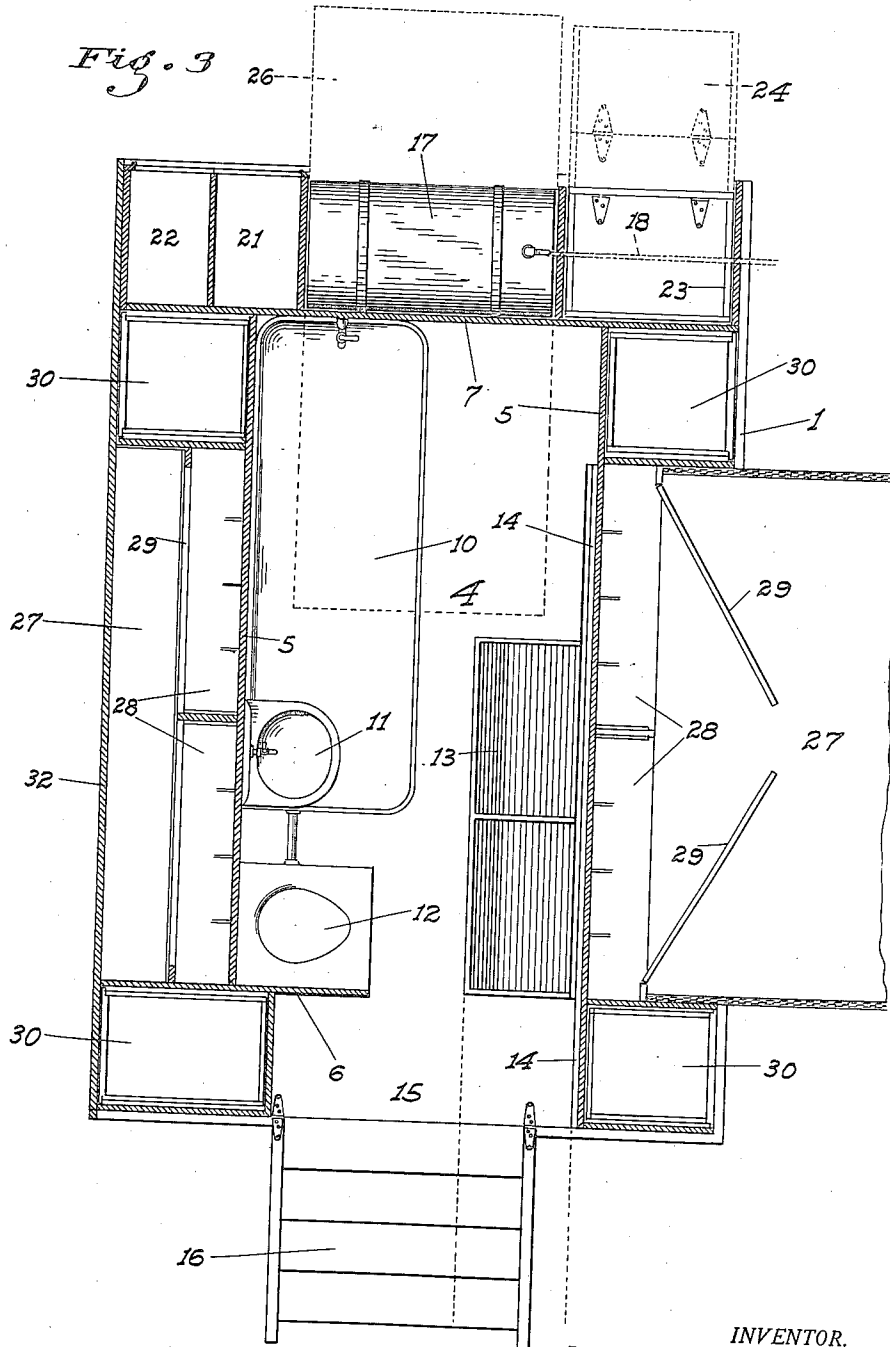
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. VINT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stockton, county of San Joaquin, State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Camping Trailers; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this application.

This invention relates to improvements in camping outfits such as are of use to vacationists, surveying parties and all those who, either from necessity or from a pleasure standpoint, spend the night away from settled communities, and who use that ever-increasing means of transportation, the automobile, to take them on their trip.

At present such camping parties pile their cars high with all sorts of miscellaneous articles considered to be a necessity on the trip—folding bed, tents, folding stoves, utensils, clothing and linen, besides the staple articles of food of various kinds.

When the camping place is reached nearly everything must be unpacked, whether needed or not, as it is almost impossible under such conditions of packing to maintain any sort of system, as the things must be placed where they will fit, regardless of the order in which they may be used.

Furthermore, this loading of the car cramps the passengers, who thus barely have room to seat themselves, and none to stretch their legs, but exposes every article not well covered to the almost inevitable dust or rain, besides tending to mar the sides of the car with scratches and bumps.

Also, whatever good clothing is carried for possible use in a town or city passed through must be squeezed into close quarters, so that it becomes badly wrinkled and creased, and is hardly presentable when needed.

The principal object of my invention therefore is to eliminate the discomforts and inconveniences above noted by providing a trailer, to be drawn by the car containing the campers only, in which every necessity is

either provided in itself, or ample space is had for the packing and carrying of such articles that it may be desired or necessary to take along.

In this trailer are included beds, toilet, bath, washtubs, water supply, clothes and linen closets, stove, table, and ample space for stores and utensils, all arranged in such a manner as to be completely enclosed and protected from dust and rain when traveling, and so that even if it were raining, the campers could prepare and partake of their food and sleep without exposure to the elements.

With my improved trailer, there is a place for everything, and there is no excuse for everything not being in its place, so that every stop made for meals or for the night is not an arduous and never pleasant process of unpacking, sorting out the articles needed, and packing them again after being used, but rather the work of a moment, there being nothing to unpack, and no tent to set up.

Another object is to provide a device of this character in which the beds are always ample distance from the ground so that the liability of obnoxious insects and animals crawling over the sleepers is obviated.

These objects I accomplish by means of such a structure and relative arrangement of parts as will fully appear by a perusal of the following specification and claims.

In the drawings similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

Fig. 1 is a perspective elevation of the trailer in use, showing one side and the forward end.

Fig. 2 is a similar view but showing the other side and the rear end.

Fig. 3 is a sectional plan of the device.

Referring now more particularly to the characters of reference on the drawings, the numeral 1 denotes a suitable frame having a tongue or drawbar 2 at its forward end by which it may be attached to a towing vehicle, and mounted on wheels 3.

The frame 1 is covered by a floor 4 on which are mounted side walls 5 and front and rear walls 6 and 7 respectively, these

walls being set back some distance from the edges of the frame and floor and enclose an area 8, the entire structure being covered by a roof 9 extending to the vertical plane of the edges of the frame.

Along one side of the interior of this enclosure is a bath tub 10, a wash bowl 11 and a toilet 12, and on the other side wash-tubs 13 are slidably mounted on horizontal guides 14 so that the tubs may be moved through an entrance-way 15 cut in the front wall 6, to which entrance way steps 16 lead, these steps being hinged to the frame 1 in such a manner that when raised up they fit into the entrance way and do not then project beyond the frame. In this manner the washing of such clothes or other fabrics as may be necessary is rendered easier, since to confine the height of the trailer to reasonable proportions it is hardly practical to have standing room inside the enclosure. When the tubs are moved out however, the user may stand on the steps and perform the necessary operations with ease.

Water for the various devices is had from a tank 17 positioned under the roof and preferably at the rear end, a filling pipe 18 leading to the exterior of one side of the trailer, so that a hose connected with a source of supply may be attached thereto to replenish the supply.

At the rear end of the trailer, the space from top to bottom between the wall 7 and the edge of the frame is built up as a cabinet kitchen, with suitably arranged drawers 19, shelves 20, lockers 21, flour bin 22, a stove mounted on a slidable shelf 23 provided with a folding extension 24, an ice box 25, and a table 26 of ample size to seat a certain number of persons, slidably mounted under the floor 4 and adapted to be pulled out from thereunder when its use is desired.

Built out from the side walls 5 and preferably positioned centrally of the length of the trailer are folding beds 27, similar in general design and mounting to the upper berths of Pullman cars. These beds when folded up lay practically flush with the vertical plane of the edges of the frame and leave room between the same and the walls 5 for clothes closets 28 provided with doors 29 which may be opened when the beds are lowered, these closets being of ample height to hang coats, skirts, trousers, and the like therein without folding the same. At each side of the beds, and projecting outwardly to approximately the vertical plane of the edges of the frame 1 are drawers or lockers 30 and a folding lavatory 31 of a type which may be obtained from marine specialty firms.

For each side and end, a one-piece rigid cover 32 is provided, hinged to the roof 9, and adapted to be moved about their hinges to lie vertically and extend from the roof to the frame when everything is folded or

closed and the outfit is being transported. These members however are adapted to be each independently raised to serve as auxiliary roofs over the beds, table and the like when the latter are extended, being held in such position by folding braces 33 of any suitable character.

Curtains 34 may be attached to the outer edges of the auxiliary roof members, and arranged to reach about to the ground when the said members are raised, and to be rolled up or removed when the same are lowered.

Thus separate and enclosed compartments are formed of ample size to allow the occupants to have the desired privacy.

Electric lights, fed from the battery of the towing car, may be provided in each compartment at suitable points.

Fuel and oil tanks 35 are also provided under the frame 1 at any suitable point so as to permit a considerable supply being carried which will allow the towing car to make longer trips away from sources of supply than would otherwise be possible.

From the foregoing description it will be readily seen that I have produced such a device as substantially fulfills the objects of the invention as set forth herein.

While this specification sets forth in detail, the present and preferred construction of the device, still in practice such deviations from such detail may be resorted to and do not form a departure from the spirit of the invention, as defined by the appended claims.

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

1. In a camping trailer, an interior compartment having an entranceway at one end of the trailer, wash tubs normally positioned within the compartment, and means whereby the tubs may be moved outwardly through the entranceway at will while still being supported from the compartment.

2. In a camping trailer, an interior compartment having an entranceway at one end of the trailer, horizontal slides on the walls of the compartment leading inwardly from the entranceway, wash tubs positioned against the slides, and guide members fixed to the tubs and projecting inwardly of the compartment therefrom and engaging the slides, whereby the tubs may be moved beyond the entranceway to lie alongside the steps and be supported by the slides and guides when in such position.

3. A camping trailer including a chassis, side-walls and a roof thereon, a portion of each wall intermediate its ends being set back from the remainder of the wall, doors openable outwardly covering said set back portion, and spaced therefrom whereby to form a closet, and an additional closure member adapted to cover the space between

the outer and end portions of the wall and to normally lie flush therewith, but adapted to be let down to serve as a bed.

4. In a camping trailer, a cabinet kitchen
5 equipment occupying one end thereof, such equipment including a table adapted to be moved out horizontally, a rigid cover for the end of the trailer adapted to be raised

to form an auxiliary roof, and curtains arranged to then fit around said cover and extending to the ground, the area of the cover being in excess of that of the table whereby freedom of movement around the table inwardly of the cushions may be had.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 15

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