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Fig. 1.

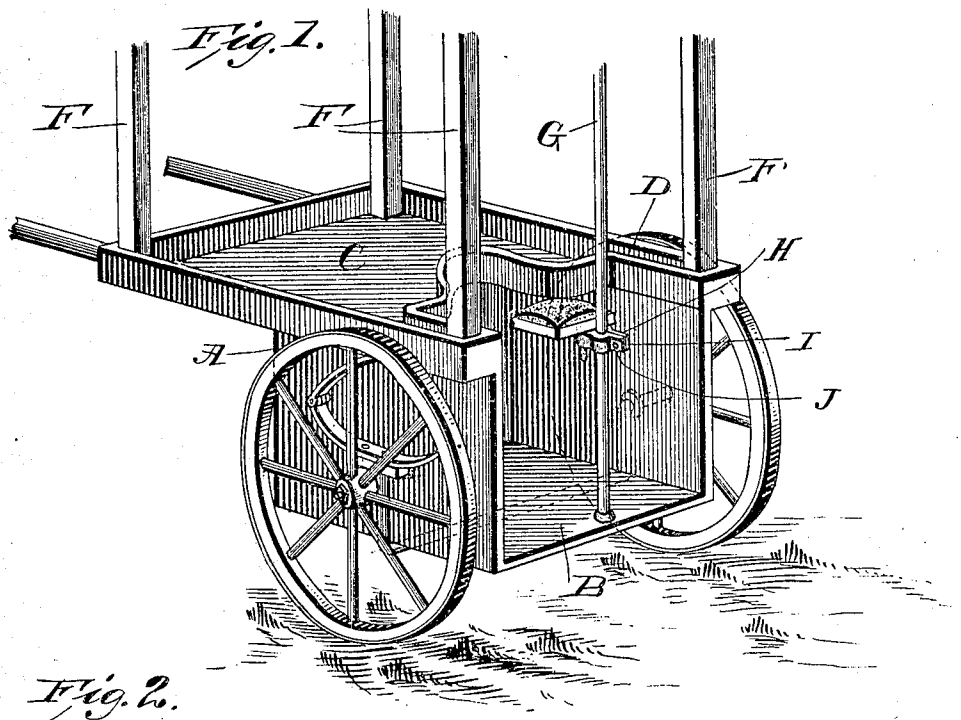
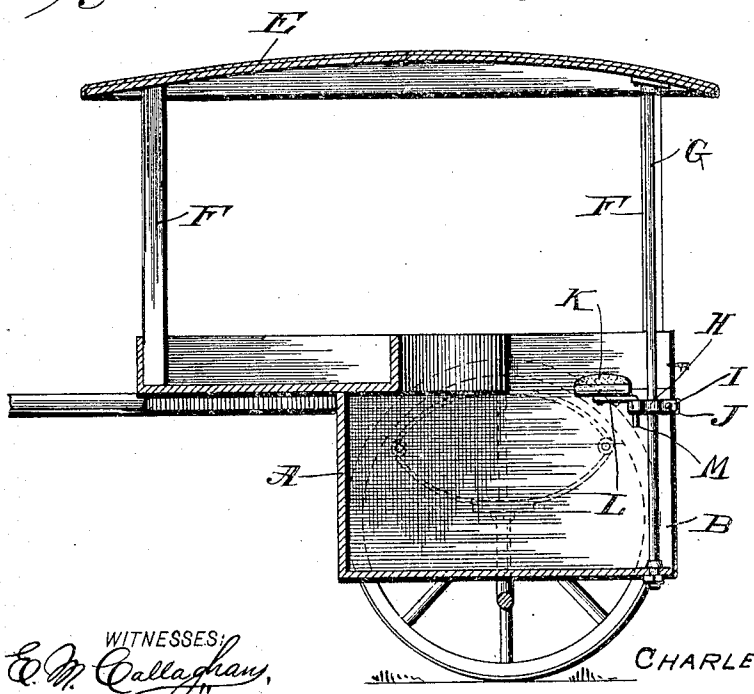


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES CARROLL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Carts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has reference, more particularly to carts, intended, or designed, for use in the collection and delivery of mail.

The object had in view is to construct carts of this character, providing them with improved facilities over all similar carts now used, or heretofore invented, so far as known to me.

The invention consists of the special construction and arrangement of parts, shown by the accompanying drawing, and hereinafter fully described, the features of novelty being pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved mail carrier's cart, with its top shown broken away, and Fig. 2 is a central vertical longitudinal sectional view, the seat and its support being shown in side elevation.

In the practice of my invention, I employ any suitable body A, having a rear entrance or door B, that is, the rear end of the body of the cart is left practically fully open, thereby forming the door aforesaid. The forward upper portion of the body is constructed into a shelf C and if desired the side portions of the body, may have shelves D extending from the main shelf C, substantially as shown by Fig. 1. The body A may have any suitable top E, supported by corner posts F.

G denotes a post located preferably in the center of the door B, the same being in the nature of a standard, extending from the cart-floor, as shown, to the top E, and being secured to the latter and the cart-floor by means obvious, and therefore not necessary to describe. On the post F, I arrange an adjustable clamp H, consisting of side members I, and a securing bolt J, the forward end of the clamp being constructed with a vertical socket, which will be readily understood.

K denotes a seat, having an iron L, whose free end is disposed downwardly, adapted to enter the aforesaid socket, in the forward end of the clamp H.

The construction of my improved mail-carrier's cart, will be understood from the above description. Its use and the advantages existing therein being apparent, it becomes necessary to state that the chief feature claimed to be new, is the novel location of the seat, and support, and the combination with the special form of cart shown and described, of a seat supported on a post located substantially in the center of the door of the cart. The seat is intended to have free lateral adjustment in the clamp-socket, and with the form of supporting post therefor, shown, providing a back-rest for the carrier when seated and driving his horse.

Obviously, I do not restrict myself in the construction of my invention, to a seat-supporting post, extending from the floor of the cart-body to its cover or top, since the same may consist of a simple and suitable standard, extending upwardly from the cart-floor, with the same of sufficient length affording necessary or required vertical adjustment of the seat, according as may be desired by the particular carrier, using the cart.

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

1. The combination with a vehicle comprising a body having a rear door-way, of an upright post located directly in the door-way, the post being secured to the vehicle body, at its upper and lower ends, and a seat arranged on the post, the seat being free to swing laterally and provided with vertical adjustment.

2. The combination with a vehicle-body, constructed with a rear door-way, of a vertically arranged post located extending from the door-way threshold, to the top of the door-way, the post being arranged midway between the vertical side walls of the door-way, a seat arranged on said post, projecting laterally therefrom into the interior of the vehicle body, means providing the seat with vertical adjustment, and means permitting free lateral swinging movement of the seat.

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