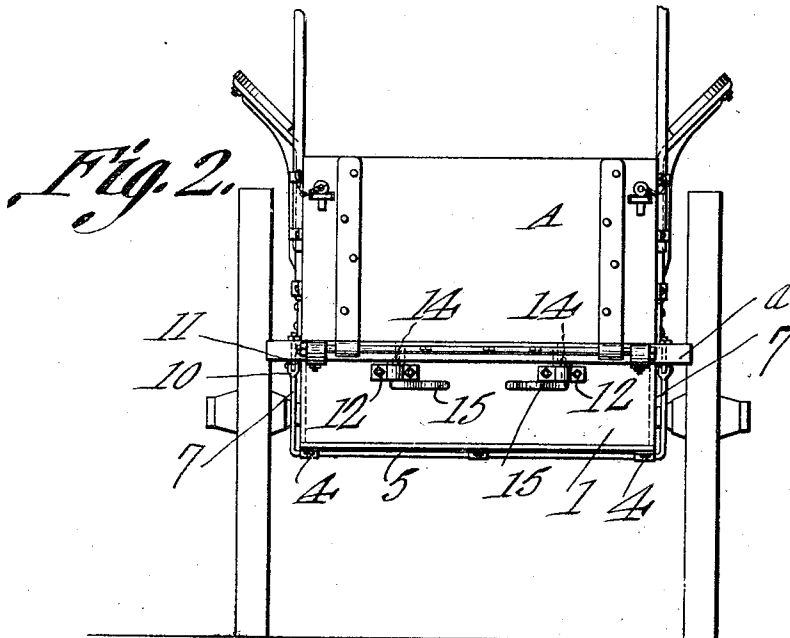
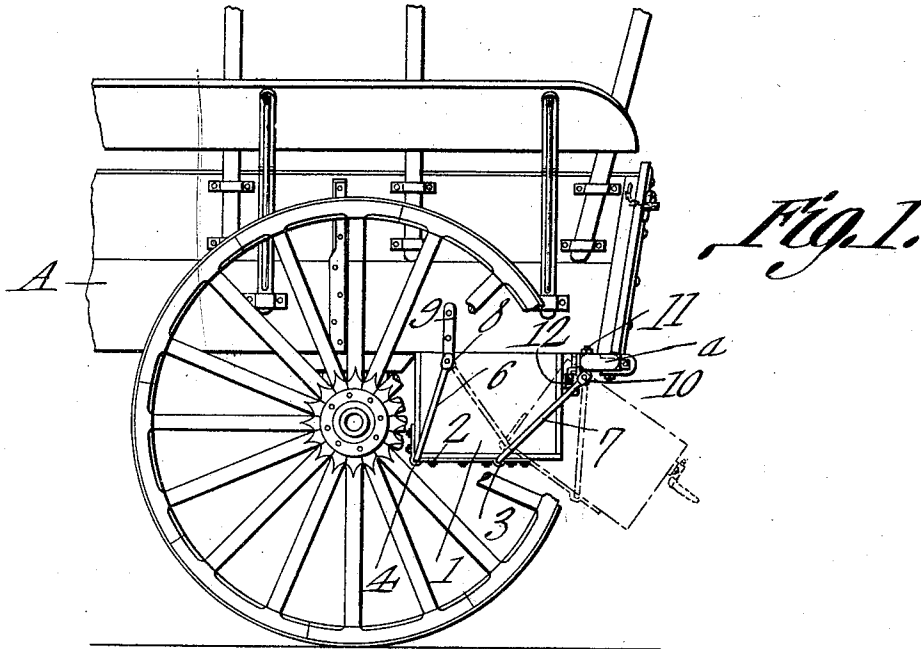


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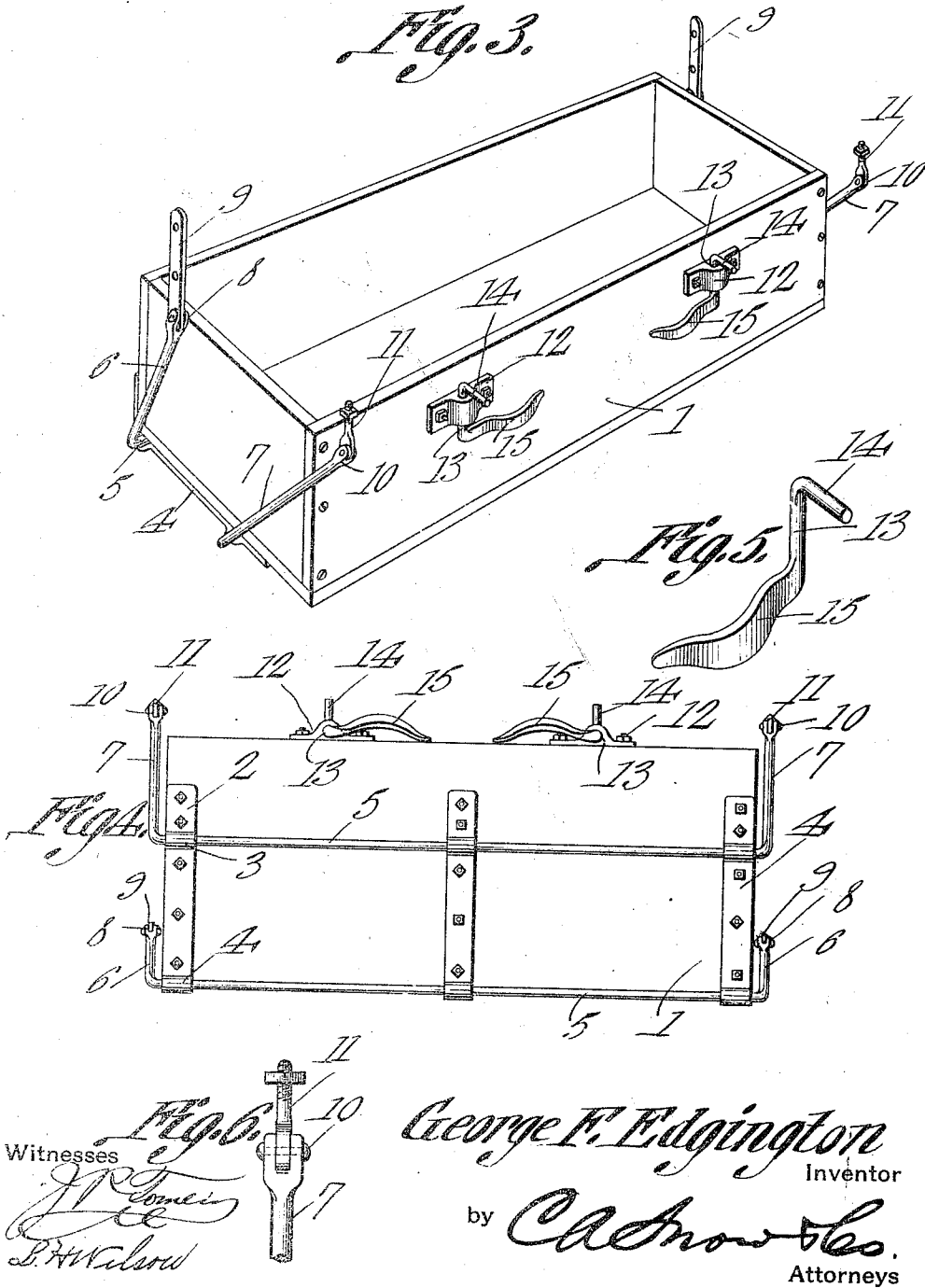
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. EDGINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jeffersonville, in the county of Clark and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Attachment for Wagon-Bodies, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to attachments for wagon bodies, one of its objects being to provide a box, crate or the like having novel means for connecting it to the bottom of the vehicle body, the various parts being so constructed as to permit the attachment to swing downwardly and rearwardly from the body when released so that the contents thereof can be easily reached, the said attachment, when in normal position, being closed at the top by the bottom of the vehicle body.

A further object is to provide simple means for holding the attachment in closed or retracted position, said means being easily accessible.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of a portion of a vehicle having the present improvements applied thereto, the position of the attachment, when unlocked, being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the parts shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the attachment. Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the fastening devices. Fig. 6 is an elevation of one of the connections between the box and the body.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference A designates a portion of a wagon body having the usual cross strip *a* at the rear end of the bottom thereof.

The attachment constituting the present invention includes a receptacle 1 in the form of a box, crate or the like, said receptacle being preferably provided with metal straps

2 along the sides of the bottom thereof, each strap being formed with spaced offset portions 3 and 4 adapted to receive rods 5 which extend longitudinally of the body 1 and terminate in arms 6 and 7 arranged adjacent to the sides of the body 1 and constituting hangers. The arms 6 have their upper ends forked, as at 8, and pivotally connected to attaching plates 9 bolted or otherwise secured to the body A of the vehicle. The upper ends of the arms 7 are also preferably forked as at 10, and are pivotally connected to eye bolts 11 or the like secured to the cross strip *a*. The arms 7 are somewhat longer than the arms 6 and the various parts are so positioned that, under normal conditions, the body 1 of the attachment bears, at its front, upon the bottom of the body A and is closed thereby. When the body 1 is thus disposed, the arms 6 and 7 are extended downwardly and rearwardly from their points of connection with the vehicle body and a space is formed between the strip *a* and the body 1. In order to maintain the attachment in this position fastening means such as shown in Figs. 3, 4 and 5 are employed. Each fastening device includes an attaching block 12 having a stem 13 journaled therein, there being a spacing finger 14 extending from one end of the stem while a finger piece 15 extends from the other end thereof and is preferably bowed, the finger piece and the spacing finger being arranged at right angles to each other, or substantially so. When the finger piece 15 bears at its free end upon the body 1, the finger 14 is extended toward and bears against the adjoining face of the cross strip *a*, thus preventing the body 1 from shifting out of position. When, however, it is desired to release the box so that access may be had conveniently to the contents thereof, the finger pieces 15 are swung away from the body 1 so as to cause the spacing fingers 14 to move toward the body 1 and away from the strip *a*. As the box is thus free to move toward the strip *a*, the arms 6 and 7 will swing downwardly and, as arms 7 are longer than arms 6, it will be seen that the body 1 will tilt downwardly and pass under the strip *a* and will then swing from under the rear end of the vehicle body and be supported in an inclined position as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1. The contents of the body 1 can then be easily reached after which, by pushing on said

body, it can be swung back into its closed position under the vehicle body and held by turning the finger pieces 15 against the body 1 so as to bring the spacing fingers 14 into contact with the strip *a*.

It is to be understood of course that the body 1 can be used for various purposes, such as carrying tools, poultry, etc., and it is to be understood that the said body can be constructed in any manner desired.

What is claimed is:—

1. An attachment for vehicle bodies including a receptacle, hangers pivotally connected thereto and extending close to the sides thereof, one hanger on each side being longer than the other hanger, means for pivotally connecting the hangers to a vehicle body, and means on the receptacle for engaging a portion of the body and spacing the receptacle therefrom.

2. An attachment for vehicle bodies, including a receptacle, hangers of different lengths at each side thereof, said hangers being mounted for swinging movement relative to the receptacle, means for pivotally connecting the hangers to a vehicle body, and means on the receptacle and movable relative thereto for engaging a portion of a vehicle body to hold the receptacle in a predetermined position.

3. The combination with a vehicle body having a cross strip adjacent the rear end thereof, of a receptacle under the body, hangers at the sides of the receptacle, the hangers at each side being of different lengths, each hanger being mounted to swing relative to the receptacle supported thereby, means for pivotally connecting the hangers to the vehicle body and the cross strip, and means upon the receptacle and shiftable into engagement with the cross strip to hold the receptacle with its top in contact with the bottom of the vehicle body.

4. The combination with a vehicle body having a cross strip, of a receptacle, hangers for movably supporting the receptacle, said hangers constituting means for holding the receptacle in an inclined position under and beyond the cross strip, said receptacle being movable upwardly into contact with the bottom of the body, and means upon the receptacle for engaging the cross strip to hold the receptacle in raised position.

5. The combination with a vehicle body having a cross strip, of hangers pivotally connected to the body and cross strip, a receptacle pivotally connected to and supported by the hangers, said hangers being adapted to support the receptacle in an inclined position with a portion thereof projected under and beyond the cross strip, said receptacle being shiftable upwardly against the bottom of the vehicle body, and means upon the receptacle for engaging the cross strip to hold the receptacle in elevated position and against the bottom of the body.

6. The combination with a vehicle body having a cross strip, of hangers pivotally connected to the body and cross strip, the hangers on the cross strip being longer than the other hangers, a receptacle movably supported by the hangers and adapted to swing to an inclined position under and beyond the cross strip, said receptacle being movable upwardly into contact with the bottom of the body, spacing devices movably connected to the receptacle, and means for shifting said devices into engagement with the cross strip to hold the receptacle in elevated position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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