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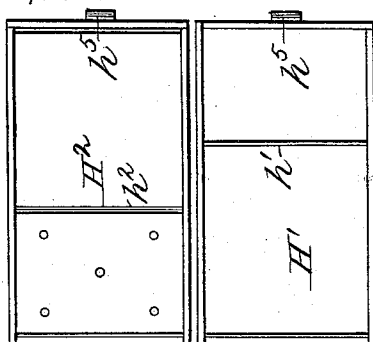


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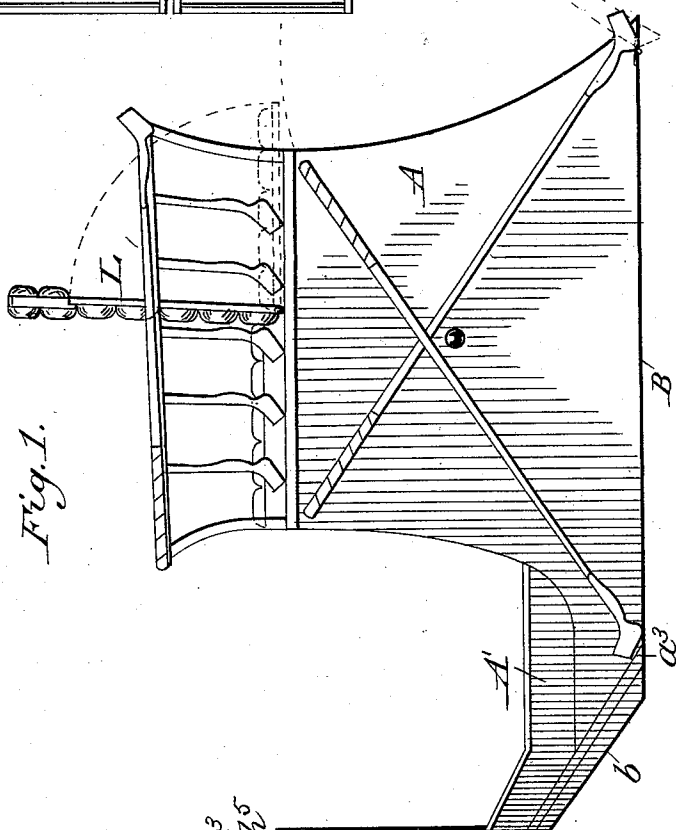
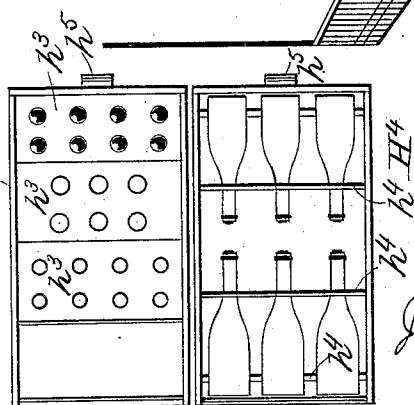


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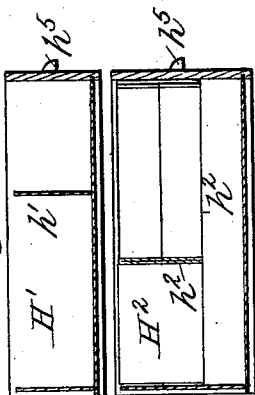


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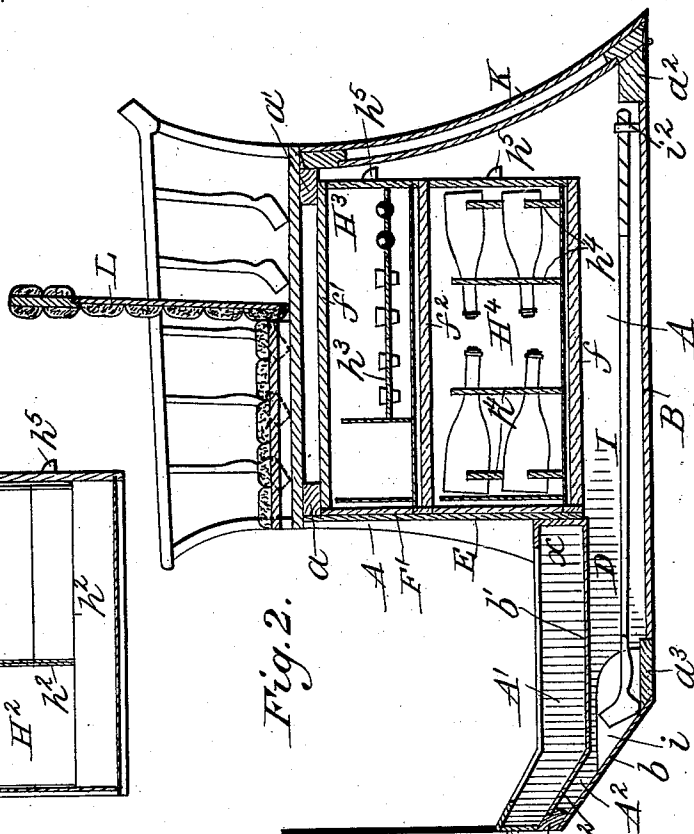
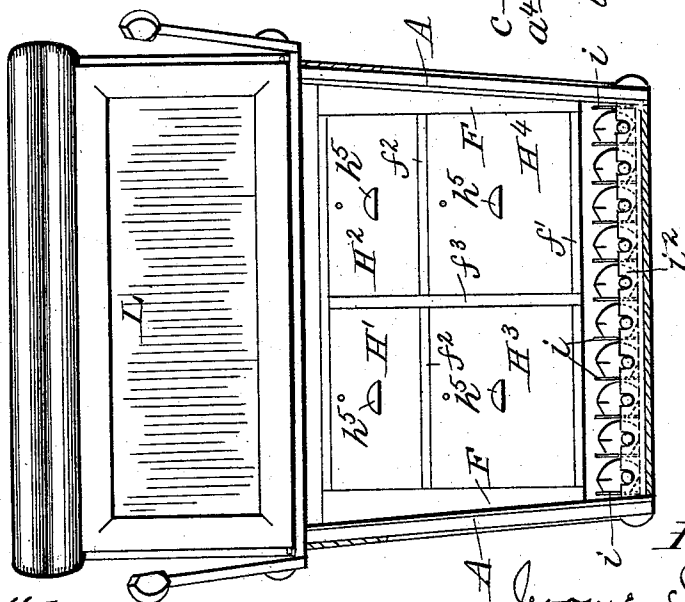


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEROME STIVERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Rochelle, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Vehicle-Bodies, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in vehicle-bodies, and more particularly to a trap or cart body especially adapted to the use of those who play golf. In the pursuit of this game a player often has to travel a considerable distance to the links. He also requires a considerable outfit in the way of clubs, balls, &c., and, furthermore, as it takes considerable time to play the game he generally takes refreshments with him, and in addition his outfit and refreshments should accompany him in his journey over the links to best serve their purpose. To properly play the game, a player requires the attendance of a caddie to carry the tools actually required in the game. As these tools are more or less numerous, they are quite a burden to the caddie, and consequently the latter cannot carry a very extensive supply of refreshments in addition to his burden of tools.

The invention in the present instance has for its object the construction of a trap or cart body especially adapted to the use of a golf-player, whereby the latter can carry to the links and in his journey over the latter his paraphernalia in a sorted and orderly arrangement and also refreshments and dining appurtenances of any character he may desire, and, furthermore, enable a player to dispense with the services of an attendant, if he should so desire.

The invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, such as will be hereinafter fully described, pointed out in the appended claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a side elevation of

a vehicle-body embodying the invention, showing in dotted lines the back of the seat and the end-gate turned to form an extra seat. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same. Figs. 3 and 3^a are detail views showing plans of the several drawers. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation showing the end-gate removed. Fig. 5 is a detail view showing longitudinal sections through two of the drawers.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A A designate the sides of the body, held together by the cross-pieces $a a'$ and $a^2 a^3$. The cross-pieces $a a'$ extend between the tops of the sides, and the others $a^2 a^3$ extend between the bottoms. The side pieces have forward projections A' A', connected near the ends thereof by the cross-piece a^3 . From the ends of these projections the additional side pieces A² A² extend upwardly and are connected at their ends by the cross-piece a^4 .

The main flooring B is secured to the lower edges of the sides A A and the cross-pieces $a^2 a^3$. A portion b of the flooring is secured to the slanting under edges of the additional side pieces A² A² and the cross-pieces $a^3 a^4$. On the upper edges of the projections A' A' is secured the flooring b' , which forms the bottom of the boot. Connected with the forward edge of the flooring b' , and secured to the upper edges of the side sections A² A² and the cross-piece a^4 , is the inclined flooring b^2 , which forms the foot-rest. The sections xx of the projections A' A', that extend above the flooring $b' b^2$, together with the front board c , form the rail of the boot. It is to be noted that considerable space is left between the floorings B and b' , which forms an apartment D. The purpose of the latter will be explained farther on.

Between the forward edges of the upper extensions of the sides A A and to the cross-pieces a the back board E of the boot is secured. The latter extends downward flush with the flooring b' .

In the interior of the body is suspended a frame or casing in which drawers are mounted. In the rear end of the body to the inner faces of the sides A A are attached the uprights F F, the inner edges of which are vertical and parallel. Their outer edges are inclined to fit the inclination of the sides. Uprights F' F', similar to F F, are secured

in the forward end of the body. Extending across the body parallel to the floor *b* and secured to the lower ends of the uprights *F F* and *F' F'* is the partition *f*. The latter is in substantially the same horizontal plane as the floor *b'* of the boot. The sides *A A*, the partition *f*, and the back board *E* of the boot form a compartment suspended within the body of the vehicle. The casing thus formed is provided with a ceiling *f'*, secured to the under sides of the cross-pieces *a a'*.

The casing is subdivided into smaller compartments by the horizontal partition *f*² and the vertical partition *f*³. The horizontal partition passes through the casing at a height more than half the distance between the partition *f* and the ceiling *f'*. The vertical partition *f*³ is midway of the sides. In this way there are formed four compartments in the casing, the lower ones of which are considerably deeper than the upper ones. The object of these compartments is to form receptacles for drawers constructed to fit them. These drawers *H*¹, *H*², *H*³, and *H*⁴, respectively, are provided with racks or supports suitable for holding food, drink, and lunching appurtenances. The drawer *H*¹ is divided into two compartments by the partition *h*¹. These compartments are adapted to hold articles of food. The drawer *H*² is divided into numerous compartments by the partitions *h*² *h*², and is adapted to receive cloths, napkins, and other table furniture. The drawer *H*³ is provided with an apertured tray *h*³ for the reception of glasses and balls, and the drawer *h*⁴ is provided with racks *h*⁴ *h*⁴ in which bottles may be placed. If desired, ice may be packed around the bottles. The drawers are provided with handles *h*⁵ *h*⁵, whereby they may easily be withdrawn from their respective compartments.

It is obvious that drawers of any other construction suitable in the premises may be used.

A compartment *I*, of which the compartment *D* is a part, is formed, which extends the entire length and width of the body, and it is particularly adapted to hold golf-sticks. In the forward end of this compartment a series of uprights or partitions *i i* are secured to the cross-piece *a*³. The distance between them is such as to allow the free entrance of the head of a golf-stick between them. In the rear end of the compartment a rack *i*² is secured to the floor. The compartment is of such a length as to receive the entire length of a stick, and by means of the partitions *i i*

and the rack *i*² the golf-clubs may be assembled and arranged in an orderly manner.

A door *K* is hinged to the rear sill *a*² and closes the rear of the body. It may also serve as a foot-rest when it is desired to form an extra seat by turning down the back *L* of the seat proper. The sides of the seat are formed of round rounds and railings in the form of sections of golf-sticks. To further carry out the idea of a golfing-trap, the sides of the body are appropriately ornamented with representations of golfing implements; but as this ornamentation forms the subject-matter of an application for a design patent filed herewith it need not be more specifically described.

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

1. In a vehicle-body, a casing suspended therein and forming with the floor and sides of the body a compartment, a series of partitions mounted in one end of the said compartment, and a rack mounted in the opposite end of the said compartment.

2. In a vehicle-body, the sides thereof having sections projecting forward from the same, supports connecting said sides, a flooring mounted between the lower edges of said sides, a flooring mounted between said projecting sections and above the first-mentioned flooring, and a casing suspended between the upper parts of said sides and having its bottom substantially level with the flooring mounted between the projections, said sides, projections, floorings, and casing forming a compartment extending the entire length and width of the body of the vehicle.

3. In a vehicle-body, the sides thereof having sections projecting forward from the same, a flooring mounted between the lower edges of said sides, a flooring mounted between said projecting sections and above the first-mentioned flooring, a casing suspended between the upper parts of said sides and having its bottom substantially level with the flooring mounted between the projections, said sides, projections, floorings, and casing forming a compartment, a series of partitions mounted in the forward end of said compartment, and a rack mounted in the rear end of the same.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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