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PARCEL CARRIER

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Fig. 1.

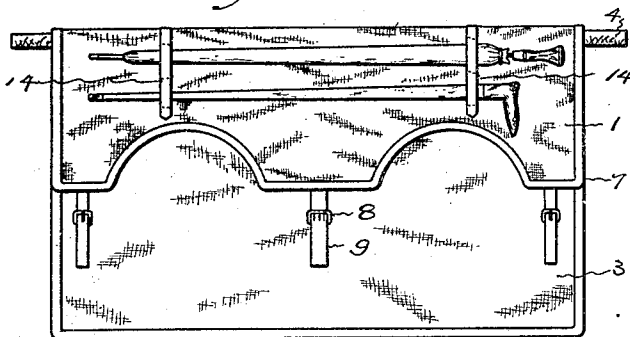


Fig. 3.

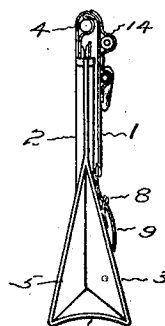


Fig. 2.

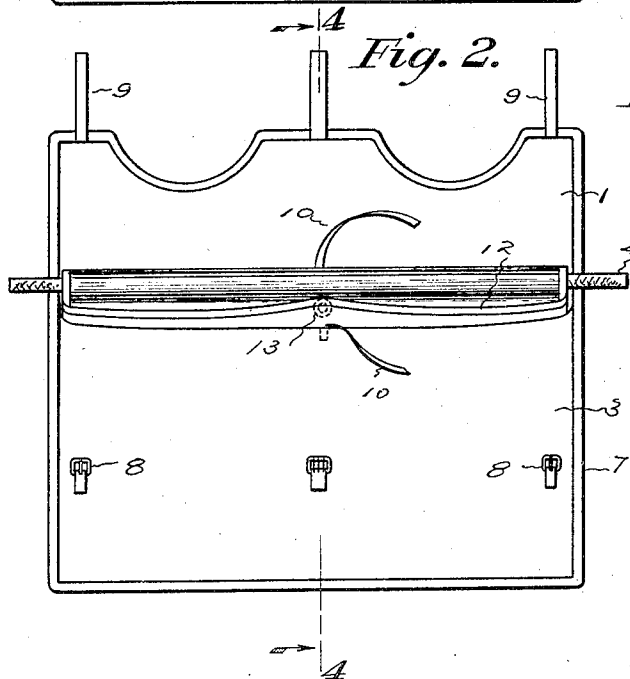
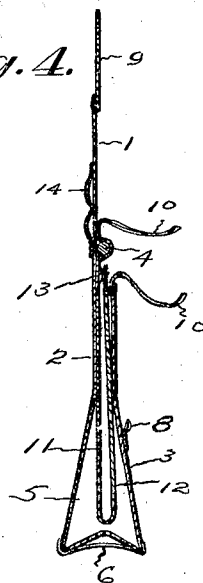


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORA P. ATKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at West Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Parcel Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a parcel carrier which is particularly designed for use in automobiles.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and convenient receptacle which can be rolled up so as to occupy a small space when not in use but which when desired for use can be instantly unrolled and detachably hung upon the robe bar or brackets that are usually attached to the back of the front seat of an automobile, for holding up from the floor, out of the way and protected from dust, hats, caps and other articles of wearing apparel, umbrellas, walking sticks and fishing rods, and general packages of merchandise.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1 shows a front elevation of a parcel carrier which embodies the invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the cover flap turned up. Fig. 3 is an edge elevation of the carrier. Fig. 4 is a section on the plane indicated by the dotted line 4-4 on Fig. 2.

This carrier is made of firm, closely woven, flexible fabric preferably of a color which will not easily soil and which may be moisture-proof if desired. The cover flap 1 may be a continuation of the back breadth 2 and the front breadth 3 may also be a continuation of the back breadth, the flap being folded down over the rigid bar 4 of wood which forms a support for the receptacle and keeps it in shape, and the front breadth being folded up from the back breadth and fastened thereto at its edges. Gores 5 may be inserted in the sides between the edges of the front and back breadths and the bottom may be stitched so as to form a satchel bottom 6. Suitable binding strips 7 are stitched around the edges of the receptacle to increase its strength and attractiveness, and the rod is usually covered at its ends which project beyond the receptacle with the fabric so that it will not mar any polished surfaces with which it comes in contact. Suitable means are provided for fastening the flap down to the front breadth, preferably buckles 8 attached to the front breadth and tapes 9 fastened to the lower

edge of the flap. Tapes 10 may also be arranged so that they may be tied together for fastening the middle of the front breadth to the back breadth above the supporting rod.

In the outer receptacle is a pocket desirably formed of lighter fabric. This pocket has a back breadth 11 that has its upper edge stitched to the back breadth of the outer receptacle above and below the rod, and a front breadth 12 that has its edges stitched to the edges of the back breadth of the pocket. At the middle there is a snap fastener 13 for temporarily securing the upper edge of the front breadth of the pocket to the upper edge of the back breadth of the outer receptacle. Tapes 14 may be fastened to the outside of the cover flap of the outer receptacle in such manner as to form loops into which umbrellas, canes and the like may be thrust.

In use the rod is simply hung over the robe bar or brackets usually found attached to the back of the front seat of an automobile. The rod not only supports the receptacle but keeps it from sagging at the center and getting out of shape. Light and easily soiled articles may be put in the inner pocket and more bulky and heavier articles placed in the outer receptacle which expands as the articles are placed therein. The cover flap may have any suitable outline and be provided with any convenient means for fastening it down so that it will protect the articles placed in the receptacle. This carrier is inexpensive and when not in use can be rolled up so that it will occupy but a small space.

The invention claimed is:—

1. A parcel carrier formed of a flexible fabric having a back breadth, a front breadth with a flexible top edge, a flexible flap attached to the upper edge of the back breadth and adapted to be folded over the front breadth, means for fastening the flap down to the front breadth, spaced flexible loops fastened on the outside of the folded over flap, and a rigid supporting rod with its ends projecting and providing supporting means some distance beyond the sides of the front and back breadths and fastened at the upper edge of the back breadth, said supporting rod forming the division between the back breadth and the flap and over which the flap is folded when the carrier is in use.

2. A parcel carrier formed of a flexible fabric and having a back breadth, a front breadth, a flap adapted to be fastened down to the front breadth, a supporting rod with its ends projecting beyond the sides of the front and back breadths and fastened at the upper edge of the back breadth, and an inner pocket of flexible fabric with the upper edge of its back breadth fastened to and supported by the rod.
3. A parcel carrier formed of a flexible fabric having a back breadth, a front breadth with a flexible top edge, expansible gores between the side edges of the front and back breadths and arranged to provide a flat bottom for the carrier when in use, a flexible flap attached to the upper edge of the back breadth and adapted to be folded over the front breadth, means for fastening the flap down to the front breadth, and a rigid supporting rod with its ends projecting and providing supporting means some distance beyond the side edges of the front and back breadths, and fastened at the upper edge of the back breadth, said supporting rod forming the division between the back breadth and flap and over which the flap is folded when the carrier is in use.

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