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Fig. 1.

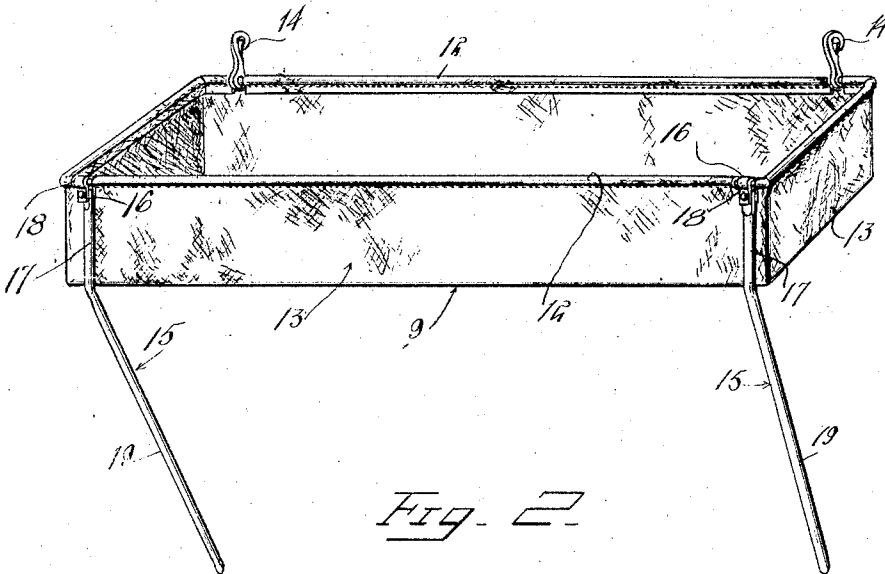
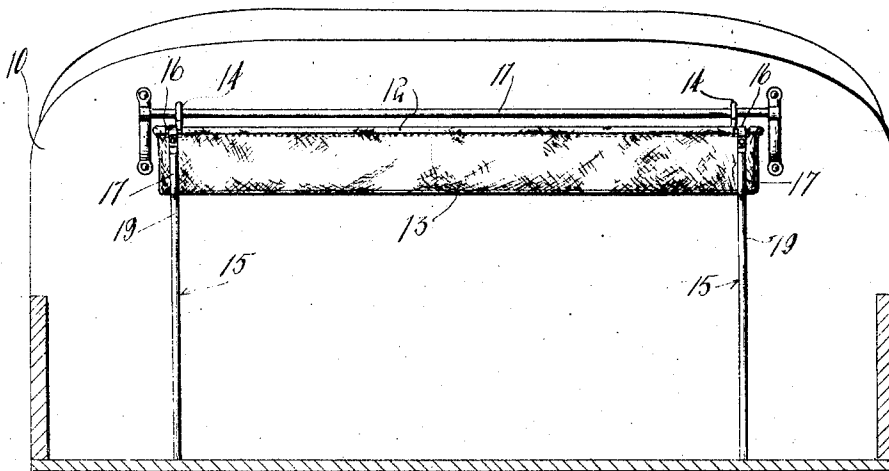


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

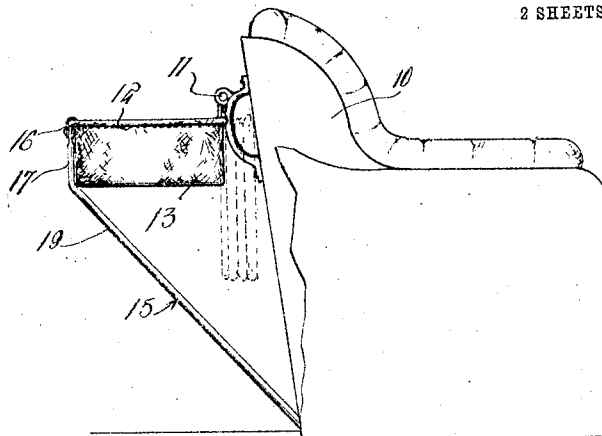


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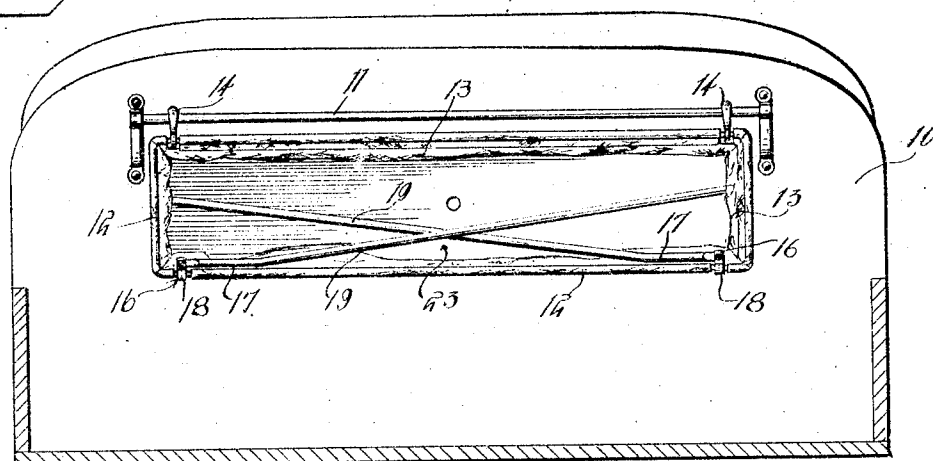
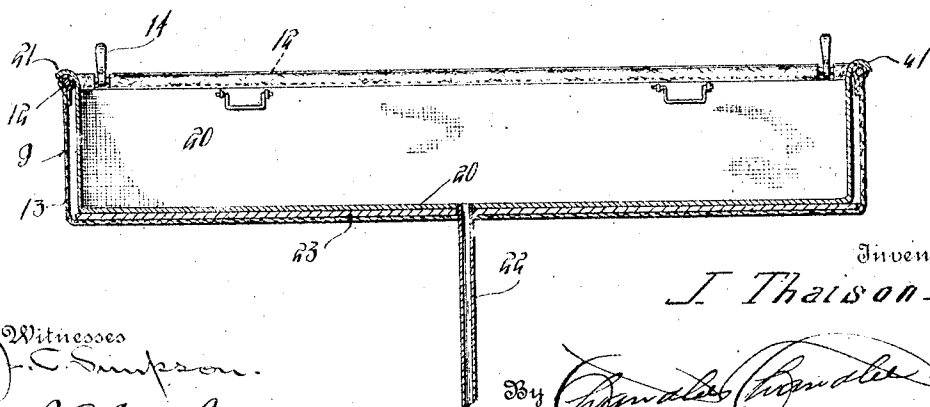


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN THAISON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rio-grande, in the county of Starr, State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baby-Baskets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a baby basket or crib which is adapted to be attached to the robe rail usually secured to the back of a front seat of an automobile or other vehicle and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will permit a baby to be placed therein, thus avoiding the necessity of carrying the baby in the arms and increasing the enjoyment of riding.

A further object of the invention is to provide such a basket which may be attached or detached from the robe rail very readily and which when not in use, may be folded so as to hang beneath the rail and out of sight.

A still further object of the invention is to provide supporting legs for the crib so that when in use, they will not occupy much room and will not interfere with the movements of the passengers.

The invention consists of certain other combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and clearly specified in the appended claim.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is an enlarged perspective view of my improved crib. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of a seat back provided with an ordinary robe rail and showing my improved crib attached when in use. Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the same. Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing the supporting legs folded and the crib hung beneath the rail. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of the device with the tank mounted therein to serve as an ice carrier.

Referring to the drawings in detail, there is shown a seat back 10 having a robe rail 11 secured thereto and spaced from the back in the usual manner.

My improved crib comprises a rectangular receptacle 9 which is comparatively long and wide and sufficiently deep to accomplish its purpose but to permit it to be folded beneath the robe rail when not in use. The receptacle when folded is therefore preferably

as deep as the robe rail is spaced from the back of the seat and comprises a top frame 12 covered with canvas 13 to form its ends, sides and bottom and which along one side and adjacent each end is provided with snap hooks 14 which are secured to the frame and which engage the robe rail to support the receptacle for swinging movement, whereby it may be folded against the back of the seat. The opposite side of the receptacle has a pair of foldable legs 15 secured to its upper frame member by means of suitable hinge joints 16, said legs being extended downwardly in contact with said side as shown at 17 and being then directed forwardly to contact with the floor and back of the seat in the manner shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. In this position the receptacle is supported for use and if desired may be used as a parcel carrier or other purpose as may be desired. When it is desired to fold the receptacle when not in use, the legs 15 are swung upon their hinge connections 16 to lie within the receptacle or crib and permit the said crib to swing or fold downwardly in contact with the back of the seat in the manner shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3 of the drawings. When in this position, the device will be out of sight when the robes are placed upon the rail and it will be further observed that even when in use ample room is provided for the passengers without interfering in any way with the movement of their feet or body.

The legs 15 are preferably mounted upon bearing straps 18 rotatably secured to the forward side of the frame 12 and by reason of the inwardly extended portions 19, may be folded laterally and outwardly to fit into the receptacle.

The device is simple in construction, can be readily attached to the robe rail and detached therefrom and when desired, a board or other covering may be placed thereon for use as a table for picnic outings.

In Fig. 5 of the drawings, I have illustrated the use of the device for carrying ice on outings and for this purpose a metallic lining or tank 20 is fitted within the basket and suspended from the frame at the upper portion thereof by flanges 21 and a tube 22 extends from the bottom of the tank and is of sufficient length to project through and below the floor of the automobile so as to carry off the water from the melted ice thereby increasing the value of the inven-

tion. The receptacle is also provided with a bottom board 23 whereby its sides and ends are rendered flexible and the receptacle can therefore be closed or collapsed.

5 I claim:—

The combination with a seat, of a rail secured to the back of the seat and spaced therefrom, a collapsible receptacle detachably and pivotally secured to the rail along
10 one edge and legs hingedly secured to the opposite edge for vertical and lateral pivotal movement, said legs extending downwardly

and beneath the receptacle in contact with the seat and its floor support, said legs when folded into the receptacle permitting the
15 same to swing in contact with the back and beneath the rail, in a collapsible condition.

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

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