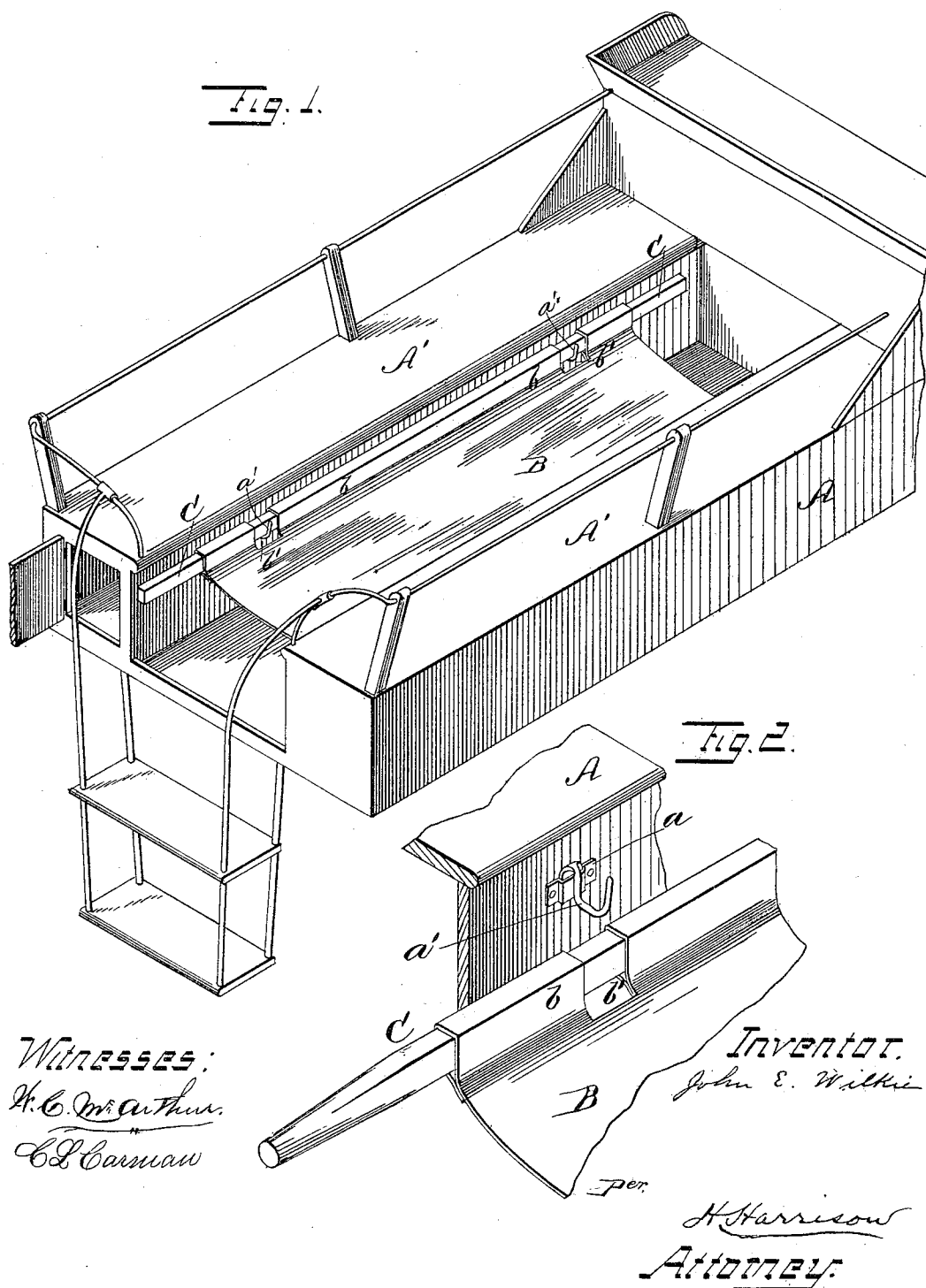


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. WILKIE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented Improvements in Ambulance-Stretchers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to stretchers for ambulances; and it consists in a stretcher of canvas, having its edges formed with a wide hem, through which are run the handles for carrying it, and provided with side openings for the passage of a hook, whereby the stretcher, when in use, may be suspended on removable hooks between the seats of an ambulance, and readily rolled up when not needed, substantially as will be hereinafter more fully described.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ambulance bed or body prepared for the reception of a sick or injured person; and Fig. 2 is a similar view in detail, showing the mode of suspending the stretcher.

A represents an ambulance provided with the usual side seats, A'. These seats are on their inner faces provided at suitable intervals with broad staples a, in each of which is placed a hook, a', having a square or flat base or shank which enters the staple a and holds the hook firmly in position.

B represents a rectangular sheet of canvas, of proper size to fit between the seats of the ambulance, and provided or formed along each side with a wide hem, b, which is cut or notched out at suitable intervals on each side,

as seen at b'. Through these hems b are passed wooden bars or handles C, which keep the canvas stiff, and by which it may be carried about.

When not in use the stretcher is rolled up into small compass and stowed beneath one of the seats A', as are also the hooks a'. When required for use the hooks are slipped into place, the stretcher unrolled, and the injured person placed upon it. It is then lifted into the ambulance and suspended upon the hooks a', the points of which pass through the openings b' and do not injure the canvas. This makes a very easy means of transporting a sick person, being very free from the jolts and jars which usually annoy them. When it is desired to remove the person from the ambulance it may readily be done and carried to any place and laid on a bed, and if too badly injured to be moved the bars C may be withdrawn and leave the canvas behind. The whole constitutes a very inexpensive and handy stretcher for use in an ambulance or wagon.

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

The combination, with an ambulance, A, having staples a a and detachable hooks a' a', of the canvas stretcher B, having hemmed sides b, provided with notches b' b', and the handles C C, passed through the hemmed sides of the stretcher and adapted to be supported on the hooks a' a', substantially as described.

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

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