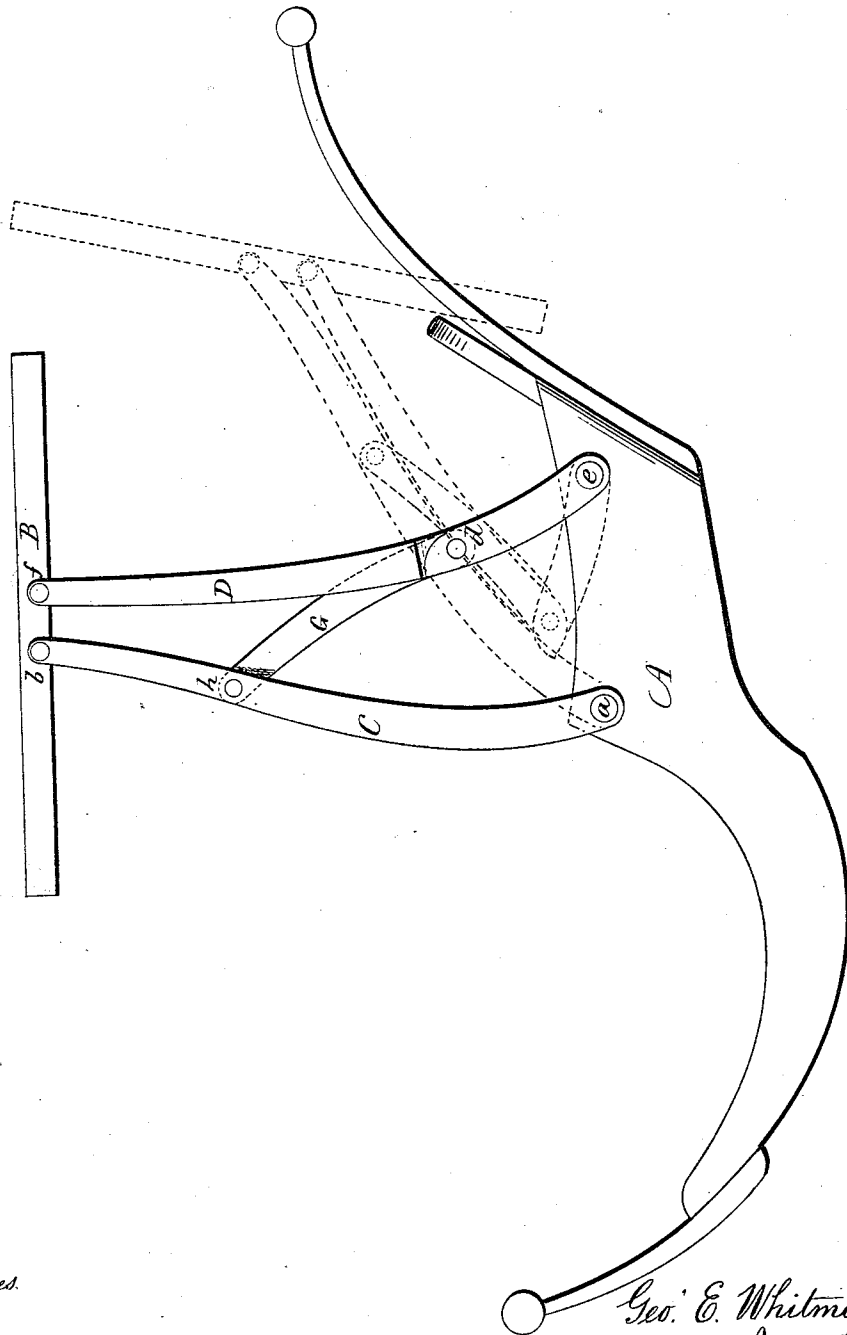


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IMPROVEMENT IN CARRIAGE-TOPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. WHITMORE, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Canopy-Top for Child's Carriage; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent a side view.

This invention relates to an improvement in the manner of supporting or attaching a canopy-top to carriages; the object being to allow of its being turned back, and yet supported in an upright position by the same mechanism which allows the folding; and it consists in a principal brace hinged to the body and to the top, and an auxiliary jointed brace hinged to the body and top in the rear of said principal brace, with an arm extending from the hinge of the auxiliary brace to the principal brace, as more fully hereinafter described.

A is the body of the carriage, of the usual or any desirable form, provided with trundling-handles at the rear or front, or both; B, the canopy or top; C, the principal brace, its lower end hinged to the body, as at *a*, and the

upper end to the top, as at *b*. D is the auxiliary brace, jointed, as at *d*, the lower end hinged to the body, as at *e*, and the upper end at the top, as at *f*, both points of connection being in the rear of those of the principal brace. From the auxiliary brace an arm, G, extends, one end hinged at *d*, and the other to the principal brace, at *h*, above.

To turn the top, simply draw it back, which will force the joint *d* forward and downward, or draw that joint forward and downward, which will allow of the top being thrown back until the braces are closed, as denoted in broken lines.

The joints are preferably constructed so as to produce sufficient friction to hold the top at different inclinations.

I claim—

The combination, with the canopy of a carriage, the principal brace C, the auxiliary brace D, both hinged to the body and to the top, the one jointed, and with an arm extending from said joint and hinged to the other brace above, substantially as described.

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