

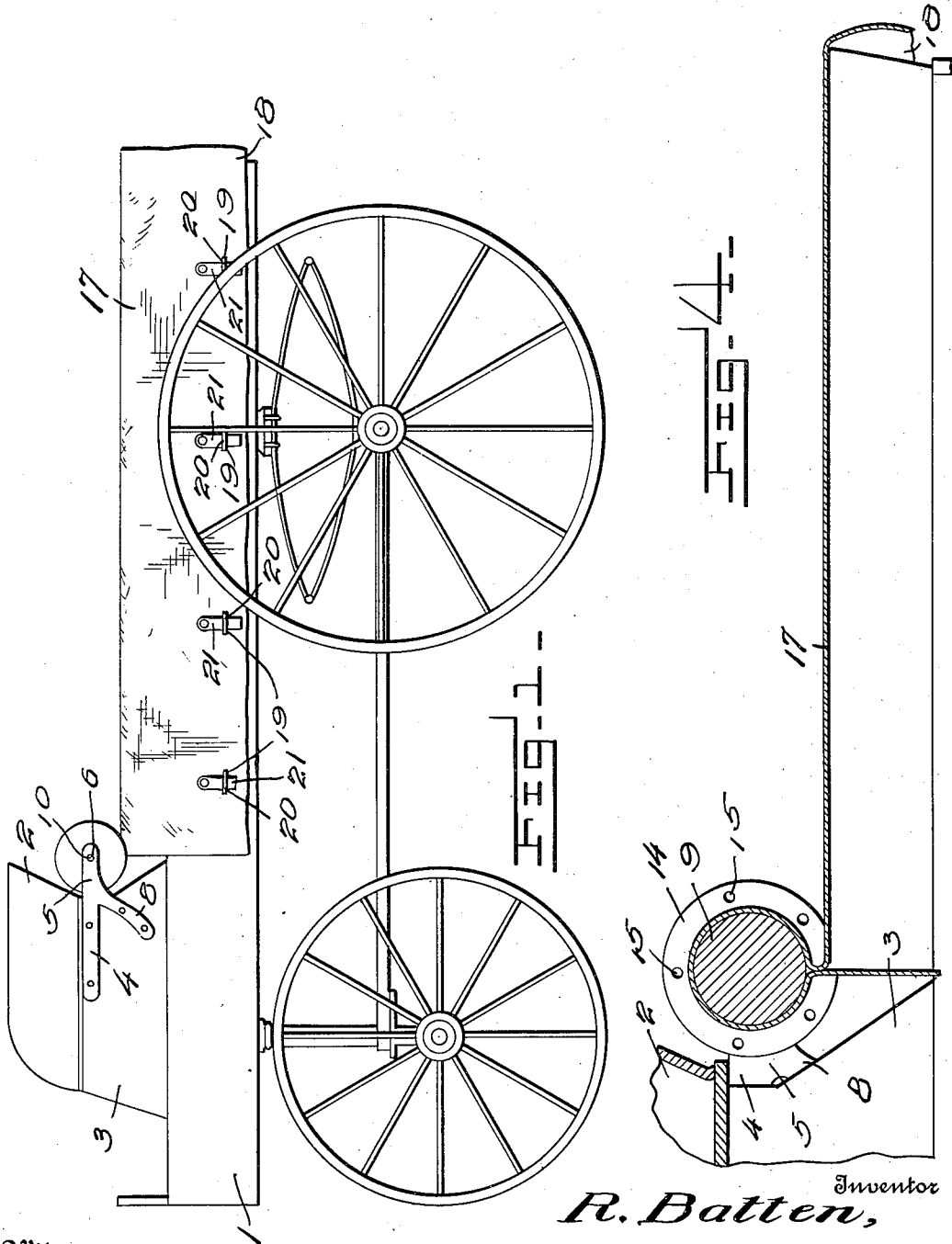
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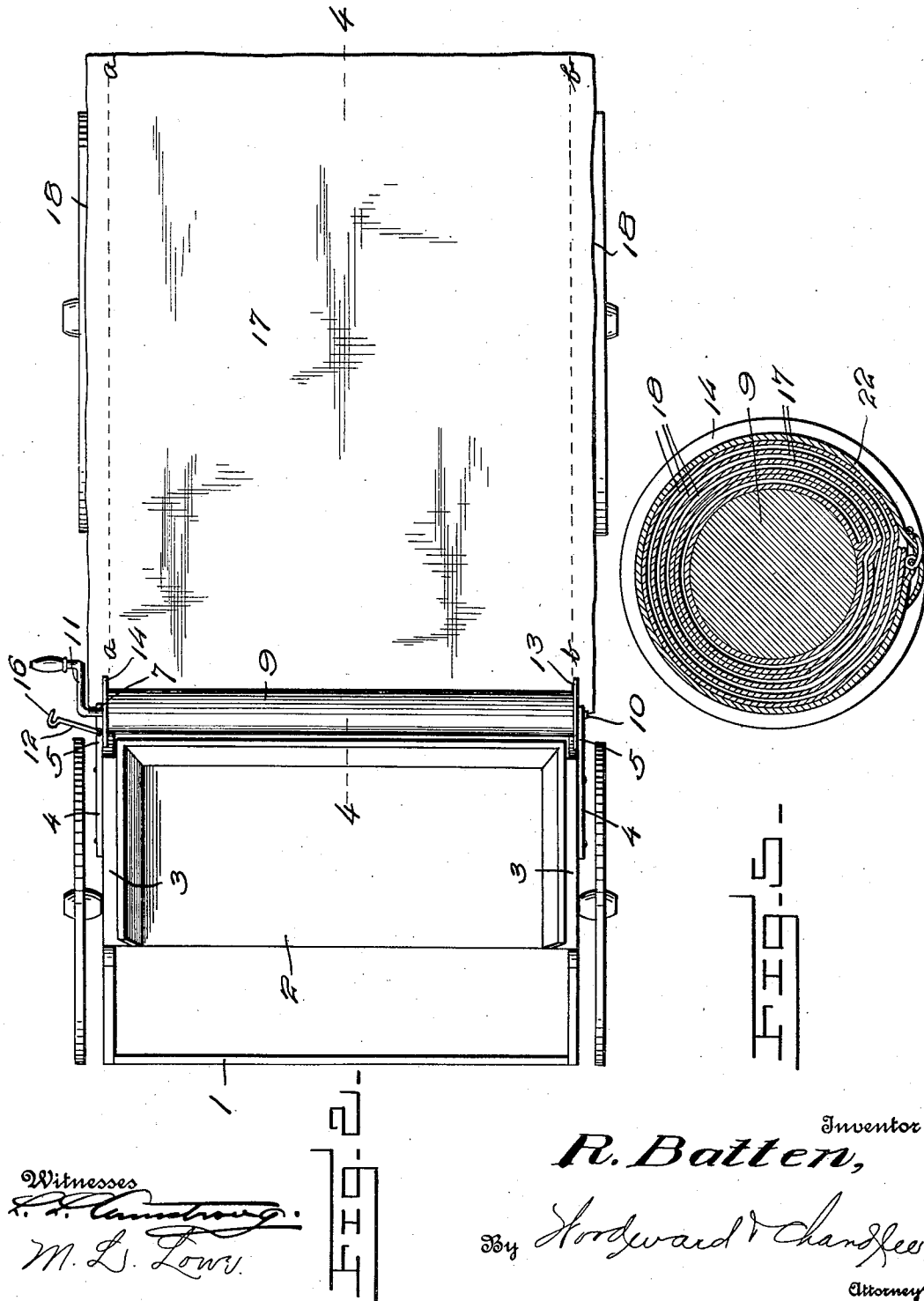
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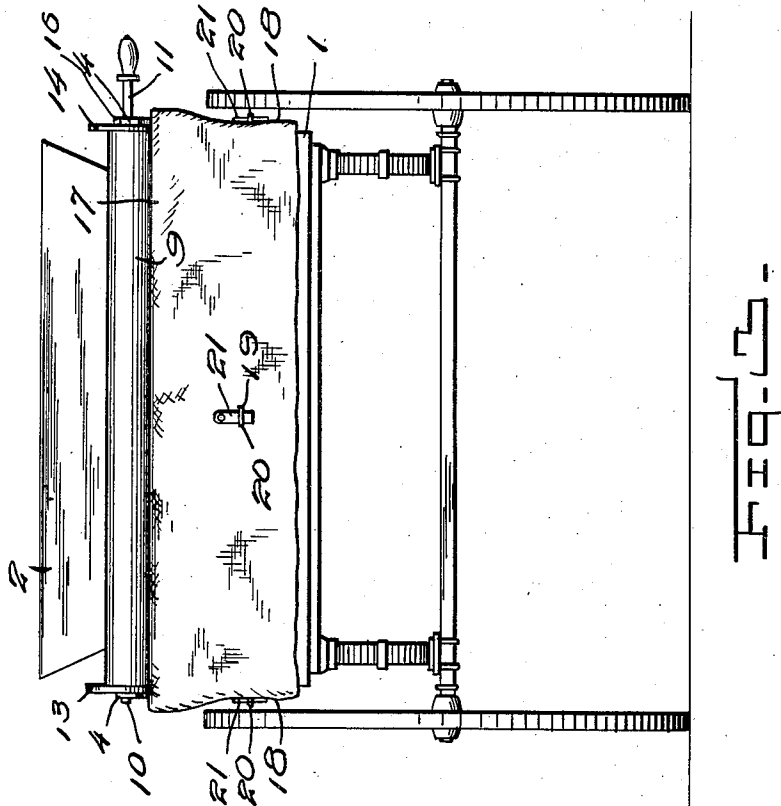
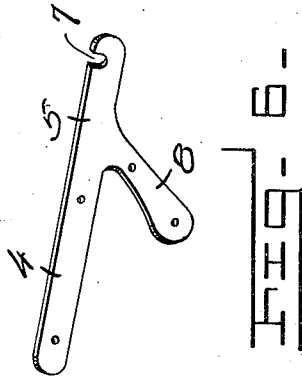
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD BATTEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Scammon, in the county of Cherokee and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wagon-Covers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in wagons and more particularly to a cover for the body of the wagon.

One object of the present invention is to provide a cover for a wagon body particularly an open wagon, whereby the contents may be shielded from rain or sun.

Another object is to provide a cover, which may be readily and neatly folded up when not needed, and occupy a minimum of space.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description and with particular reference to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification and in which,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a wagon body showing my device applied and in open position, Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same, Fig. 3 is a rear elevation, Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section on the line 4-4 of Fig. 2, the cover being unrolled, Fig. 5 is a cross-section of the roller, showing my cover rolled up, Fig. 6 is a detailed perspective of one of the brackets for supporting the roller.

Referring particularly to the drawings, 1 represents a wagon box of ordinary construction, and having the seat 2 thereon. Secured to each of the vertical side supports 3 of the seat, is a bracket 4, which extends rearwardly of the seat as at 5, one of said extensions having a transverse opening 6 therethrough, and the other having a vertical slot 7. Each of the brackets has a supporting arm 8. A drum or roller 9 having a pintle 10 at one end, which is adapted to enter the opening in one of said brackets and a crank handle 11 at the opposite end to be seated in the slot 7 is rotatably mounted in said brackets, and extends approximately the entire width of the wagon body and directly behind the seat. Pivotaly secured to the slotted bracket, is a plate 12, which is adapted to be swung over the slot to retain the roller thereon. The roller or drum has the flanges 13 and 14, the flange 14 of which is provided with a series of openings 15 adapted to receive the hooked

end of a latch 16 pivoted to the slotted bracket, said latch being provided for the purpose of retaining the roller at any point in its rotation. A piece of waterproof fabric 17 is drawn tightly near one end of said fabric over the roller and is sewed directly beneath the roller to provide the hanging curtain portion of the wagon, which protects the contents from the rain which might come in from under the seat from the front. The cover extends rearward from the roller and is extended laterally to form the side flaps 18, which are adapted to be turned down over the sides of the wagon box and are provided with the openings 19, which are adapted to engage over the eyes 20, secured to the side of the wagon. To secure the cover in this position, I fasten the short straps 21 directly above the openings 19, and which are adapted to be passed through said eyes after the cover is thus engaged thereon. The rear marginal edge of the cover is also formed with the openings and straps and adapted to engage in similar eyes at the rear of the box. When the cover is thus fastened, the contents of the wagon are effectively protected from all sides. When the cover is not needed, it is folded on the lines *a a* and *b b*, so that the fabric then has a width of approximately the same as the distance between the flanges of the roller, and by means of the handle on one end thereof, the cover may be quickly rolled up and fastened in such position on the roller, by means of the straps 22, and by means of the latch 16, the roller may be held against movement.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a simple, and comparatively cheap device of this character, one which will effectively protect the contents of a wagon; one which is easily and quickly folded out of the way; and one which will effectively protect the contents of the wagon from rain, which might come from the front under the seat.

It will be apparent that changes in the form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

What is claimed is:

In a cover for a wagon box; a flanged roller removably mounted on the wagon seat, a piece of fabric having a wide portion adapted to be extended over the rear portion of the wagon box, and provided with

slits near its marginal edges, straps secured above the slits, eye members on the wagon box for engagement in the slits and reception of the straps, straps on said fabric to
5 hold the fabric when so wound, and a narrow portion on one end of the fabric folded around said roller and secured to the body portion of the fabric whereby when the fabric is unrolled one end is left to form a

downwardly extending curtain portion beneath the roller. 10

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

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