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Stove Truck.

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Fig 1,

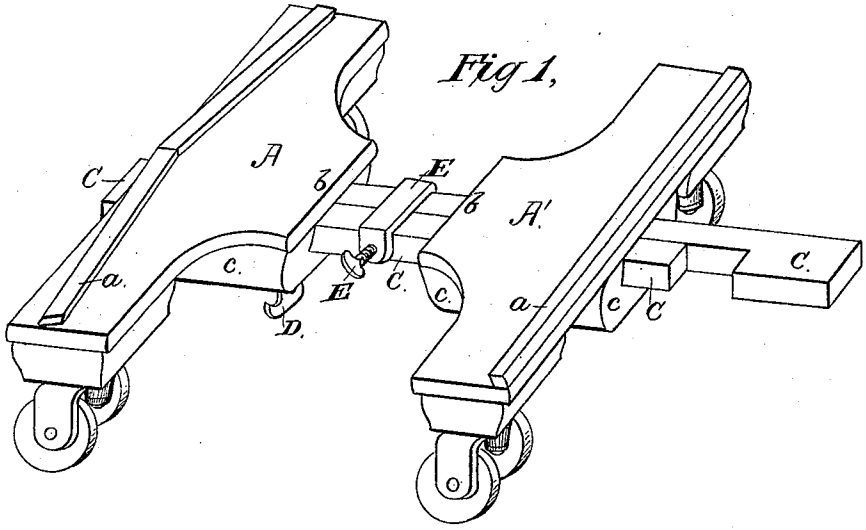


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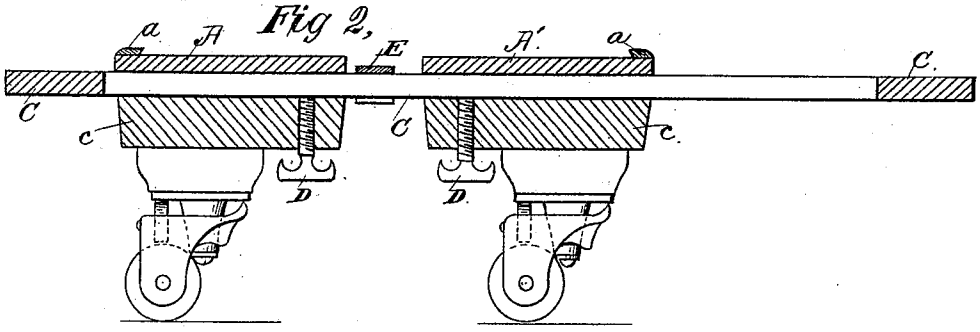
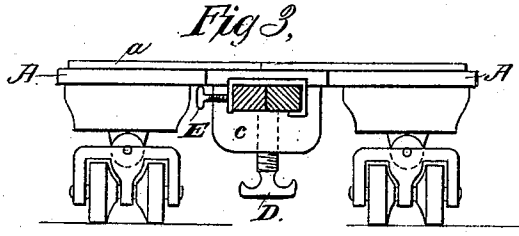


Fig 3,



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STOVE-TRUCK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN B. SCHENCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fulton, in the county of Oswego and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stove-Trucks; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The subject of my invention is a stove-truck consisting of a flat platform in two parts, each part having a broad surface extending continuously from one side to the other of each end, and each end having a central extension on the under side provided with a socket, in which slides a central reach for connecting said ends together and regulating their distance asunder, the said truck being adapted to receive a stove, either with or without feet, or to hold it while the feet are being set, and also to be placed under a stove readily by one man.

Upon each platform end are placed undercut cleats for the purpose of receiving and holding the stove-legs. These cleats are curved or inclined toward the sides of the truck to secure the feet against lateral as well as longitudinal movement.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved truck. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section thereof.

A A′ represent the two ends of the truck, each formed with a broad flat upper surface, extending continuously from side to side, and with a central extension, *b*, having on the under side sockets or guides *c* for the reception of a central reach which supports the truck ends A A′, which are secured together at any distance asunder by means of the said reach, which slides in the sockets *c*, and is fixed in position by means of clamp-screws D.

Each end A A′ is provided at its outer edge with an undercut cleat, *a*, which clea may be parallel, but are preferably curved inclined to converge toward the sides of th truck in order to secure the feet against la eral as well as longitudinal movement. B dividing the reach C longitudinally into tw parts, fixed together by one or more clamps E, or other suitable means, I adapt the sai reach to be extended in length as required in order that the same truck may be adapted for application to cooking-stoves or ranges o great length, as well as to upright heating-stoves which have a comparatively small base, while avoiding in the latter case any unsightly or inconvenient projection of the reach beyond either end of the truck.

The truck ends are mounted on suitable casters. By constructing each of the truck ends A A′ with a broad upper surface extending continuously from side to side my device is at all times adapted to receive and support thereon stoves of various widths, as the surface, extending continuously from side to side, will afford firm support equally for narrow or broad stoves. By this construction I am enabled to dispense with the necessity of constructing the stove-frame of transversely-adjustable rods or bars, the amount of whose extension requires to be regulated according to the width of the stove to be supported.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A stove-truck constructed with a platform in two parts, A A′, each having a broad upper surface extending from side to side, and connected adjustably at any desired distance asunder by means of one or more reaches, so as to be adapted for supporting stoves of various dimensions, substantially as set forth.

2. A stove-truck consisting of a platform in two parts, A A′, and having central extensions, *b*, and a central reach, C, sliding in sockets *c* on the under side of the truck ends, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A stove-truck consisting of two members, A A′, central reach, C, and undercut cleats *a*, as and for the purpose set forth.

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