

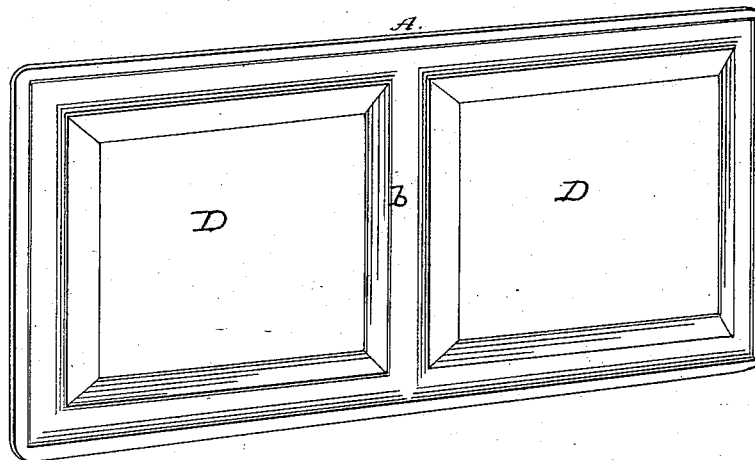
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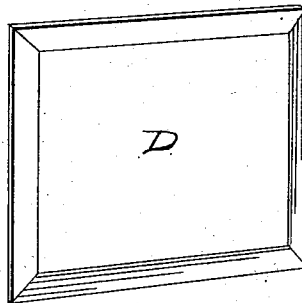
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## DASH-BOARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM RUBY, a citizen of the United States, residing in Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dash-Boards and Fenders; 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.

My invention consists in providing dash-boards and fenders, that are commonly constructed of leather attached to a suitable frame, with an inner stiff lining composed of wood or other equivalent material, whereby the leather is stretched and maintained in a hard, smooth condition, and the articles named thus rendered more permanently sightly and durable.

One form of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a view of a dash-board, and Fig. 2 a detail view of a portion of the lining.

A represents the frame of a dash-board of ordinary form, divided into two parts by partition *b*.

D D are panels composed of wood with beveled edges, placed as linings in the separate compartments. The form of these panels is shown in Fig. 2. After the leather is stretched over the frame the panels are inserted in place and the leather stitched around the same, leaving the outlines of the panels displayed as shown in Fig. 1.

When completed the dash-board has a hard, smooth surface on both sides, and the leather is so stretched and held that all cracking of the same by cold or by blows or other rough usage is prevented.

Of course the dash-board and lining may

be varied in form from that shown without departing from the nature of my invention.

In the construction of fenders the lining may consist of a single strip of wood bent into proper form by steaming, and its edges may then be beveled in order that the leather may be easily and neatly stretched and stitched around it.

By the use of my improvement, the leather always being preserved in a tight, smooth condition, a coat of varnish is all that is necessary to give the dash-board or fender a perfectly new appearance. Thus the need of so frequently re-covering these parts is obviated, and especially in this respect is the use of my improvement advantageous when it is desired to employ fine patent-leather as a cover, as the cracking is prevented and frequent re-covering rendered unnecessary, and a great saving thereby accomplished.

Another advantage of my improvement is that it permits the use to a greater extent than heretofore of covers for dash-boards and fenders composed of other flexible material than leather, which more than leather needs a stiff support or lining.

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

A dash-board or fender provided with a stiff inner lining for the cover, composed of wood or other equivalent material, substantially as described.

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

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