

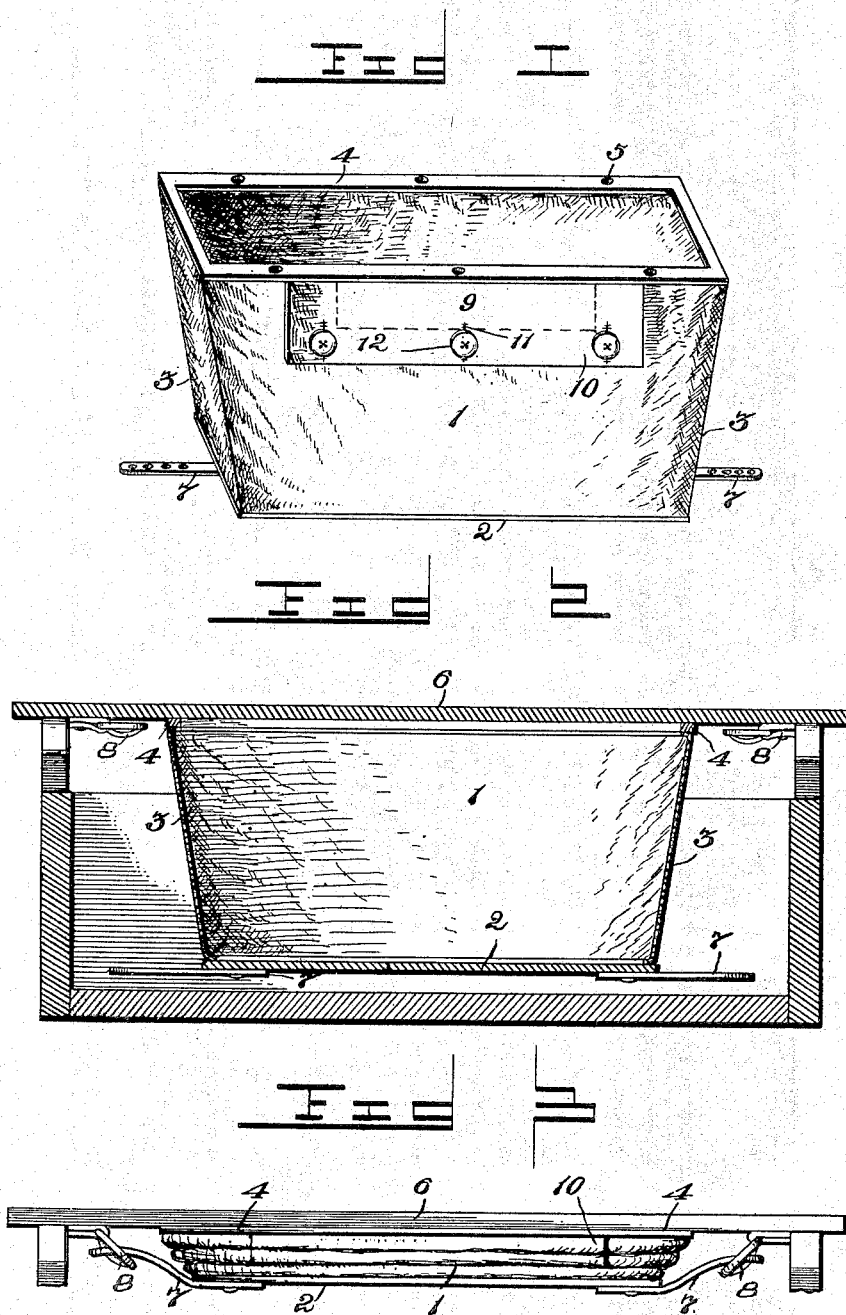
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ANDERSON D. WILLIAMS and CHARLES D. WALSH, citizens of the United States, residing at Austin, in the county of Travis and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Collapsible Receptacle for Vehicles, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in collapsible receptacles for vehicles.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of collapsible receptacles and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient one designed particularly for use on spring-seats of wagons and adapted to receive various packages when there is room beneath the seat and capable of collapsing and of fitting closely against the lower face of the seat when the wagon or other vehicle is loaded, whereby it will not interfere with the loading of a vehicle or the use of the seat or any portion of the load.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a collapsible receptacle constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the receptacle, showing the same applied to a vehicle-seat. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation showing the receptacle collapsed.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a collapsible receptacle composed of a rigid bottom 2 and flexible walls 3, constructed of suitable fabric, such as canvas or the like, which is adapted to fold and permit the receptacle to collapse, as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the accompanying drawings. The receptacle, which is substantially oblong, is preferably tapered, and it is provided at its upper edges with an oblong frame 4, constructed of any suitable material and provided with perforations 5 for the reception of suitable fastening devices for securing the receptacle to the lower face of a seat 6 of a wagon or other vehicle. In the accompanying drawings the receptacle is shown applied

to the seat of a wagon-body; but it will be readily apparent that it may be applied to carriages and various other vehicles. The bottom of the receptacle consists, preferably, of a board, and it is provided at its ends with short straps 7, which are adapted to engage buckles 8, secured to the lower face of the seat at the ends thereof, whereby the receptacle is maintained in a collapsed condition, as shown in Fig. 3.

In order to enable bundles to be readily placed in and removed from the receptacle, the latter is provided with an opening 9, which is normally covered by a flexible flap, 10 of the same material as the body of the receptacle. The flap is secured at its upper edge to the receptacle, and it is provided at its lower edge with buttonholes or eyelets 11, adapted to receive buttons 12 or other suitable fastening devices. The flap may be readily raised and lowered to uncover and cover the opening of the body of the receptacle, so that packages may be introduced into and removed from the receptacle.

The invention has the following advantages: The receptacle, which is simple and comparatively inexpensive in construction, is adapted to be readily applied to the seats of all kinds of vehicles, and it is capable of being readily arranged to receive packages and of folding compactly against the bottom of the seat, so that the latter may be placed upon a load in the ordinary manner. The end straps retain the receptacle in its collapsed condition, and they enable the receptacle to be quickly arranged in position for use. The flap which covers the opening is flexible and does not interfere with the folding of the device.

Changes in the form, proportion, size, and the minor details of construction within the scope of the appended claims may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

What is claimed is—

1. A device of the class described comprising a receptacle open at the top and designed to be secured to the lower face of a vehicle-seat, whereby the top of the receptacle is covered, said receptacle being provided with flexible walls and being adapted to collapse against the lower face of the seat, and means

for securing the receptacle in its collapsed condition, substantially as described.

2. A device of the class described comprising a receptacle having an open top and designed to be secured to the lower face of a vehicle-seat, and provided with flexible walls whereby it is adapted to collapse against the said seat, and fastening devices for connecting the bottom of the receptacle with the seat to retain the receptacle in its collapsed condition, substantially as described.

3. A device of the class described comprising a receptacle having flexible walls and provided with a rigid horizontal bottom, said

receptacle having an opening in one of its walls, the flap arranged to cover the opening, and a frame arranged at the upper edges of the wall and adapted to be secured to the lower face of a seat, substantially as described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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