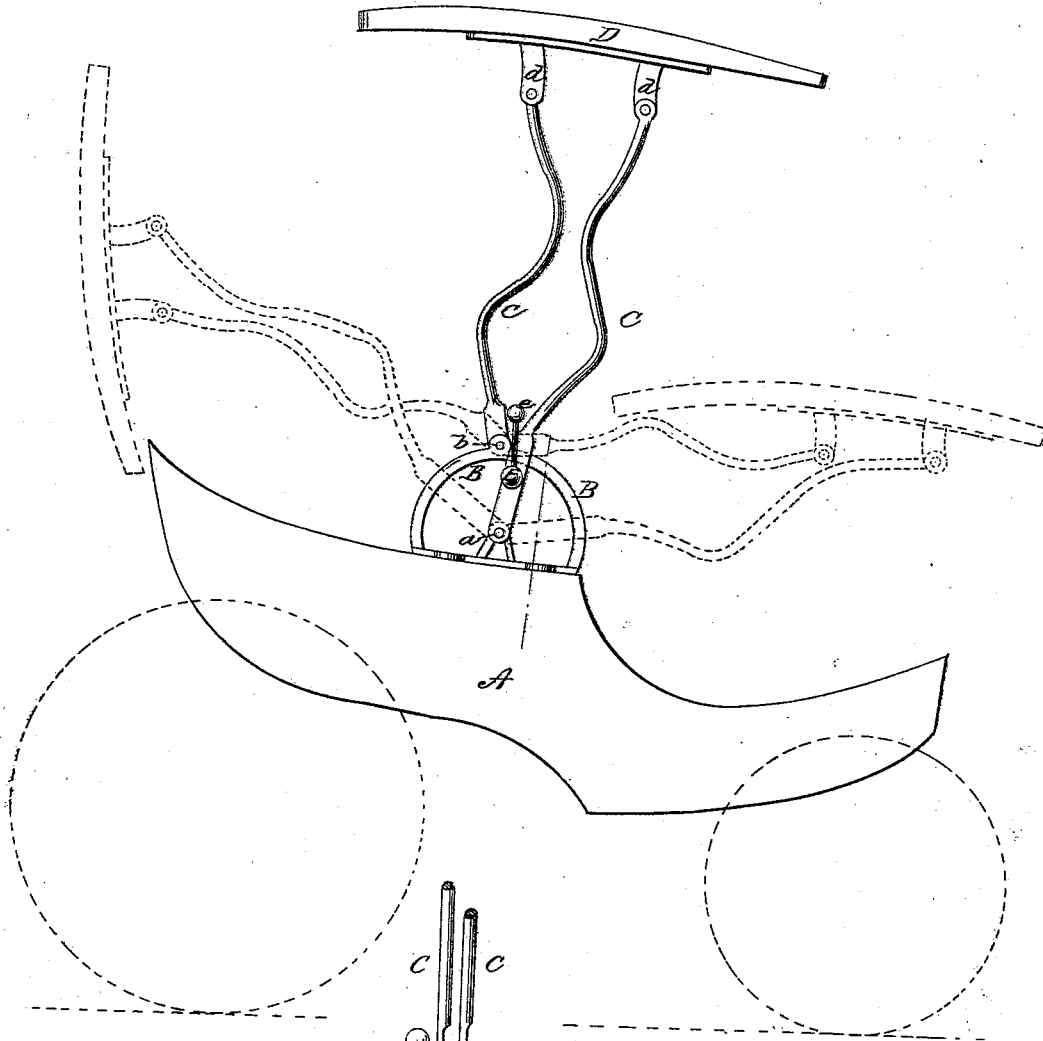


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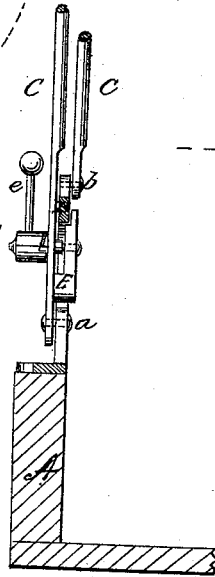
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RODNEY G. BRITTON of Springfield, in the county of Windsor and State of Vermont, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Children's Carriages; and that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

This invention is in the nature of an improvement in children's carriages; and the invention consists in a child's carriage provided with a top constructed with two supporting-rods on each side, which are secured to the top by joints at the upper ends, and to a supporting curved frame at their other, these rods being combined with a cam, whereby the top may be adjusted at any required angle, or placed in a position parallel, or nearly parallel, with the body of the carriage, substantially in the manner hereinafter described.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of improvement in children's carriages; and Fig. 2, a cross-section of same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

A represents the body of a child's carriage, to the sides of which are secured curved frames B, and to each of these frames are attached, by means of pivotal bolts or otherwise, the lower ends of the supporting-rods C. These rods are secured to the frames at two different points—viz., the centers *a*, from which the curves of the frames are described, and a point, *b*, just within the circumference of the curves and immediately above the center *a*.

The upper ends of the supporting-rods C may be attached directly to the ends of the canopy or top D, or they may be attached to

short projections *d*. The latter are preferable. In either case, however, the attachment must be by means of hinged joints or pivotal bolts, so that the top may be moved in an irregular curve either backward or forward, the joints at the upper and lower ends of the rods freely allowing the top to assume almost any desired position, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1—that is, the top may be thrown back of the occupant of the carriage into a position at right angles to the body of the carriage, or it may be adjusted immediately over or in front of the occupant, in such a position as to completely keep out the sun, and at the same time permit the child to look out; or it may be brought down close to the top of the body and parallel with it, for convenience of packing.

The top so adjusted is held in the required position by a cam, E. Since this cam may be of any construction, no particular description of it is necessary.

The supports being placed, respectively, one on each side of the frame B, they are, by the action of the cam, brought tightly in contact with the sides of the frame, by simply turning the lever *e*, which holds them firmly in position by friction; or, by turning the lever in a reverse direction, they may be moved into any position desired.

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

The top or canopy of a child's carriage jointed to rods, the lower ends whereof are secured to a frame at points one above the other, and combined with a friction or other adjusting and holding device, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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