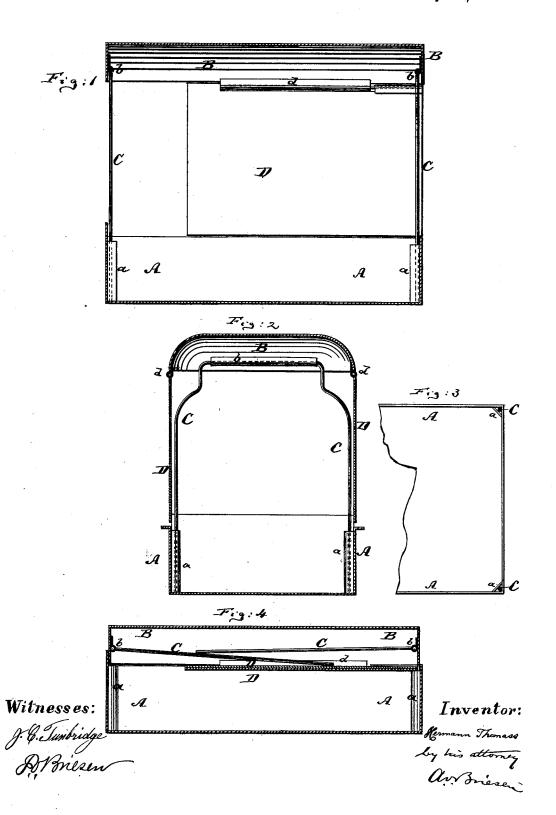
H. THOMASS TOY-WAGON.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN TOY WAGONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMANN THOMASS, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Toy Wagon Top, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal section of my improved toy-wagon top. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same; Fig. 3, a partial top view of the toy-wagon body. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal section of the body and top folded together.

Similar letters of reference indicate corre-

sponding parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to a new top for toy wagons, and has for its object to make the said top with joints, so that it can be folded into a small space for transportation and storage, and also to add to the pleasure of the children in handling the same.

The invention consists in combining the top of the toy wagon with four wires, which are directly hinged to the top by loops or eyes, and which can be folded against its under side or placed at right angles thereto, and which, in the latter case, constitute the standards that support the top on the toy-wagon body.

The invention also consists in providing the said folding top having the hinged wires with hinged side flaps, which, when the top is to be put away, can be folded flat against the canopy, over the wire supports already mentioned.

In the drawing, the letter A represents a toy-wagon body, made of sheet metal, wood, or other suitable material. This body is provided, on its inner side at or near its corners, with four upright sockets, a, which serve to receive the lower ends of the standards that support the toy-wagon top.

B is the toy-wagon top, made of suitable material, preferably sheet metal or wood. Its area is about equal to that of the wagon-body A, and its form approaching more or less to that of a flat plate. To the under side of the top B are hinged, in loops or eyes b b, four wires, marked C C, which can be folded into or against the top, as in Fig. 4, or at right angles thereto, as in Figs. I and 2. In the latter case the lower ends of these wires can be inserted in the sockets a of the wagonbody, and serve there to support the top properly on the body. I prefer to connect the two wires C C at each end of the top into one piece, as indicated in Fig. 2; but they may be made in separate pieces.

D D are flaps or plates of sheet metal or other material hinged to the sides of the top B, as at d in Fig. 2. They close the elevated top at the sides, and reach to, or nearly to, the body. When the top is folded together these flaps can also be folded under it, as shown in Fig. 4. The folding top, constructed as stated, can, in packing or during transportation, be placed upon the body A, as in Fig. 4, and the entire apparatus will then occupy hardly more room than the body alone.

I claim as my invention—

1. The toy-wagon top B, combined with the four wires O(C), which are directly hinged to the top by loops or eyes b b, and arranged to be folded under the top, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of the toy-wagon body A, having sockets a with the toy top B, hinged wires C, and hinged wings or flaps D, substantially as herein shown and described.

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Witnesses:

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