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IMPROVEMENT IN CARRIAGE-TOPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN V. EMMITT, of Sterling, in the county of Whitesides and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Carriage-Tops, which is fully set forth in the accompanying drawing.

The invention relates to that class of cheap light carriage-tops or canopies intended to be used chiefly on the driver's seat on wagons and on the lighter buggies, and which are readily removable.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved method of changing the position of such top, and fixing the same at different angles, as the directions of the sun, wind, or rain may require.

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention; and Fig. 2 is a plan view, showing the jaws B B open.

A is the ordinary standard or post, pivoted, as shown, at its lower end, to which may be attached, in the usual way, the auxiliary bows to support the top. The part shown in the drawings is, of course, but one side or end of the top, having its counterpart at the other end or side of the seat or buggy, and supporting jointly with such other end the top or canopy over the seat.

B B are jaws, hinged together at *a a*. One of the jaws B has partitions *b* formed on its closing side, at such intervals as that when closed such partitions fit snugly against the front and rear sides of the post A. These partitions can be made to occur as frequently as it may be desired to provide different positions for the top. The jaws B B can be cast cheaply and strongly of malleable iron, and, by means of bolts or screws through the flanges *d d*, near the point of juncture of the jaws, are readily attached to and removed from the driver's seat or buggy-box.

When the jaws are closed a lock, *f*, hinged, as shown, on the post A, is turned down over both jaws, and holds the same firmly together. When the lock *f* is turned up, the jaws can be opened and the post A on each side moved into the position required, and the jaws are then closed and locked, as aforesaid.

What I claim is—

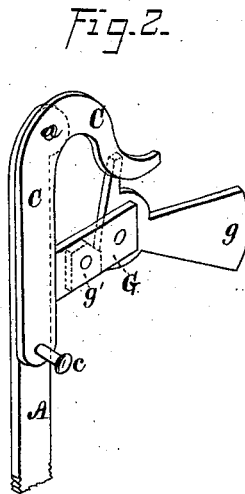
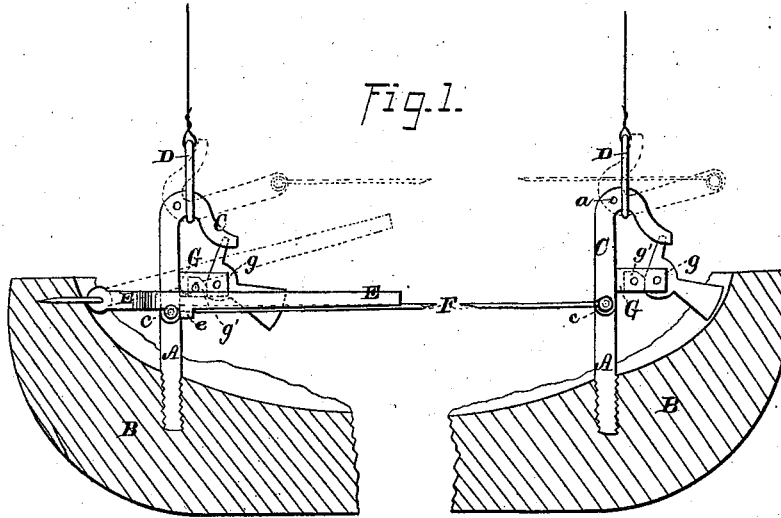
The jaws B B, provided with partitions *b*, in combination with the standard A and lock *f*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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