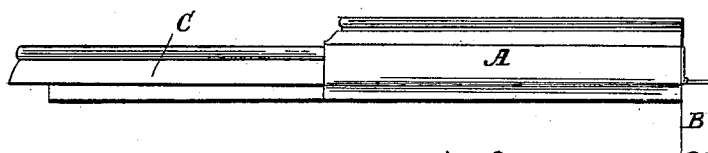


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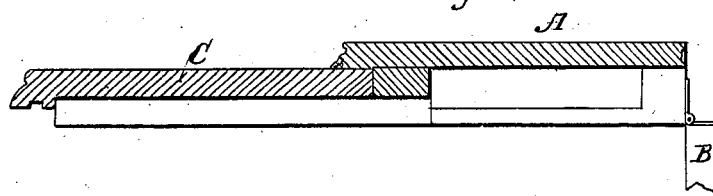
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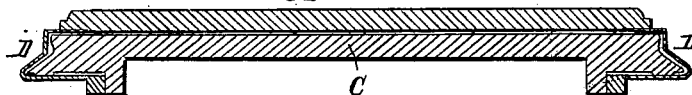
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN LANDAU CARRIAGES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### *To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, EDWARD WELLS, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Landau Carriages; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification and represents in—

Figure 1, a side view;

Figure 2, a longitudinal central section; and in

Figure 3, a transverse section.

This invention relates to an improvement in Landau carriages and carriages with similar folding tops, for which a patent was granted to me, and dated December 6, 1870, the object being to avoid the folding of the top as described in that patent.

To this end the invention consists in constructing the top in a telescopic form, so that one part shall slide into the other instead of folding the parts over, as in my patent before referred to.

A is one part of the top, which is hinged to the part B in the usual manner.

C is the other part of the top of the part A, constructed with suitable guides D, which form a cham-

ber into which the part C will slide, as denoted in broken lines, fig. 2.

The edges of the two parts may be finished in any desirable molding or form, and when desired to throw the top back to open the carriage the top C, after being detached from the front, is run back into the part A, as denoted in figs. 2 and 3; then the top is thrown back, folding in like manner as the ordinary Landau carriage.

By this invention the lining of the top is not exposed, and other advantages over my aforesaid patent are so apparent as not to require mention here.

I have represented the forward part as sliding into the rear part, but it will be evident to those skilled in the art that the front part may be arranged to close over the rear part, or the part C may run entirely over the part A without closing into it, my invention being simply for the closing of the two parts by sliding one into or onto the other.

I claim as my invention—

In Landau carriages, the construction of the top in two or more parts, constructed and arranged to close into or onto the other, substantially as described.

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