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Convertible Chair.

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Fig. 1.

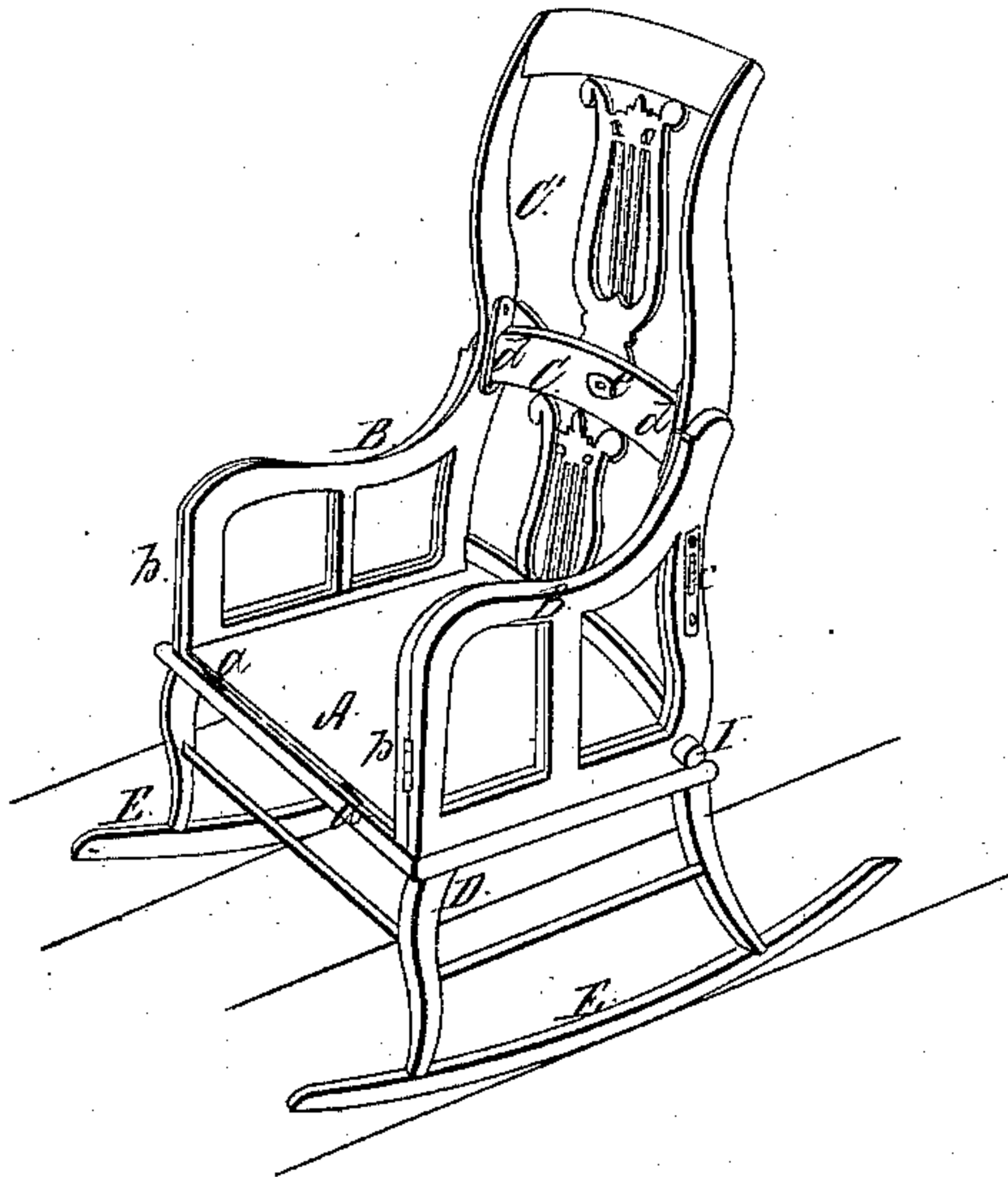


Fig. 2.

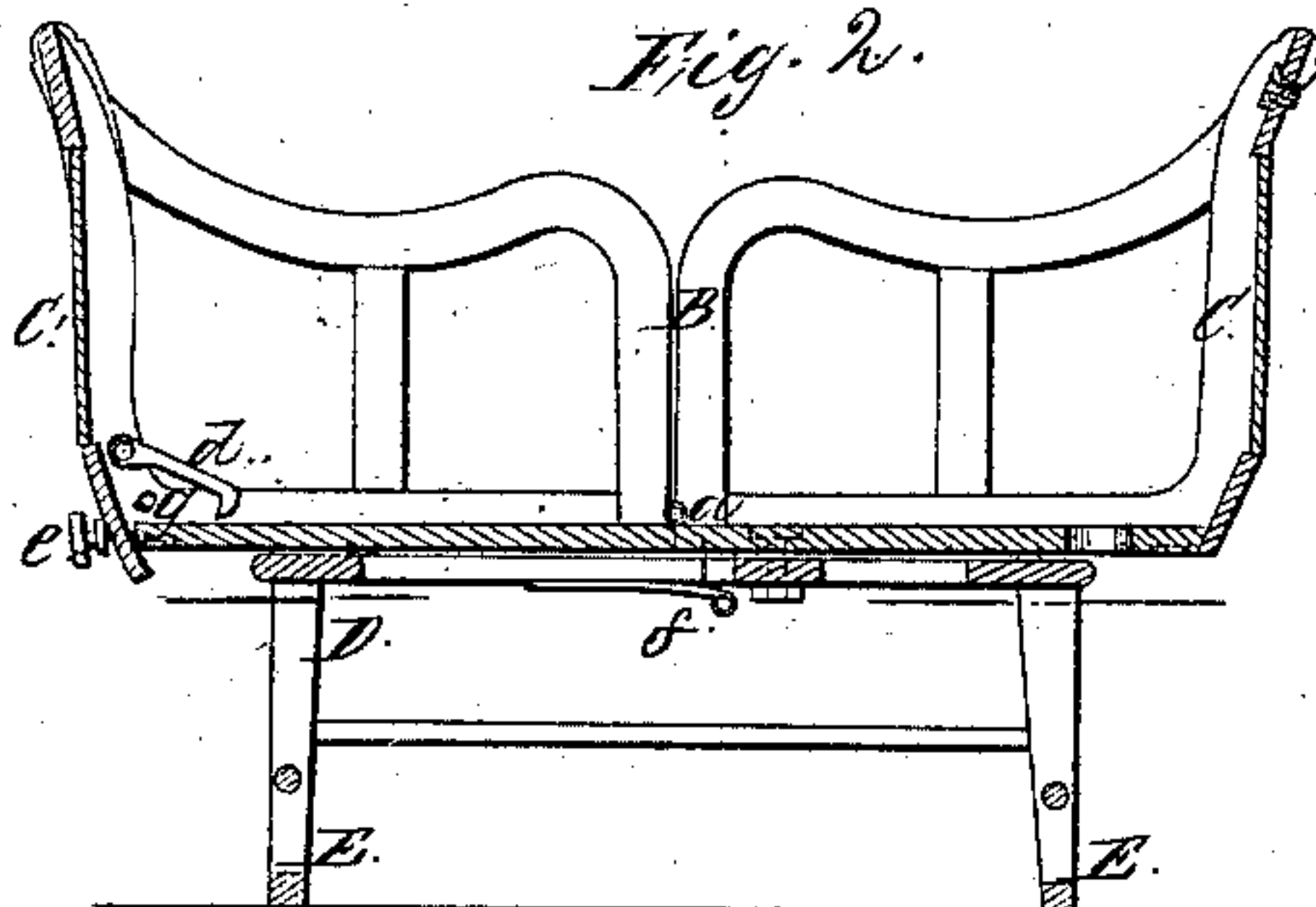
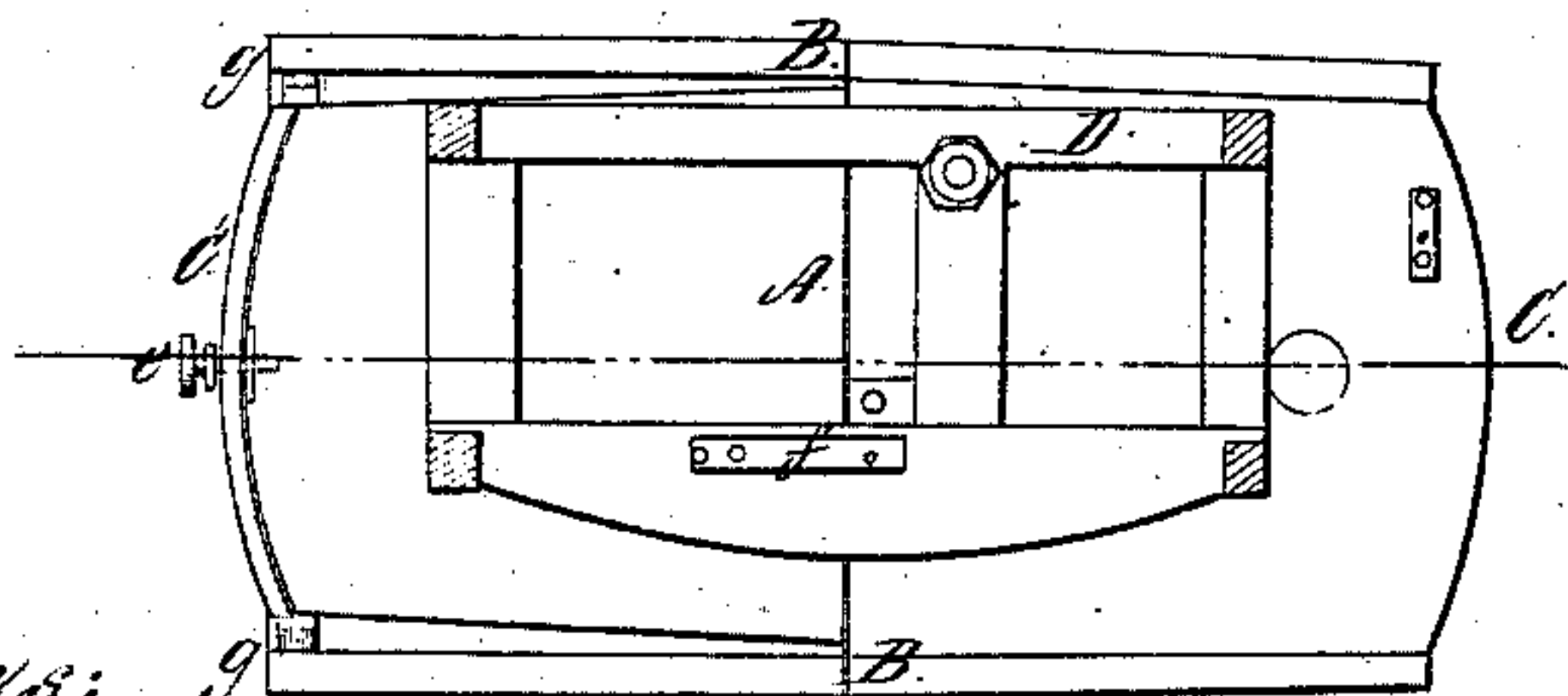


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVED CRADLE AND CHAIR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALOIS BERNY, of Williamsburg, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Rocking-Chair and Cradle Combined; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of this invention when arranged as a rocking-chair. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same when arranged as a cradle. Fig. 3 is an inverted plan of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

This invention relates to a rocking-chair which is provided with an additional back, folding seat, and folding arm-pieces, and which swivels on its bed or frame in such a manner that it can be readily converted into a cradle or into a rocking-chair, as may be desirable.

A represents the seat, which is made in two parts, united by hinges *a*. From the lower or main part of the seat rise the arm-pieces B and the back C. The arm-pieces are also made in two parts, which fold together, and which are united by hinge-joints *b*, and when folded their rear ends are fastened together by catches *c*.

The main parts of the arm-pieces are firmly connected to the back C, and to the top of this back is connected an additional back, C', which is held in position by suitable hooks *d* and screw *e*, or by any other fastening which can be readily detached.

The seat A rests on the frame D, which rises from the runners E, and said seat is made to swivel on the frame, so that it can be brought in the position shown in Fig. 1, or in that shown in Fig. 2, a suitable stop, *f*, being pro-

vided which corrects the seat in the required positions.

In order to convert the chair into a cradle, the seat is turned on the frame D from the position shown in Fig. 1 to that shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The hinged portion of the seat is turned out, so as to come in the same plane with the main portion, and the hinged portions of the arm-pieces are also turned out and brought in line with the main portions. The additional back C' is then released from the main back and secured to the end of the hinged part of the seat by means of the screw *e*, and to the ends of the hinged parts of the arm-pieces by means of the catches *c*, which act in either direction. Suitable projections *g* on the hinged parts of the arm-pieces strengthen the position of the same when said hinged pieces are turned out in line with the main pieces.

It will be easily understood how the cradle is to be converted into a chair, and when the article is formed into a chair the additional back C' may be applied or not at pleasure.

The whole furniture is cheap and easily operated, and it is of great convenience, particularly in crowded cities or places where room is scarce.

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

A chair provided with a hinged additional seat, additional back, and hinged additional arm-pieces, said seat being made to swivel on its frame D, and the arm-pieces being secured to each other and to the seat A by catches *c* and screw *e*, or other equivalent fastening, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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