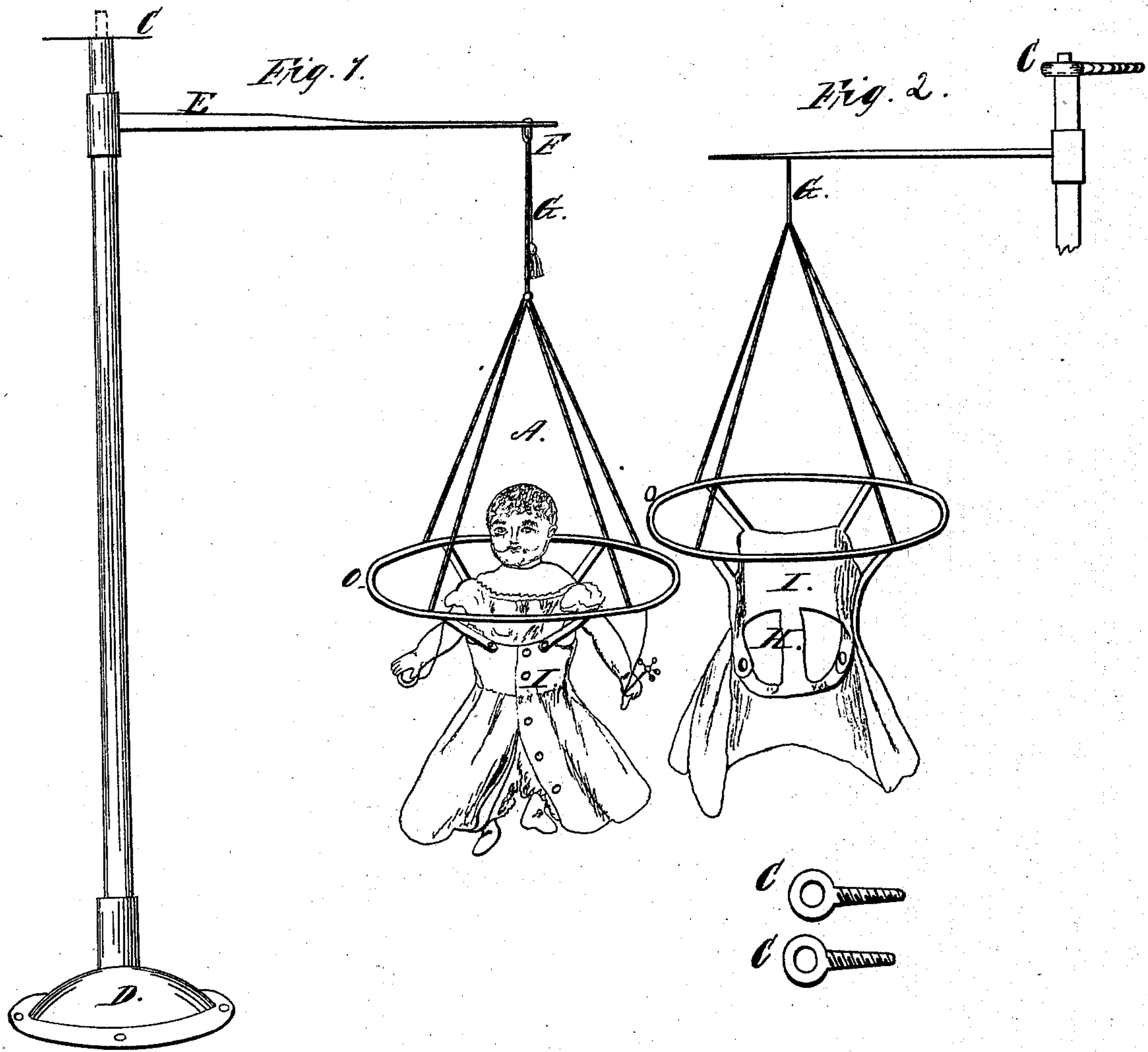


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IMPROVED BABY-JUMPER.

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, AUGUSTUS H. MASON, of the city of Binghamton, in the county of Broome, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful improvement in "Baby-Jumpers and Walkers;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view.

Figure 2 represents the saddle and waistcoat connected with the hoop.

Like letters indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

The nature of my invention consists in attaching a spring arm or arms to an upright revolving standard working in a socket attached to the floor, or sockets to the side of the room. At the end of the arm is attached a hoop, held in a horizontal position by connections attached at equal distances, and centring on a cord which passes through a swivel at the end of the arm. Connected with this hoop is a saddle or support for the child, so arranged that the hoop will encircle the head, thereby protecting it from injury and holding the body in a more comfortable position, and allowing a more free use of the limbs than by the ordinary method.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I construct my improvement, A, of wood, or other suitable material. If designed to be attached to the side of the room, I turn down a pivot at each end of the standard B. These pivots work in sockets, C C, screwed into the side of the room, or if I wish to have the standard and arm perform a full revolution, I attach a socket, D, to the centre of the floor, thereby giving the child more compass to operate in. To this standard I attach a spring arm, E, of the required elasticity and length, in the end of which I attach a swivel, F, to which I suspend a hoop, O, by means of attachments at suitable distances apart, centring on the adjustable cord G. To this hoop I attach the saddle or support H, which is provided with a waistcoat, I, to support the back.

When I use my improvement, I place the child astride the saddle H, button the waistcoat or jacket I, and draw up the adjusting-cord G until the child is nearly suspended, then secure it, and the least spring will set it in motion. The waistcoat will keep it in a perpendicular position, and having a free use of its limbs, and, if desired, its toys may be hung around on the hoop, the child soon gains confidence and acquires sufficient strength to walk. The hoop being about two feet in diameter, and the head occupying the centre, is thereby protected from all harm.

I am aware that there are other arrangements for the purpose of accomplishing the same object, but they are more complicated, not as safe, more expensive, and less efficient than my improvement. I therefore disclaim all interference with such, and confine myself only to the novel features of my improvement.

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

The combination of the standard B and arm E with the sockets C C and D, the swivel F, hoop O, saddle H, and waistcoat I, all constructed substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

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