

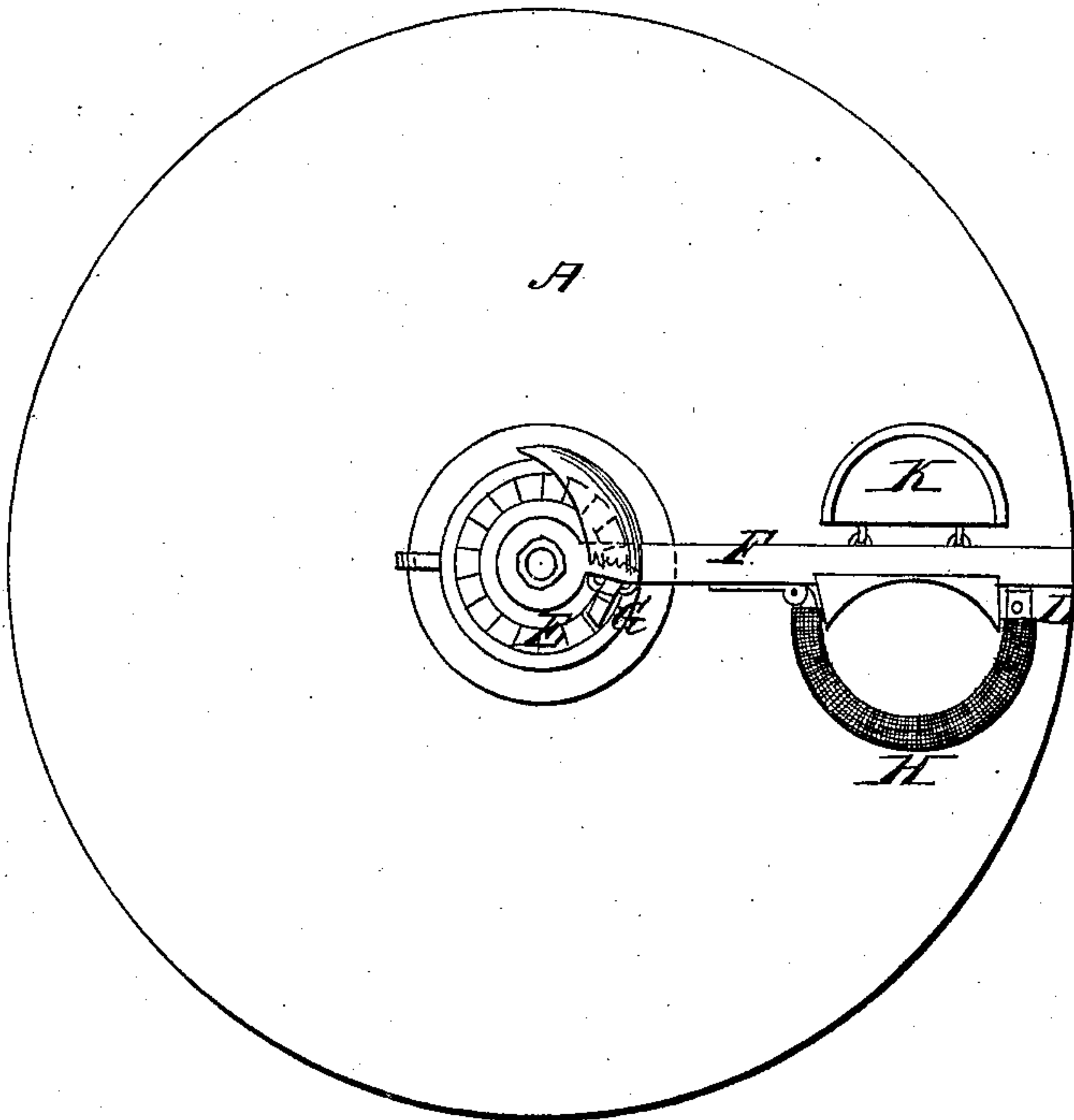
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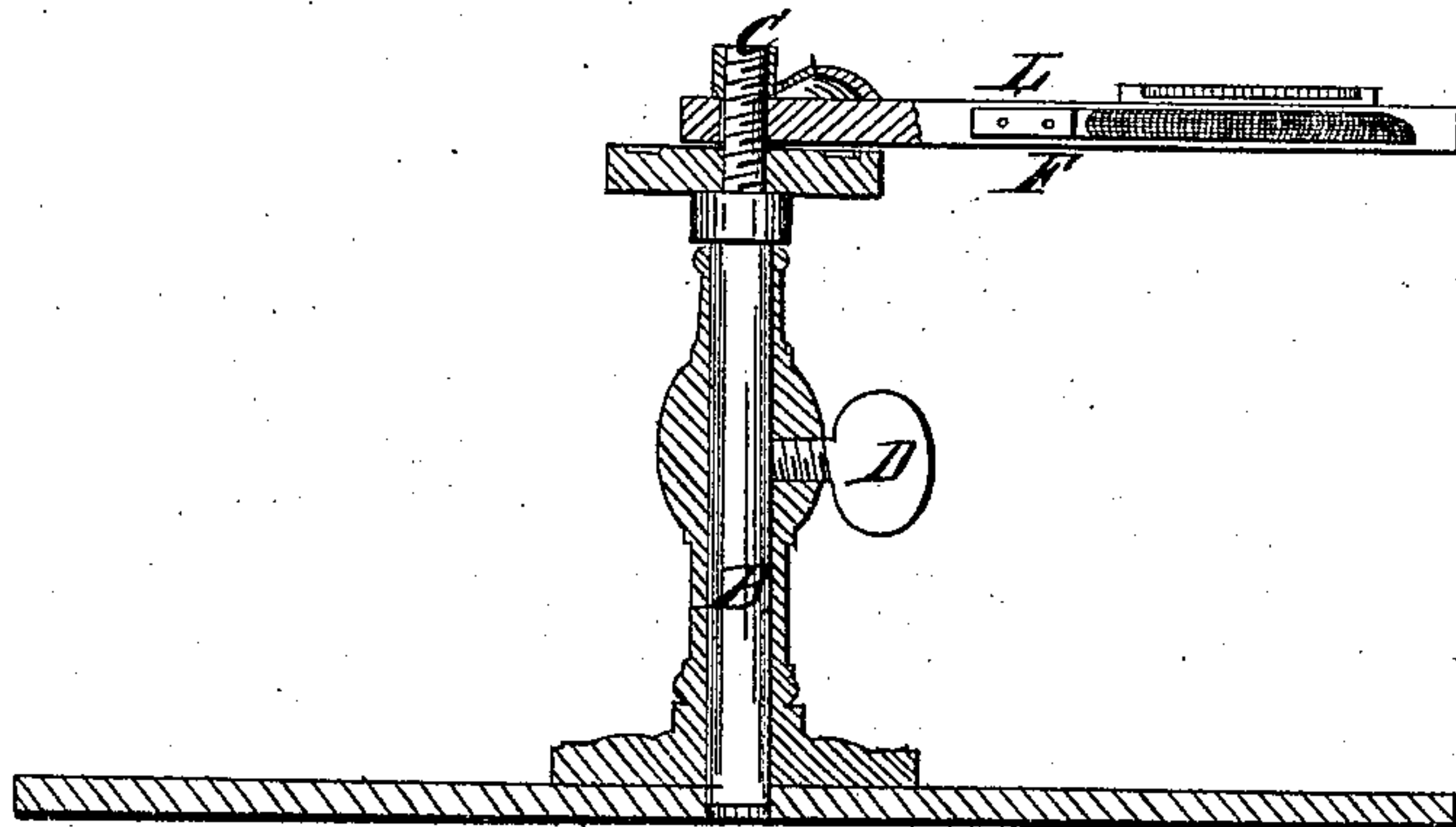
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## IMPROVED BABY-WALKER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 71,220, dated November 19, 1867.

### *To whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ROHR, of Batesville, in the county of Ripley and State of Indiana, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Baby-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, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

A great proportion of the devices now in use which are intended to aid babies in their first efforts at walking are so arranged that the child is obliged to move a heavy, cumbersome machine on casters, thereby taxing the feeble muscles of its legs beyond their strength. To avoid this difficulty I have invented a baby-walker in which the child shall receive all the support afforded by the ordinary devices, and at the same time be allowed to move without the necessity of bearing with it a heavy weight.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a plan view of my walker, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view thereof.

The area comprised within the large circle and marked A represents a platform, perfectly level and smooth. In the center of this platform I adjust an upright standard, (marked B.) This standard is hollowed out and adapted to receive at its top, and to allow revolving action therein, of an inner standard, (marked C,) the altitude of which in said standard B is fixed and regulated by means of a set-screw, D. Near the top of this standard C, and attached to the same, I affix a circular plate, E, the upper surface of which is cut out in the form of a ratchet, as represented.

Letter F is a swinging bar, connected, as

shown, with the top of the standard C, and made fast thereto by means of a nut and screw. It has also a pawl, G, which works on the ratchet above mentioned.

Letter H represents a supporter, and letter K a toy-table, both attached to the swinging bar, at its outer end, in the manner shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

My device is operated as follows, namely: Place the child upon the platform, with its arms above the supporter H, and make him secure by means of a pin through the proper holes on the right hand of the supporter, at the point marked L. Then, by means of the set-screw D, adjust and fasten the standard C, and consequently the supporter, to the height required. Let the pawl G fall on the ratchet. Place the proper toys on the table, and the little one is ready for its first lesson. In reaching forward for the toys the child will bring the weight of its body forward of a perpendicular line. The weight will fall on the bar and cause it to move. The tottering little feet naturally follow the movement of the bar, and the baby walks. The office of the ratchet and pawl is to prevent the bar from swinging backward.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A baby-walker having platform A, standards B and C, set-screw D, swinging bar F, supporter H, toy-table K, and ratchets and pawl, as described, all constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purposes herein specified.

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