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Fig: 1.

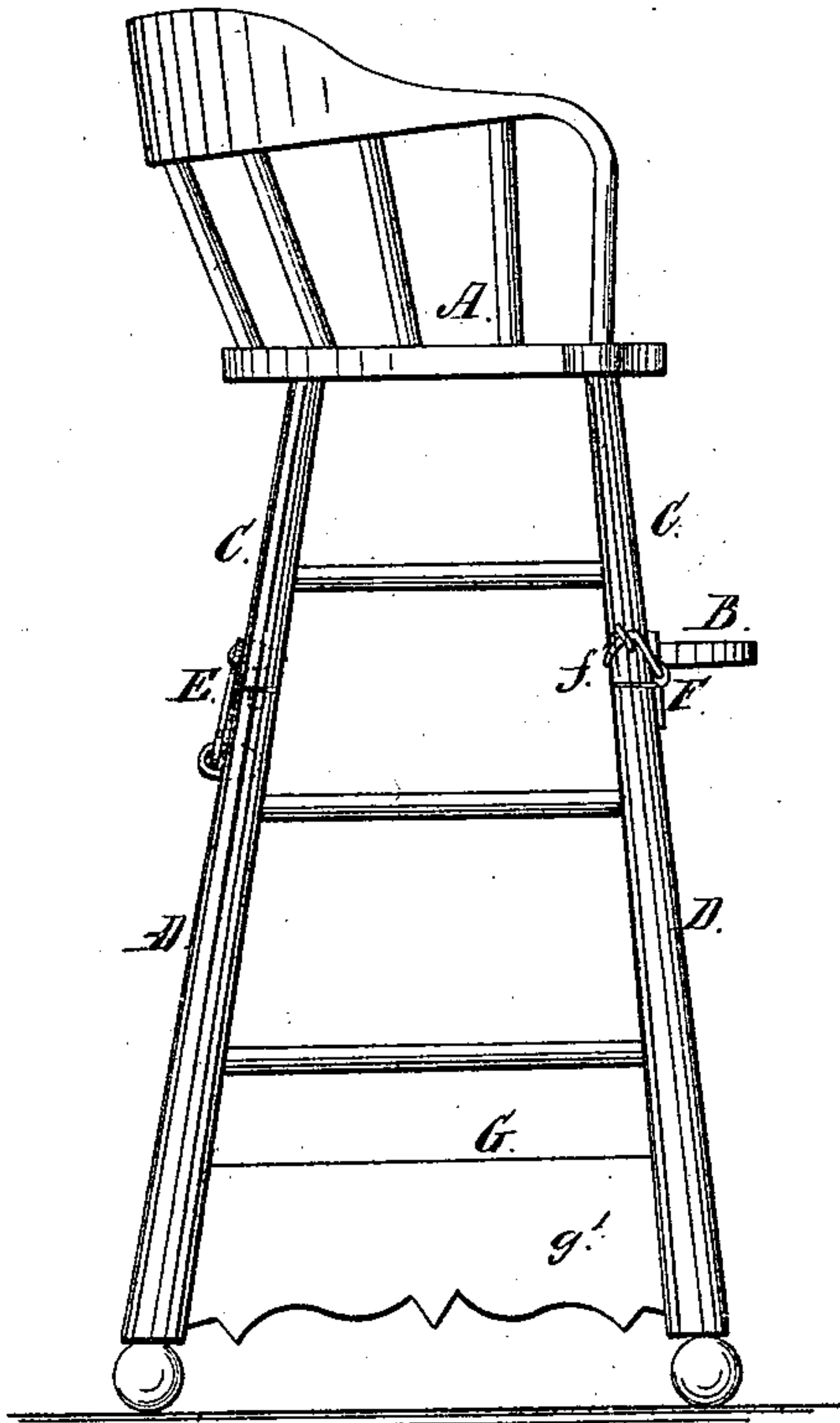


Fig: 3.

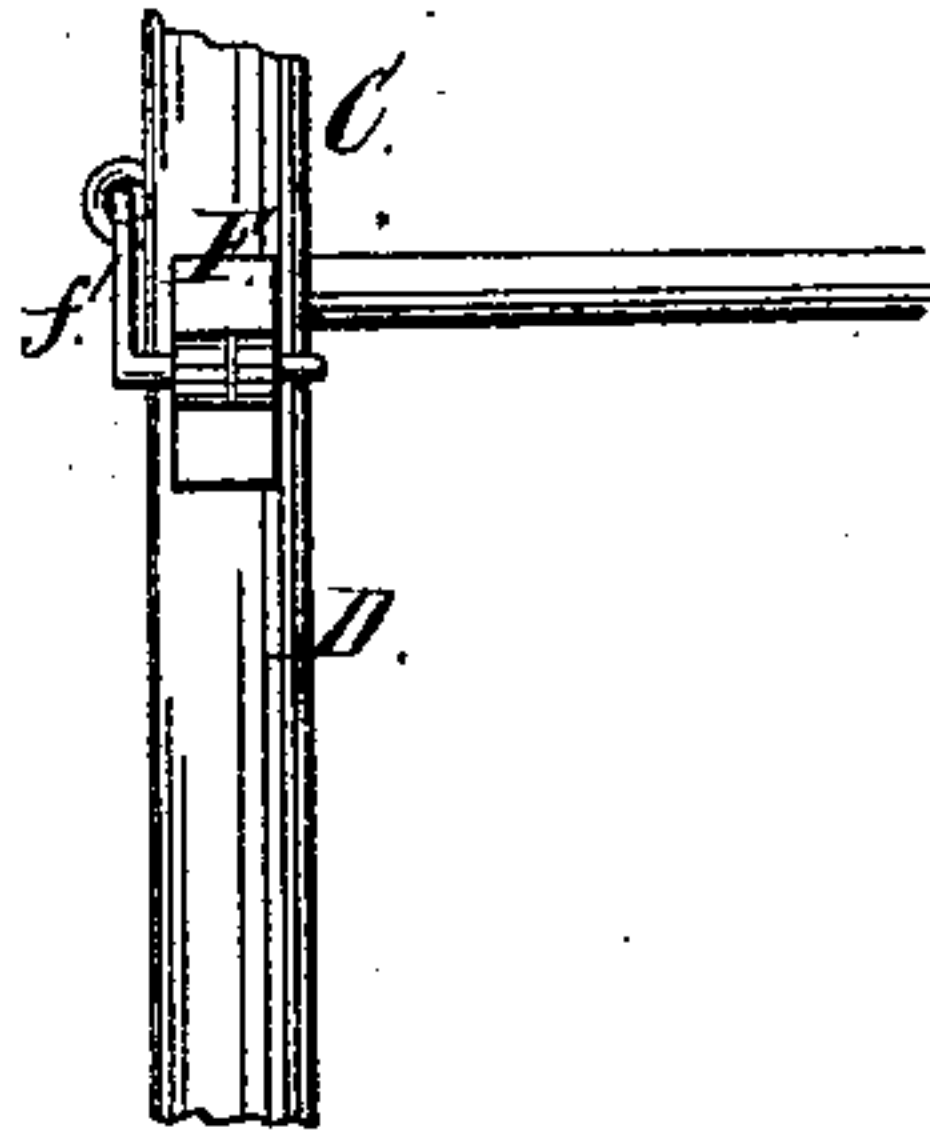
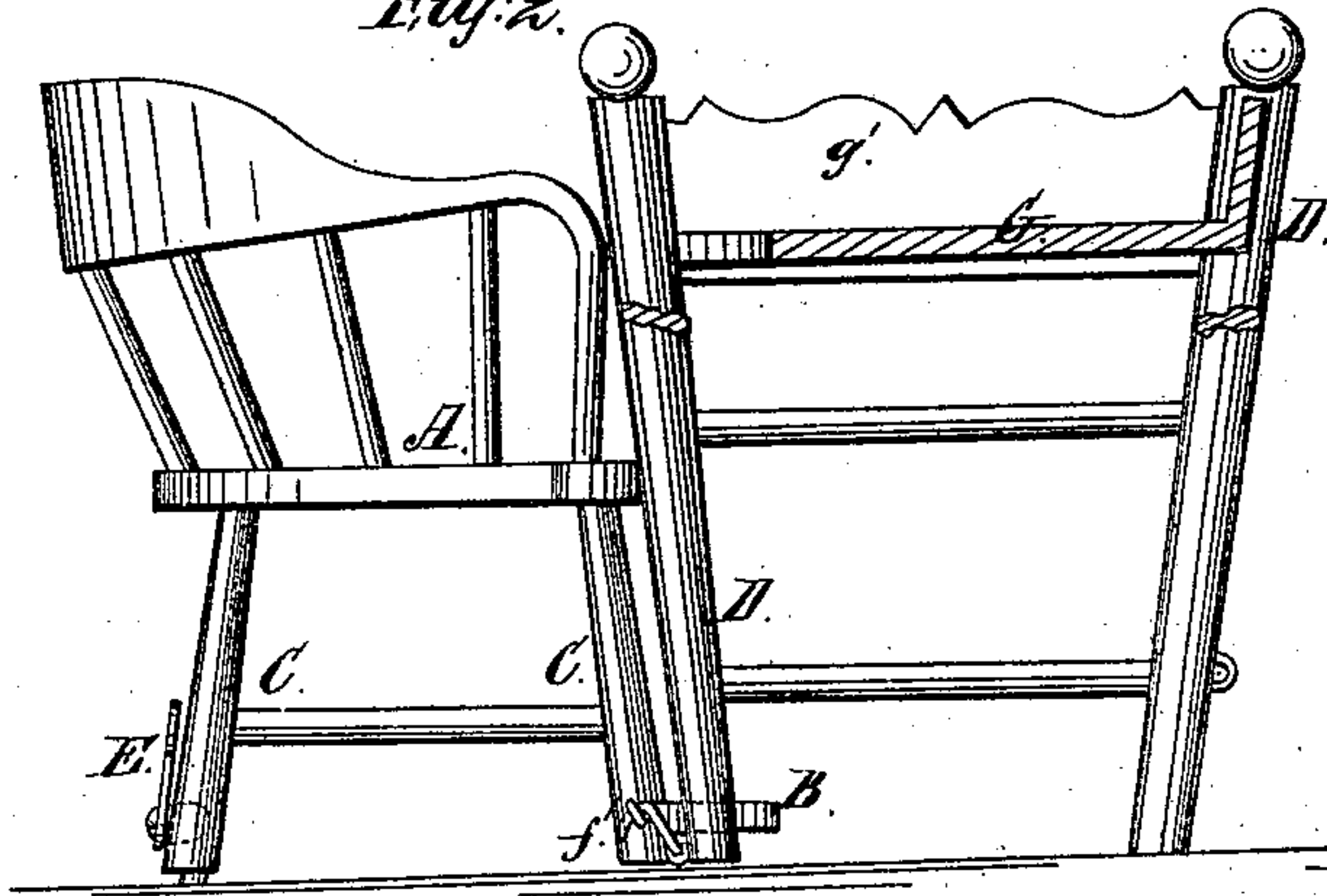


Fig: 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HIGH CHAIRS FOR CHILDREN.

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, JOHN NICHOLS, of Gardner, in the county of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Children's High Chair; 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 is a side view of my improved high chair.

Figure 2 is a side view of the same, arranged to form a play-chair, part being broken away to show the construction.

Figure 3 is a detail view, showing the hinge.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to so improve the construction of children's high chairs that they may be arranged as high chairs for the children to sit at the table, for play-chairs, having tables in front of the chairs to receive the playthings, or simply as low chairs, and which shall at the same time be easily and quickly adjusted for use in either form; and it consists in forming the chair in two parts, hinged to each other at their forward sides, and in the combination of a platform with the lower part of the chair, as hereinafter more fully described.

A is the seat of the chair, and B is the foot-board, to support the child's feet. The frame of the chair is divided horizontally into two parts, C and D, at such a distance below the seat A that the upper part, C, of the chair, may be of such a height as to form a convenient low chair when standing upon the floor, as shown in fig. 2. The parts C and D are hinged to each other at their forward sides, so that the lower part, D, may be turned up in front of the upper part, C, as shown in fig. 2.

When adjusted as a high chair, in the position shown in fig. 1, the parts C and D are secured to each other by a hook, E, pivoted to one of said parts, and hooking into an eye attached to the other part, as shown in fig. 1. The hinges F, by which the forward sides of the parts C and D are hinged to each other, should be so formed that, while securely hinging the said parts together, they may be readily detached when it is desired to use the upper part, C, as a low chair, without its being connected to the part D.

A convenient way to do this is to make the pivoting-pin *f'* of the hinge long, and form a hook upon its end, hooking into an eye attached to the upper part, C, so that when it is desired to detach the parts, it may be done by unhooking the hooks *f'*, and withdrawing the pins from the eyes of the hinges F. To the lower part, D, of the chair is attached a platform, G, in such a position that when the said part D is turned up into the position shown in fig. 2, the said platform may be at a convenient height to hold the child's playthings. The platform G should have a flange, *g'*, formed around it to prevent the playthings from falling off. The front edge of the platform G, or the edge that is towards the child, may be slightly hollowed out, as shown in fig. 2, so that it may fit better to the child's body. By this construction, the parts being hinged together, it will be impossible for the child to push the part D away, or to overturn either of said parts.

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

The child's high chair constructed as described, having the divided legs removably hinged together, the lower part, D, of which, carrying the box G, is adapted to be folded up in front of the chair-seat, as herein described for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 5th day of February, 1868.

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