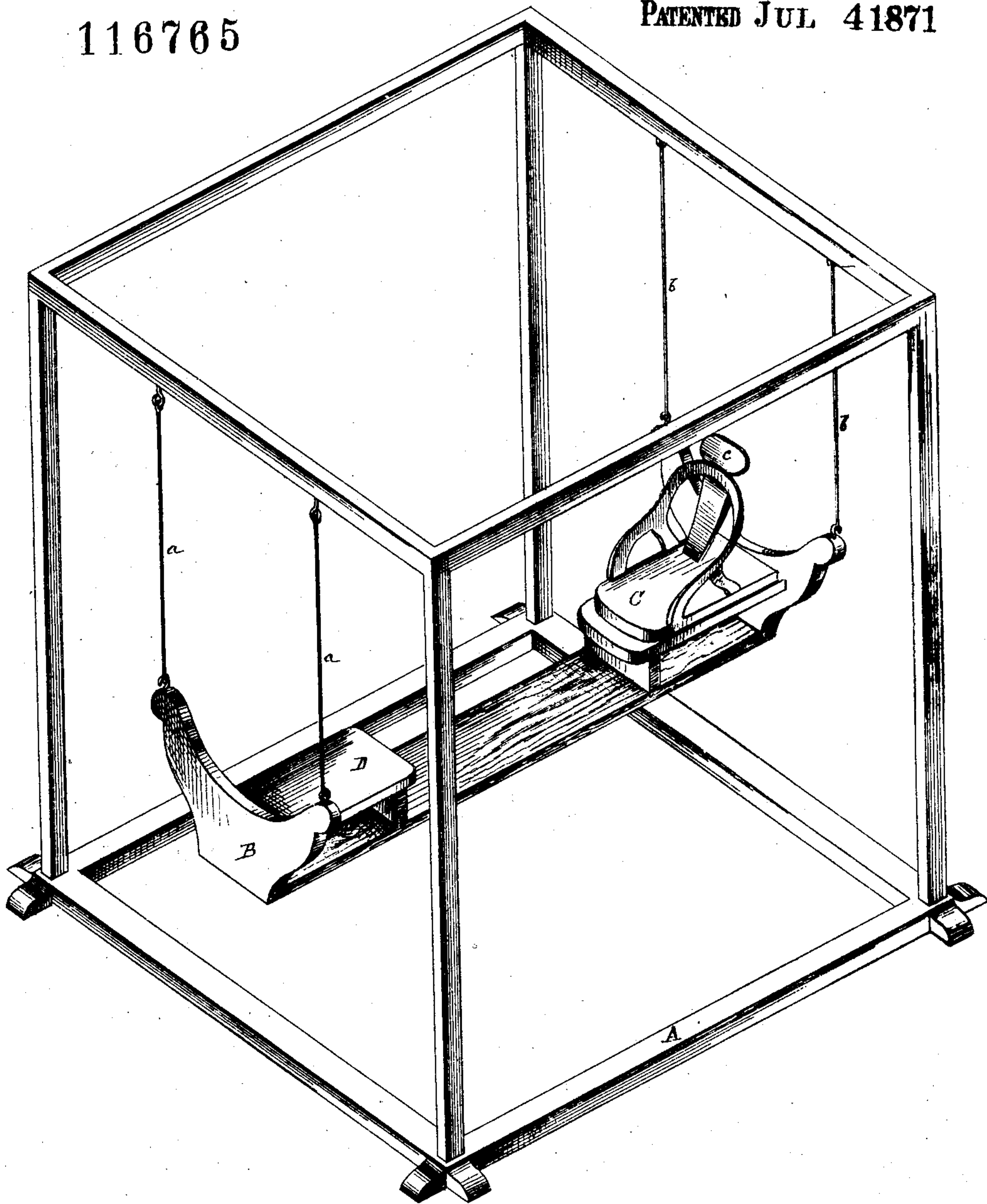


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IMPROVEMENT IN APPARATUS FOR PHOTOGRAPHING CHILDREN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM WINSTON SLOAN, of Jefferson, in the county of Marion and State of Texas, have invented an Improvement in Machines for taking Photographs, Ambrotypes, &c., of Small Children, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which the figure is a perspective view of invention.

The object of my invention is to overcome the difficulty at present experienced by all photographers in taking small children; and my device consists in swinging the child and the camera in such a manner that, while they both move, the relative position of the two will remain during the time the picture is being taken. Actual experiment has demonstrated the fact that, while the swinging motion will please the child and keep it steadily in its relative position to the instrument, the camera will do its work just as faithfully as if at rest.

In order to enable others to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

A is a frame, made of any suitable material, in which is suspended the swing B by the cords *a* *b*. On the one end of this swing is secured the seat or chair C, having the adjustable back-piece *c* to support and steady the head of the child, while at the opposite end of the swing is secured the rest D, on which to place the camera in front of the child. When the instrument is once adjusted it is evident the swing may be put in motion without affecting the relative position of the instrument and the child, while a good expression of the child is secured.

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

The swing B, in combination with the seat C and rest D, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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