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Fig. 1.

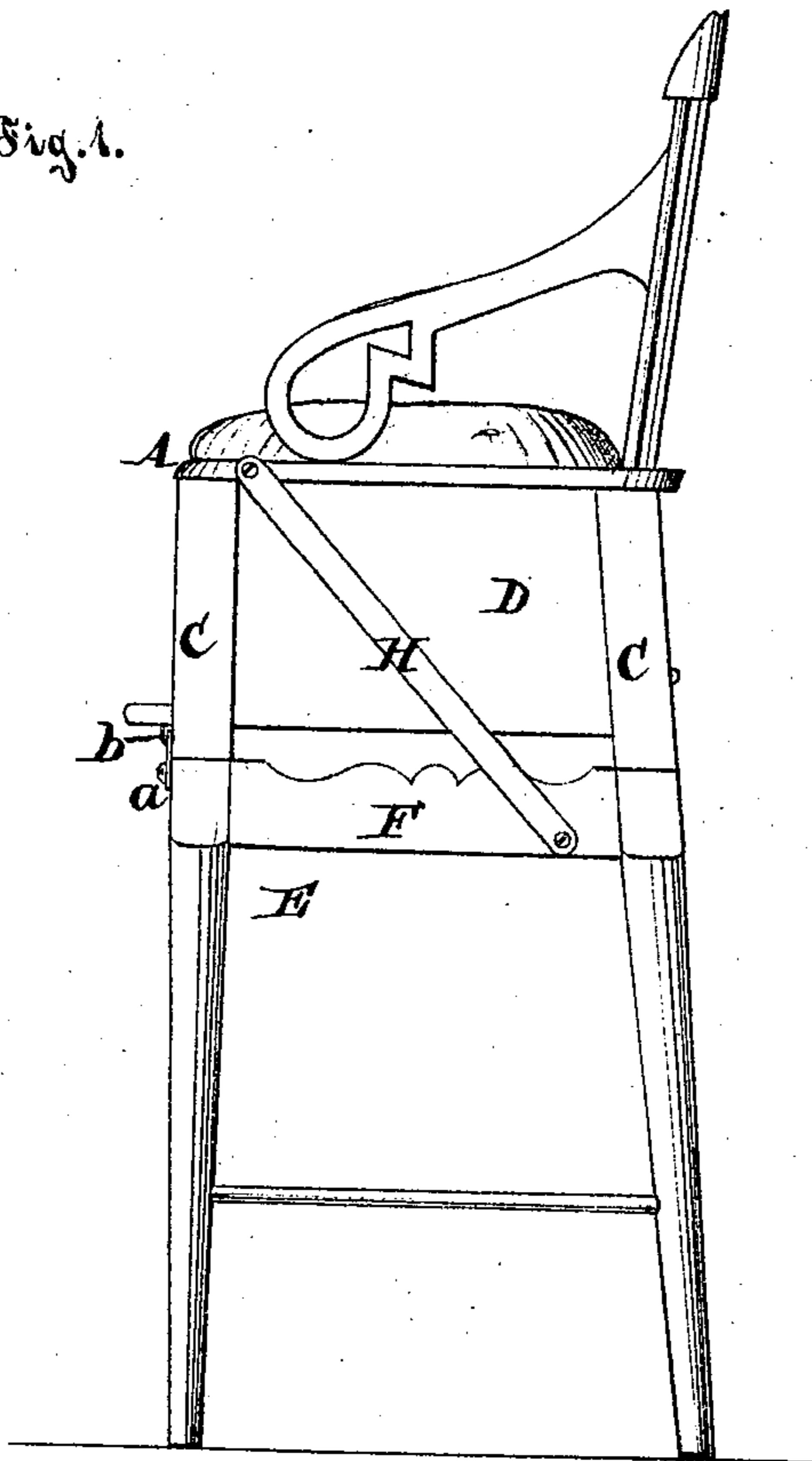
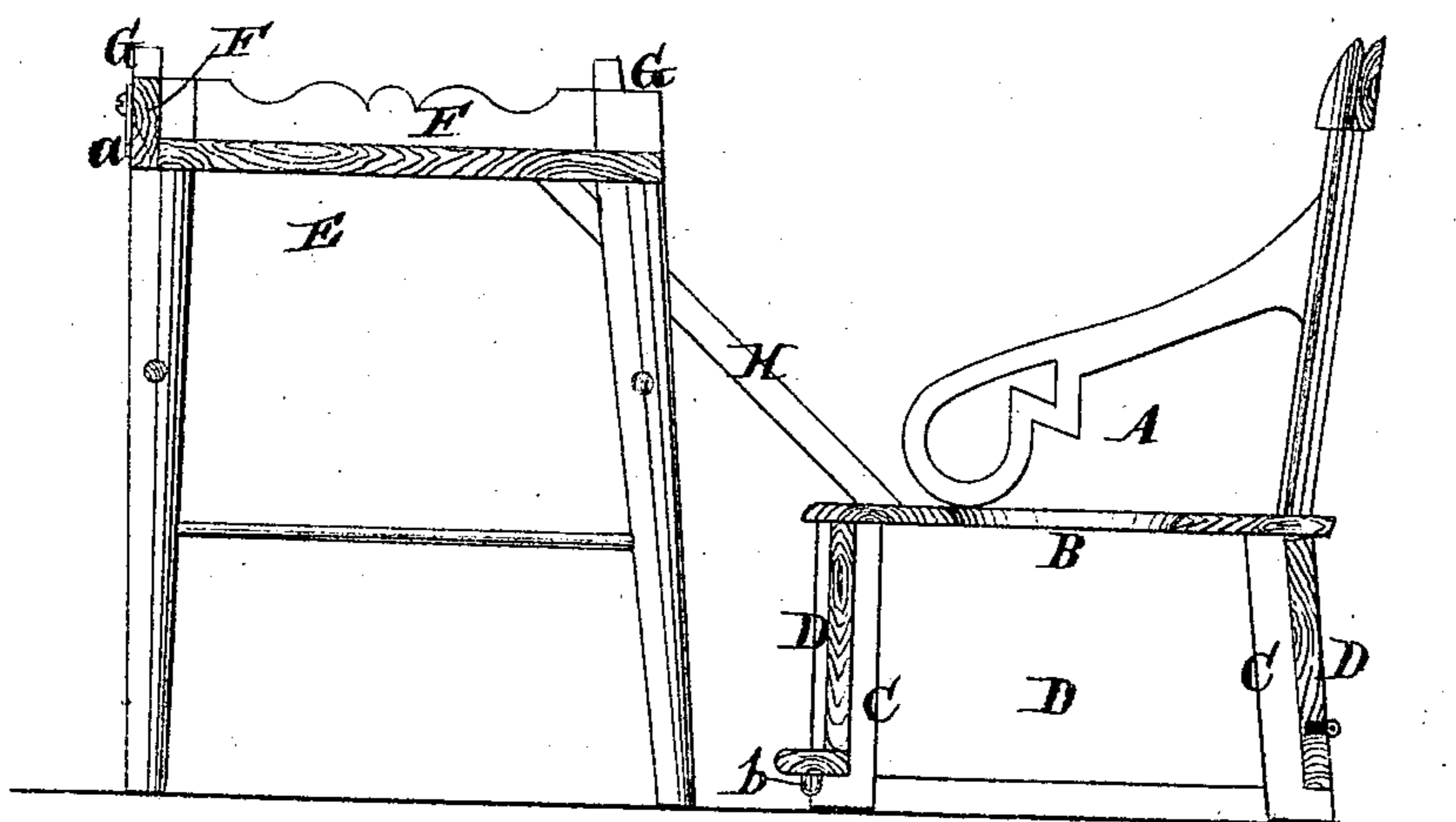


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN NURSERY-CHAIRS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AMBROSE E. BARNES, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in High Chairs for Children, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my improvement. Fig. 2 is a cross-section thereof when used as a chair and table.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to a child's high chair, which is convertible into a chair and table; and it consists in the combination of a chair-seat with a stand which is adapted to form a table, the seat being fitted to the stand, and being connected to it by links in such a manner that the seat is capable of being swung down and placed in front of the stand to be used as a low chair while, when the seat is thus swung down, it is retained in the proper relation toward the table by means of the links. A locking device is combined with the chair-seat and stand for the purpose of fastening the seat when the whole is used as a high chair.

In the drawing, the letter A designates a chair-seat which is provided with a back and with arms, and in which is formed a hole, B, beneath which may be placed a chamber-pot. This seat A has legs C, the spaces between which are filled up by boards D, whereby the space below the seat A is closed, and if a chamber-pot be placed beneath it, the pot is concealed from view. Access is had to the space beneath the seat through a door in one of the walls D. The letter E designates a stand composed of a top and supporting-legs, the top being provided on three of its sides with side rails F. The fourth side of this top is left free of a rail, in order that when the stand is used as a table by a child, the latter may be seated on said open side, and articles may be readily placed on the stand or removed. From the top of the stand E rise tenons G, and the legs C of the seat A are provided with mor-

tises fitted to these tenons, so that if the seat is placed on the stand, and the tenons G are adjusted within the mortises, the seat is thereby held against a lateral movement. The seat A is fitted on the stand E, the legs of the seat forming continuations of the legs of the stand when the one is placed on the other, as shown in Fig. 1. The seat A is connected to the stand E through the medium of links H, which are located on opposite sides thereof, and are pivoted both to the seat and to the stand, and extend in oblique directions. The object of these links is, mainly, to hold the seat and stand together when the seat is swung down in front of the stand, as represented in Fig. 2, the seat thus constituting a low chair, and the stand a table. The links at the same time form arms to the chair, and, to some extent, prevent a child, when placed in the chair, from getting up of itself, or from falling out. The links also serve to prevent a forward movement of the seat A when it is placed on the stand, as in Fig. 1.

In order to prevent the seat from falling backward from the stand E, I attach to the front part thereof a hook and staple, *a b*, or other suitable locking device, which, when properly adjusted, serve to fasten the seat and stand firmly together.

By this arrangement I obtain an article which can be readily converted into a child's high chair, or into a low chair and table, and which can be got up at a comparatively small cost.

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

A child's high chair constructed of the seat A, stand E, links H, and locking device *a b*, all combined and operating substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of September, 1875.

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