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Child's Carriage.

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Fig. 1.

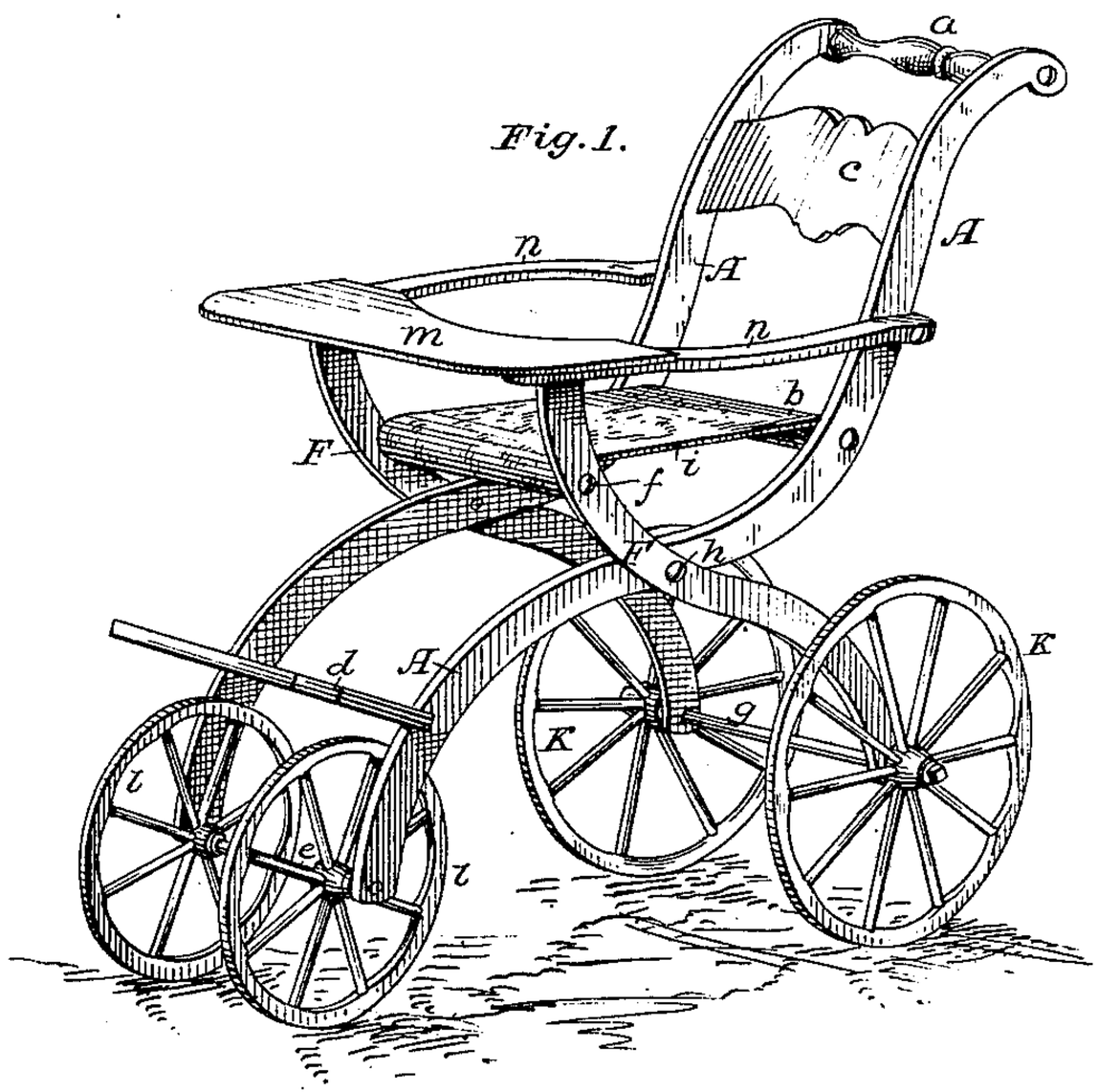
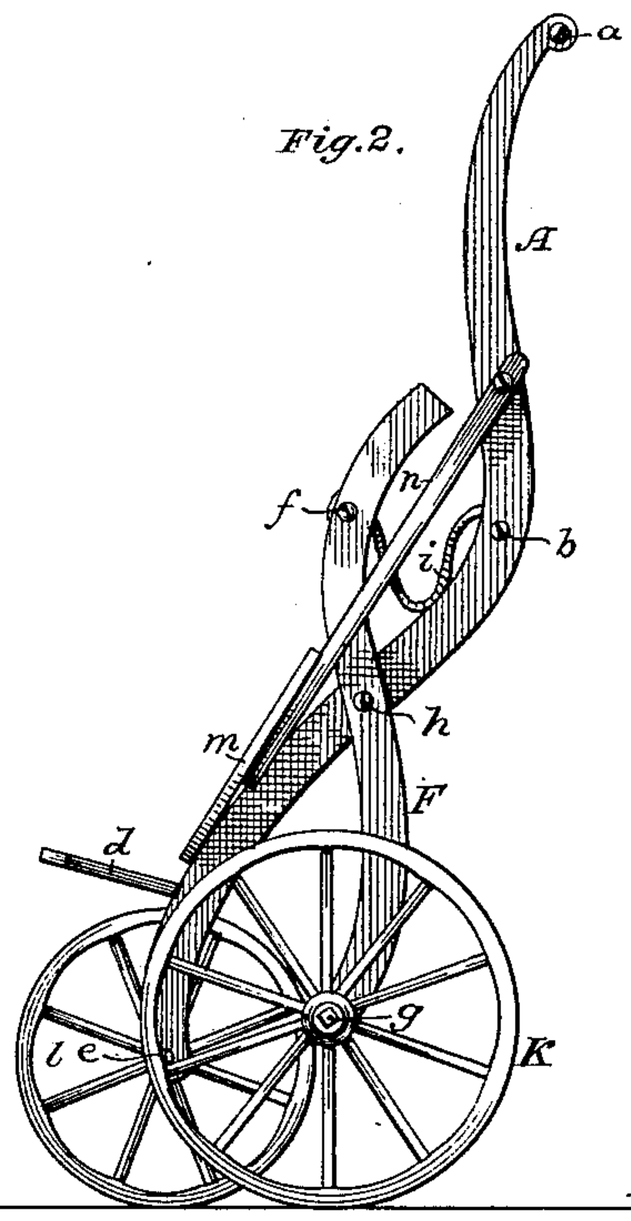


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMIL ECKART, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Children's Carriages, which is fully described in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part thereof.

This invention has for its object to so construct a child's carriage that it may be folded when not in use, and that it will answer the purpose of a child's high chair; and it consists in the novel and peculiar construction and combination of the various parts, as more fully hereinafter set forth, and indicated in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the carriage when it is extend d and ready for the child to occupy the same, and Fig. 2 represents a side view of the carriage when folded for storing away or for suspending it to the wall.

Like letters in the several figures of the drawings designate like parts.

A A are two bow-shaped wooden rails, which form the back for the seat and the front reaches for the running-gear, and are connected by cross-rods *a* and *b*, by back-board *c*, foot-board *d*, and front axle, *e*; and F F are two S-shaped wooden rails, which form the table-support and the rear reaches for the running-gear, and are connected by cross-rod *f* and rear axle, *g*, a sufficient distance farther apart for the jointed rails A A to be placed between the same; and both rails A and F are pivotally connected at about their centers, each pair by a semi-spherically-headed wood-screw, *h*, so that the same will operate in the manner of a camp or folding chair, a piece of carpet, *i*, being secured upon and between the cross-rods *b* and *f*, which will limit the extending movement of the chair, and will be stretched thereby to form the seat for the child.

The axles *e* and *g* being secured in the lower ends of the rails A and F, the rear axle, *g*, has mounted upon its projecting ends two carriage-wheels, K; and the front wheels, *l*, which are of less diameter than the rear wheels, are placed upon the axle *e*, between the rails A, a collar on said axle for each wheel holding the same laterally in position.

A table-board, *m*, is secured with its ends upon the ends of two curved bars, *n*, so as to occupy a position about parallel therewith, and said bars to project rearward rectangularly from under said table-board. These arms *n* are pivoted with their opposite ends externally against the rails A A, so as to enable said table to be swung upward over the back, and to be suspended thereto to lie either against the front or rear of the carriage-frame while said carriage is in a folded condition. This table *m*, when the carriage is extended, rests upon the upper extremities of rails F, when it affords a support for the toy or the dishes of the child, and while it furnishes a forward guard, the bars *n* will form arm-rests and side guards for holding the child in its seat.

A carriage as above described will furnish the same comfort to a child as a perambulator of the usual construction. It is very light for handling and moving about, and at the same time it offers all the advantages of a child's high chair to be placed in the room.

For transportation or for storing away, the carriage can be folded within a small compass.

As will be readily seen, such carriages can be made to be very strong and durable at a proportionally small cost of manufacture, so as to be in reach of people with a small income; and on account of their neat appearance and their folding faculty, persons having to take care of children while riding to a park or country place can take such a carriage with them into the cars, for having the use of the same after arrival.

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

1. A folding carriage substantially as described, and composed of the pivotally-connected rails A F, cross-rods *b f*, stretcher-seat *i*, foot-board *d*, axles *e g*, and wheels K *l*, the several parts being constructed and arranged to operate in the manner set forth.

2. A folding carriage composed of the pivotally-connected rails A F, cross-rods *b f*, seat *i*, foot-board *d*, axles *e* and *g*, and wheels K *l*, and having the table *m* secured upon pivotal rails *n*, the whole being constructed and arranged to operate substantially in the manner described and shown.

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