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Fig. 1.

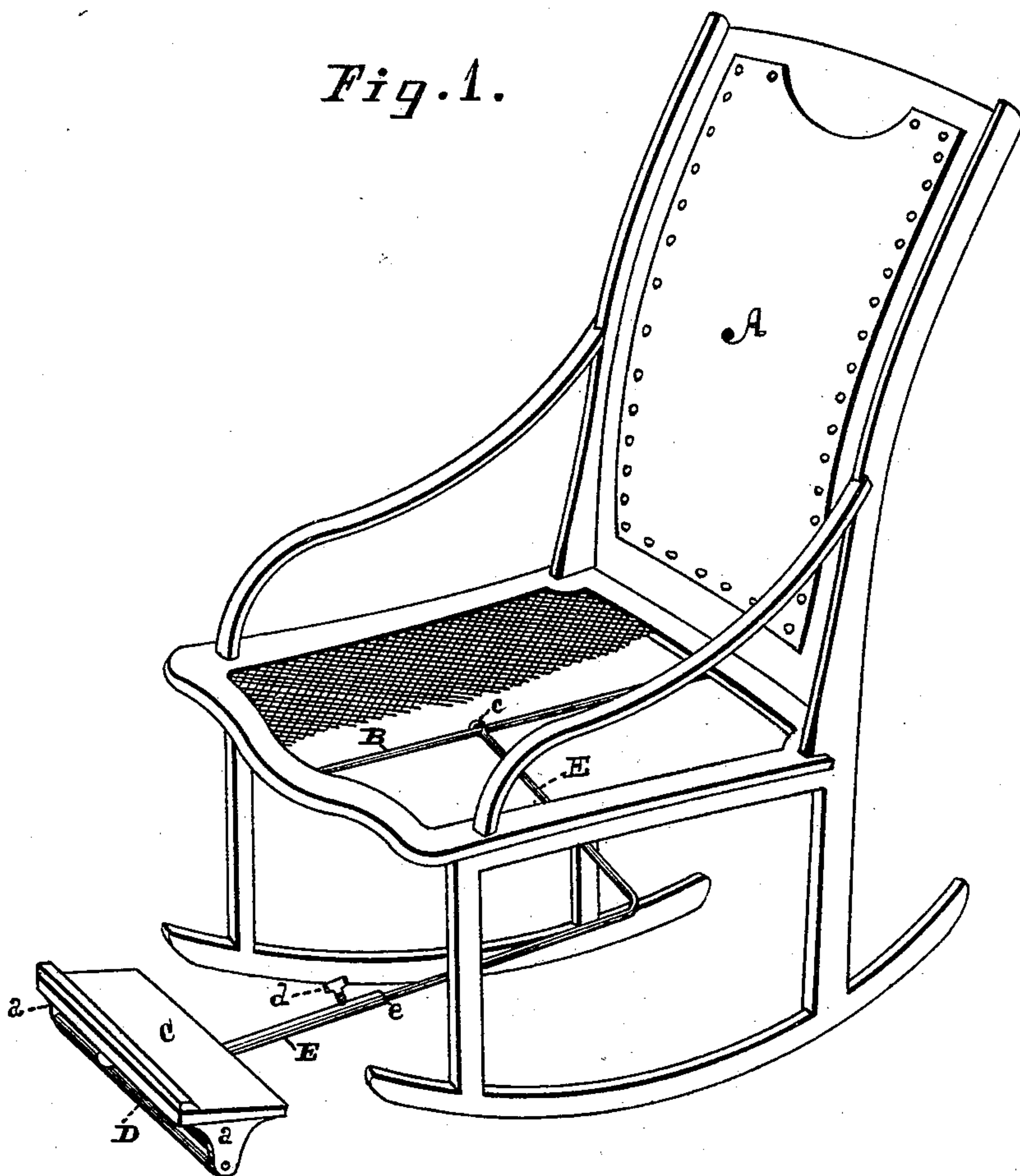
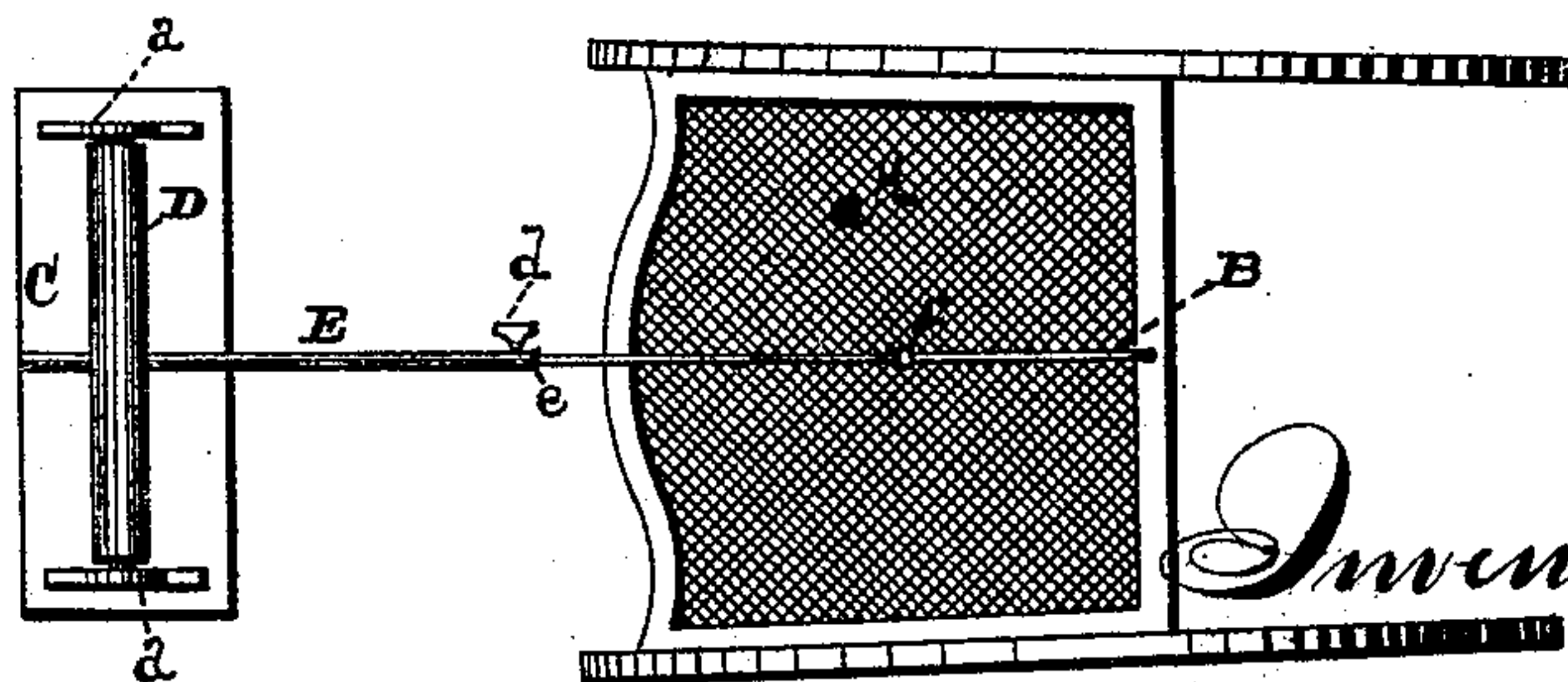


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FERDINAND FRANZ, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented a Footstool for Rocking-Chairs; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a footstool for rocking-chairs; and it consists in a flat board or foot-rest, under which is journaled a roller, and to which is attached a wire or rod, the other end of which is fitted to and is adapted to move back and forth upon a guide-rod under the chair. The feet rest upon the board, and by the motion of the chair said board is rolled back and forth, all of which will herein-after more fully appear.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows a view of my stool attached to the chair. Fig. 2 shows a bottom view of the same.

Let A represent an ordinary rocking-chair. Under its seat, extending from front to rear, is a rod or bar, B, secured to the chair in any suitable manner, as by screws or bolts.

In front of the chair is a board or plank, C, of about the width of the chair, and covered or upholstered appropriately. Under it are brackets *a*, in which is journaled a roller, D. This roller rests upon the floor, and may be made of any suitable size to raise the foot-board C to the required height.

Bolted to the under side of the foot-board C is a bar or rod, E, extending rearwardly, and bent forwardly again, as shown. Its end is provided with a loop, *e*, which loosely fits over the rod B under the seat of the chair. Now, when seated in the chair, the feet rest upon the board C, and this moves back and forth with the motion of the chair. When the chair is rocked back the connecting-rod E is drawn out to the end of the rod B, and then draws back the rolling foot-board, and when rocking forward the pressure of the feet upon the board causes it to roll forward. When not in use it is pushed back under the chair, its rod E trav-

eling to the back end of the guide-rod B. The shape of the connecting-rod E allows the footstool to be connected with the chair and yet remain upon the floor. The rod E will not be in the way of the clothing, it being too low, and its sliding connection under the chair permits it to operate without inconvenience.

I do not confine myself to having the guide-rod B just in the shape shown. Chairs are different with regard to the position of their front cross-spokes, and in order to avoid these and allow the connecting-rod E full play, I may change the shape and direction of the rod B by making suitable bends or shoulders in it to accomplish this result.

In order to adjust the position of the footstool to suit different persons, I make the connecting-rod E in two parts. One part is larger in diameter than the other, and has a socket in its end. The other part fits into this socket, as shown at *e*, and is adapted to be pushed in or drawn out. It is secured in any desired position by a set-screw, *d*.

The foot-board C may have a raised flange in front, as by securing a lath to it for the toes to rest upon.

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

The rocking-chair A, having the longitudinal horizontal bar B, the footstool C, having the brackets *a* and roller D, and the bent rod E, consisting of two telescopic parts, loop *e*, and set-screw *d*, whereby the rod may be adjusted in the line of its length and said rod have a backward and forward sliding motion upon bar B, the whole constructed to operate in combination in the manner described, and for the purpose described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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