

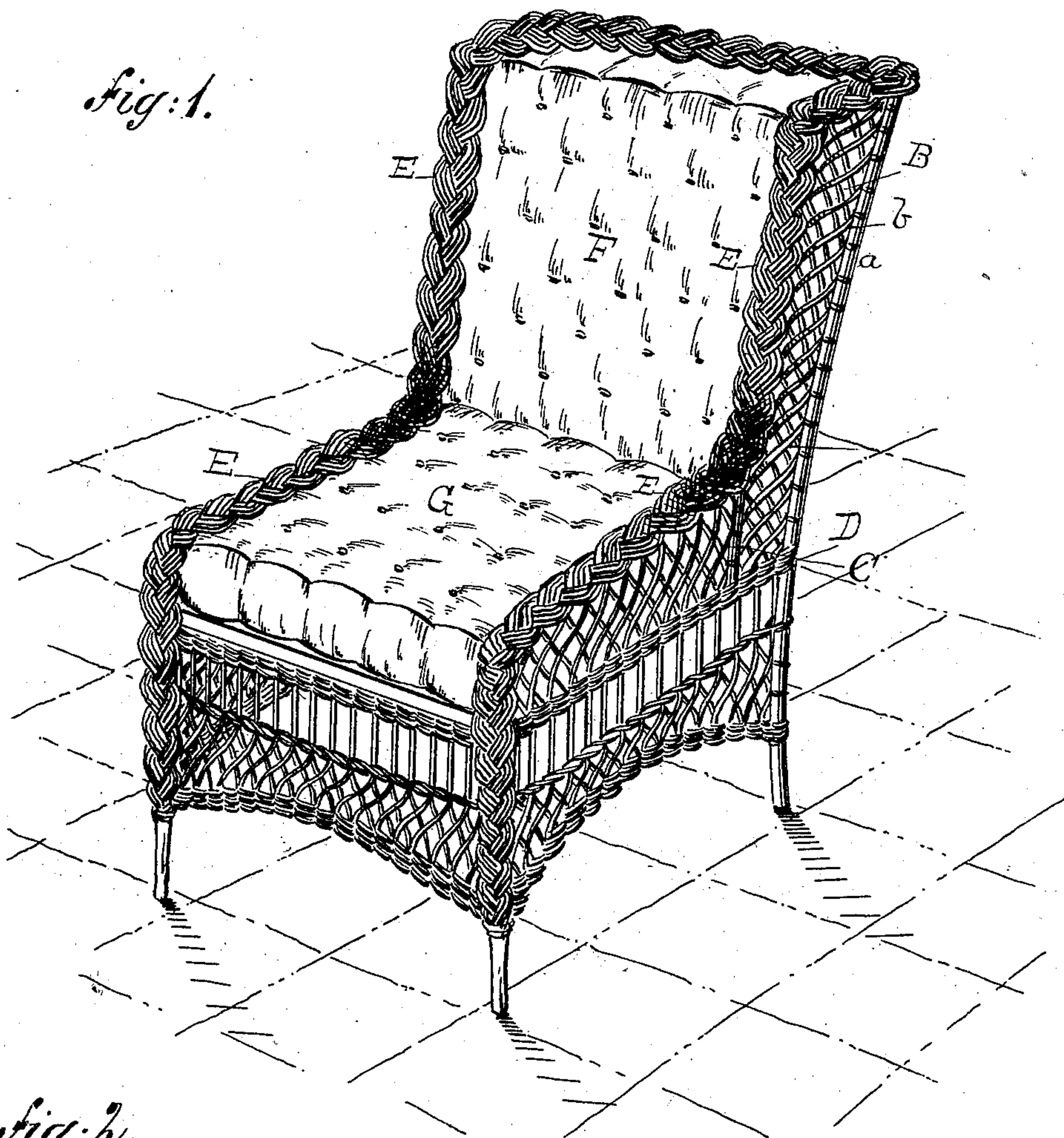
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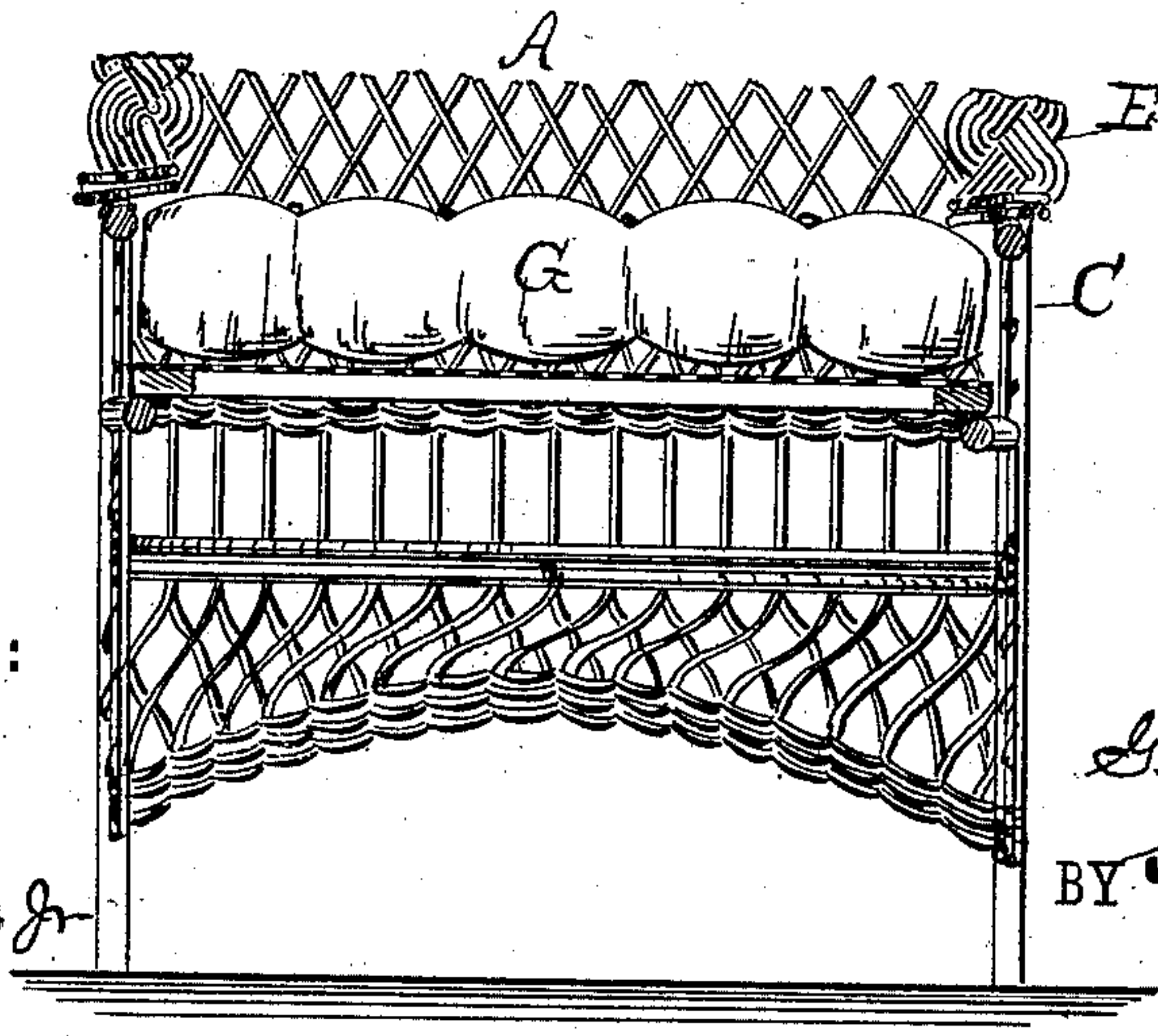
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## WICKER OR RATTAN CHAIR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. ELLIS, of Gardner, Worcester county, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved  
5 Wicker or Rattan Chair; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

10 This invention is in the nature of an improvement in wicker or rattan chairs; and the invention consists in a wicker or rattan chair with its back and seat provided with projecting elastic flanges to receive and retain in  
15 place upholstered cushions, in the manner more particularly described hereinafter.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved chair; Fig. 2, a cross-section of same.

20 Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

This invention relates particularly to that class of wicker or rattan chairs that are designed for upholstering, or, more correctly, that  
25 are to have fitted upholstered cushions to their backs and seats. Various means have been employed for this purpose, but none of them, owing to the peculiar lightness and elasticity of this class of chairs, have heretofore proved  
30 successful. By my invention, however, chairs constructed of wicker or rattan in the ordinary manner can be readily upholstered. To that end I construct the back A of the chair with elastic flanges B, projecting at right angles from the inner face of the back posts, a.  
35 These flanges may project to any desired extent, and they are united to the back posts, a, of the chair, by the usual ornamental wicker or rattan work, b. These flanges extend from the top of the back to the seat D of the chair.  
40 To two of the sides of the seat D, and parallel with the same, and extending from front to rear, are also elastic flanges C, corresponding in dimensions and general appearance with  
45 the flanges B of the back A, and at the rear these flanges C are united to the flanges B, of which they are substantially a continuation. To the top edges of both the flanges B and C is secured a continuous plaited edging, E,

which, being somewhat wider than the edges 50 of the flanges B and C, projects on either side of these flanges.

From the foregoing it will be seen that by reason of the flanges B and C both the back 55 of my chair and its seat are surrounded on two sides by substantially a recessed frame. Into this frame so formed, or, rather, between the flanges B and C, are inserted edgewise from the top of the back and edgewise from the front of the seat upholstered cushions F 60 and G, the thickness of the cushions being about equal to the width and height of the flanges. When the cushions are so placed the overlapping edge of the plaited edging E prevents them from riding up and out of the 65 flanges, which, together with forming supports for the arms of the occupant, is its purpose.

From the foregoing it will be seen that not only is a simple and inexpensive means provided for upholstering wicker or rattan chairs, 70 but it at the same time permits the ready removal of the cushions for dusting and repairing.

The flanges B and C, by reason of their elastic construction, not only enable them to yield 75 readily when the cushions F and G are placed within them, so that such placing is accomplished without much trouble, but they also, by reason of their elastic force, tend to hold the cushions firmly in position. 80

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

1. In a wicker or rattan chair, the combination of upholstered cushions F and G with 85 the back A and seat D, having flanges of wicker-work B and C and a projecting edging, E, whereby the cushions are held in place, substantially as is shown and described.

2. In a wicker or rattan chair, the back and 90 seat thereof provided with elastic flanges, in combination with removable upholstered cushions, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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