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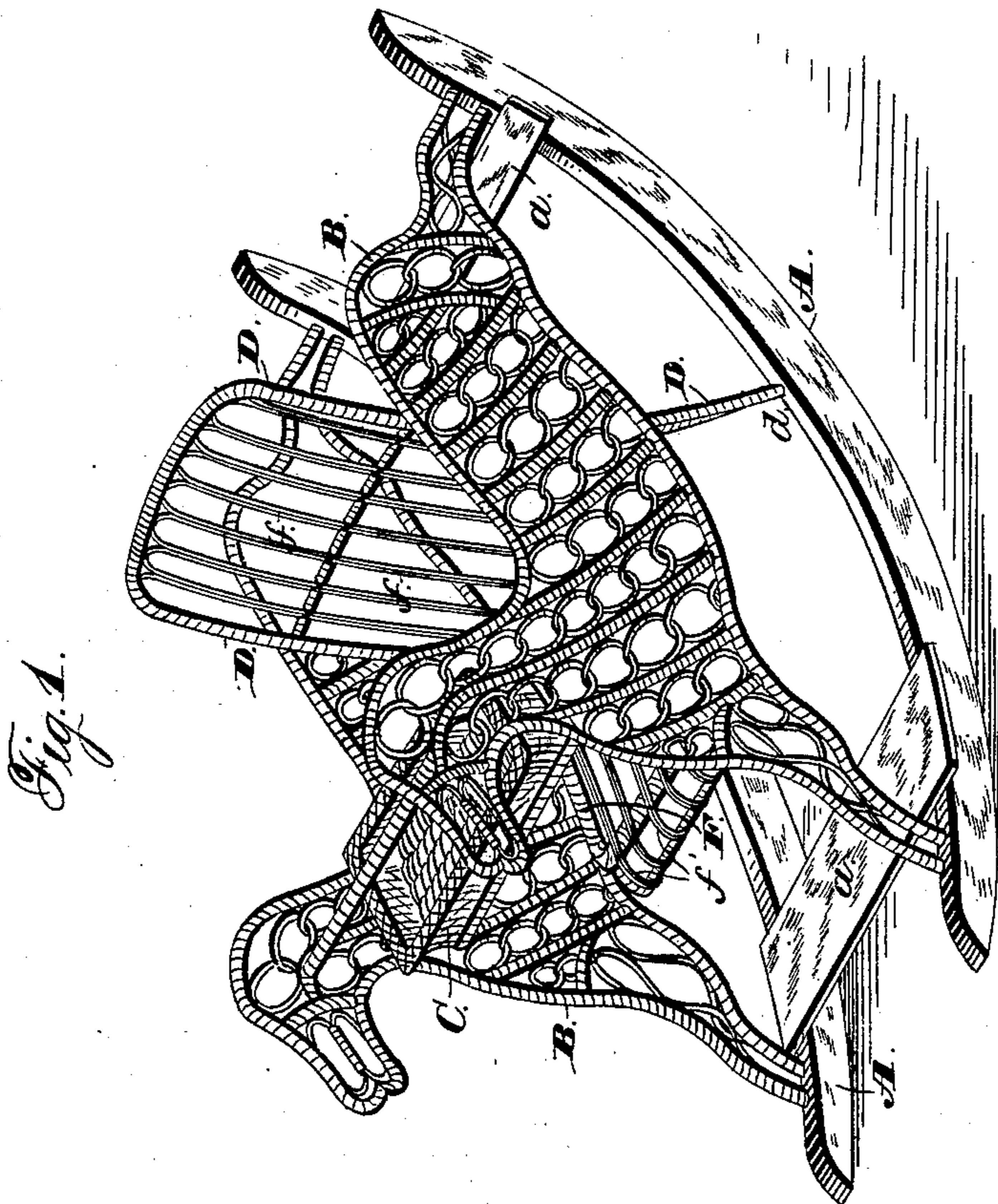
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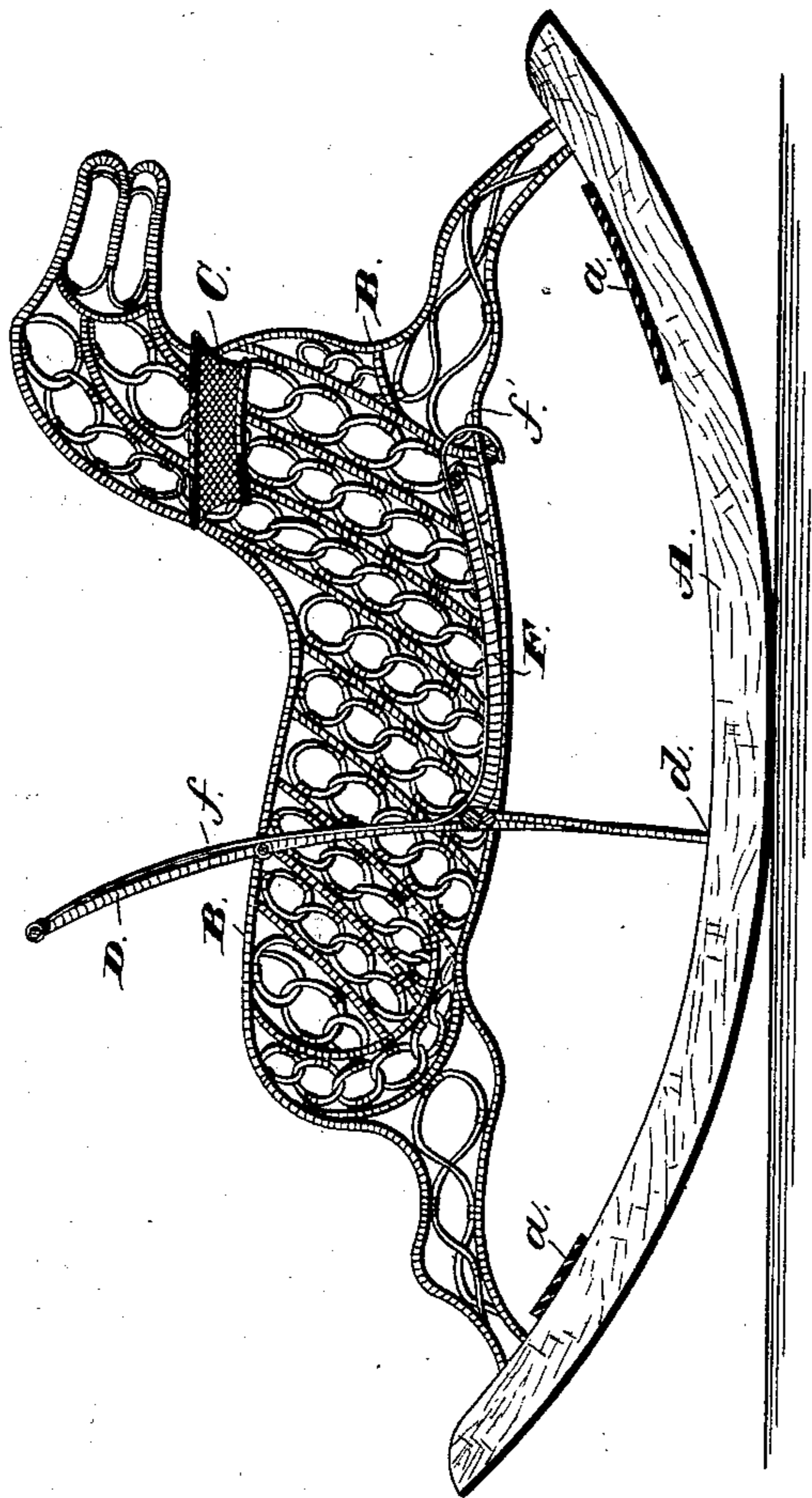
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## COMBINED ROCKING-CHAIR AND HOBBY-HORSE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 275,583, dated April 10, 1883.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JAY F. BUTLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, and URIAH MCCLINCHIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in a Combined Rocking-Chair and Hobby-Horse, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to a combined rocking-chair and hobby-horse for children; and the novelty consists in the construction and arrangement of parts in their relations to each other, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

The object of the invention is to provide a combined chair and hobby-horse which shall by reason of its material have a spring-play in different directions, and afford convenient hand-holds for the child. The entire frame, except the rockers and brace-plates, is formed of rattan, reed, or willow wicker-work. The chair-back extends down to the rockers, the sides of the portion representing the horse being secured to the sills of said sides, and the rattan, reeds, or willow which form the back and seat are in pieces extending from the forward transverse bar in the form of a curve, which comprises a spring along the seat from front to back, up the back, and passed through loops in the top thereof and back to form similar supporting and spring portions. A convenient tray is arranged in front of the seat for toys or food, and the entire device is of such elastic springy construction and material as to not only have a soothing effect upon the child, but also to serve to cushion concussion and prevent the noise and jar which necessarily follows a rigid construction. In the general construction, the back extending to the rockers, the hobby sides secured to both back and seat, and in the single reeds forming back, bottom, and forward curved spring, lie the essential features of this invention.

The invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our invention, and Fig. 2 a central longitudinal section.

Referring to the drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts in all

the figures, A designates the rockers, and *a* the brace-plates, either or both of which may be ornamented in any desirable manner. Secured to each rocker, near their extremities, are the portions representing the legs of the horse B, and between the portions representing the neck of the horse is secured the toy or food tray C. For the convenience of this construction, and to hold the sides firmly in vertical position, we form between said sides a chair, the back standards, D, of which being properly secured to the rockers at or near their centers at *d*. These back pieces, D, serve therefore to support the centers of the sides, which in this construction—that is to say, of wicker-work—need such support, while the cross-bars *d'* serve to hold said sides in their vertical positions parallel with each other.

The seat F and back D of the chair are formed of reeds *f*, which, being doubled upon themselves, pass from the top of said back downward across the seat from rear to front, are formed into a spring-curve, *f'*, at the front of the seat, and the free ends secured to the cross-bar *f''*, as shown. The side rails of the seat portion F pass along inside of the side portions, B, and, being secured thereto, serve efficiently to strengthen the whole. The curve *f'* affords an easy and convenient rest for the legs of the child, with no abrupt corners to worry or injure the parts.

The entire device, being made of rattan or willow wicker-work, is ornamental, light, and sufficiently flexible to accomplish the advantages heretofore set forth, while the open-work at the sides affords a convenient hand-hold for the child, allowing it to raise itself upon its feet, and thus exercise the muscles which are to be employed as it learns to walk. A hand-bar, *x*, is arranged between the heads of the sides to assist the child in this latter practice.

Having described our invention, what we claim is—

1. A combined chair and hobby-horse having its sides composed of rattan or willow in the form of wicker-work, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A combined rocking-chair and hobby-horse, consisting of two upright sides constructed of open wicker or willow work supported by rockers, and a seat and back composed of a series of flexible or elastic strips which are curved or

bent downward at the front edge of the seat, the said parts being united, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. In a combined child's chair and hobby-  
5 horse formed of rattan or willow wicker-work, the back rails, D, extending to the rockers to support the sides, the seat F, arranged nearly parallel to the sill of the sides, and the rattans, reeds, or willows of the back and seat, arranged  
10 to form curve *f*, the sides B, and rockers, all

combined and arranged to serve as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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