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BABY WALKER.

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Fig. 1.

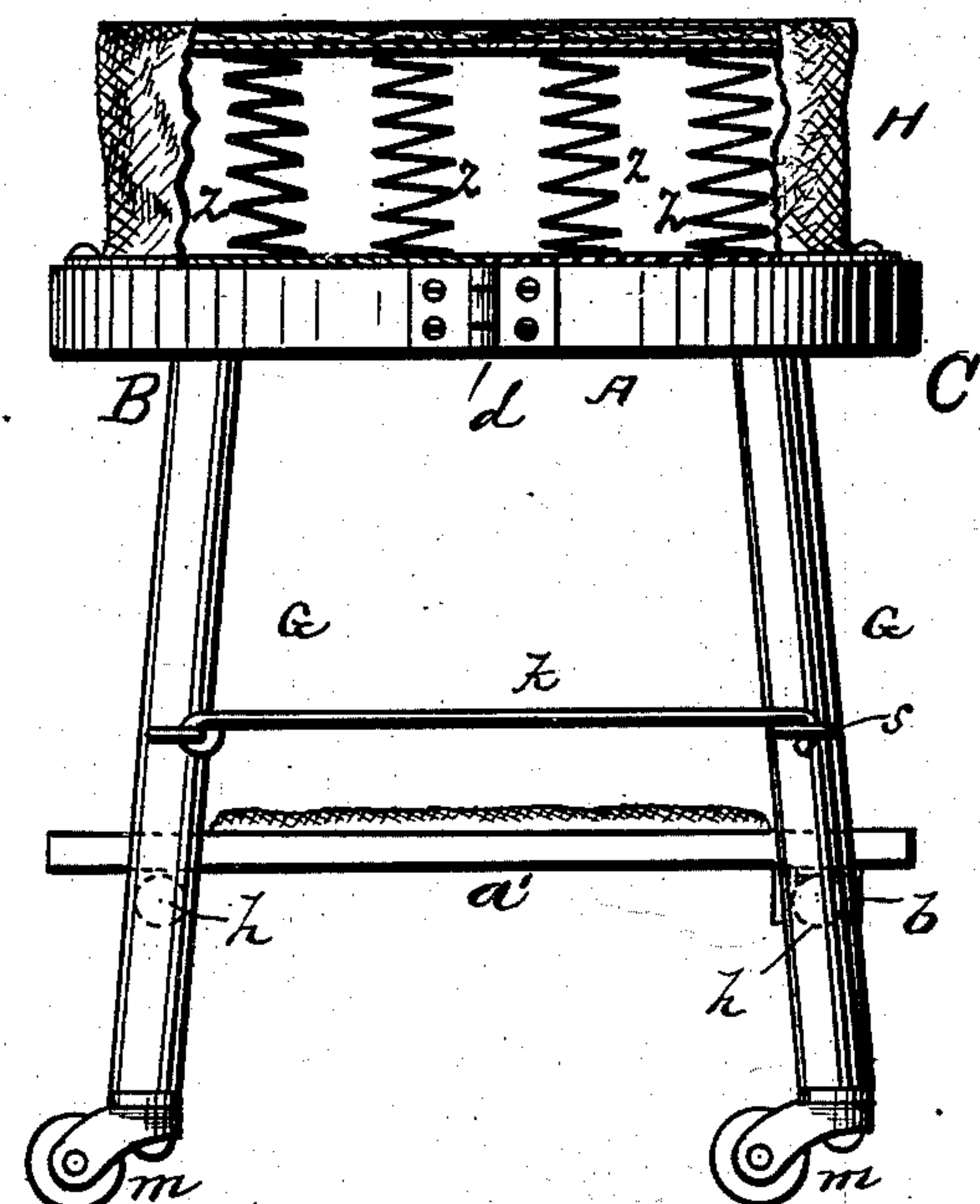


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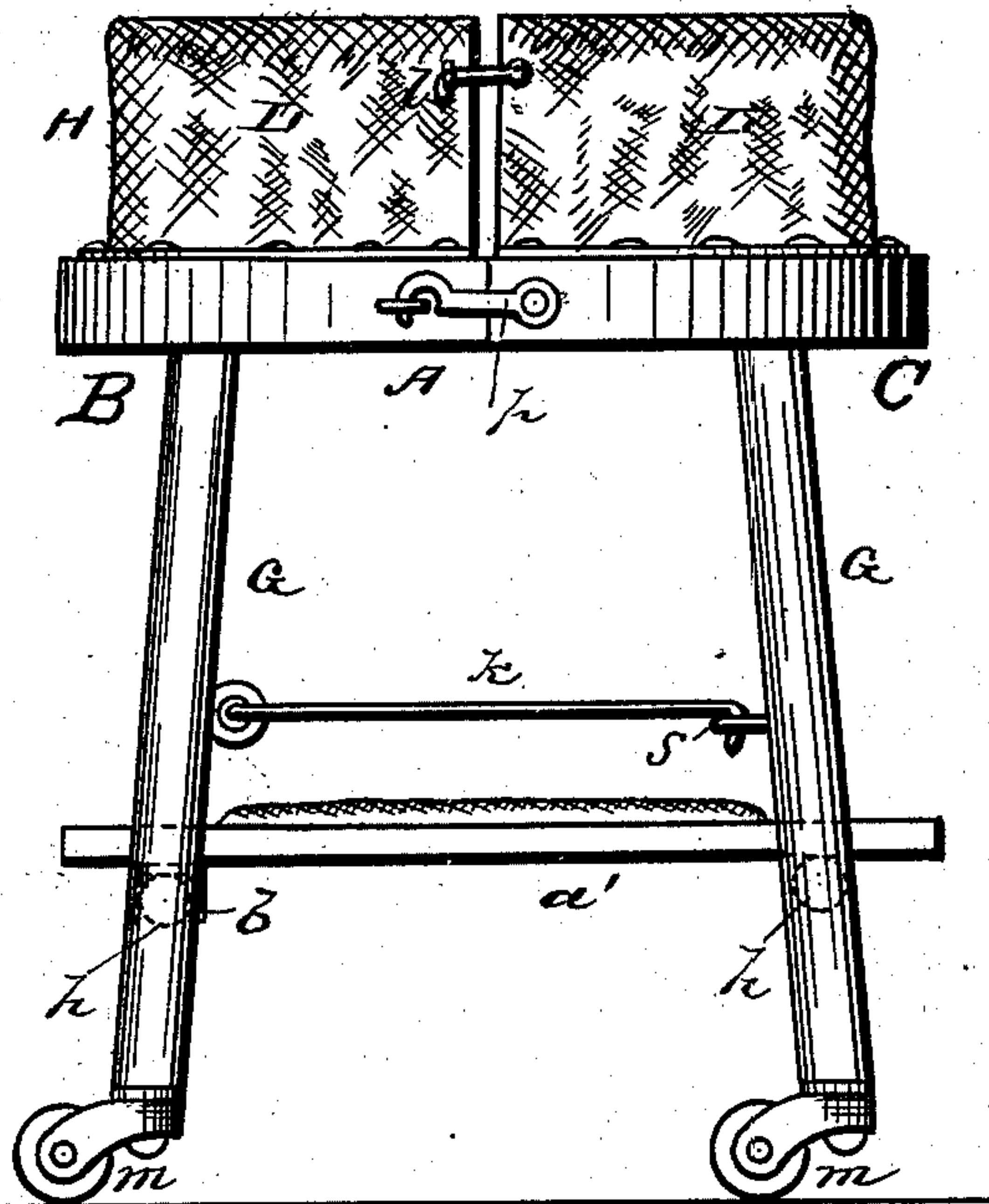


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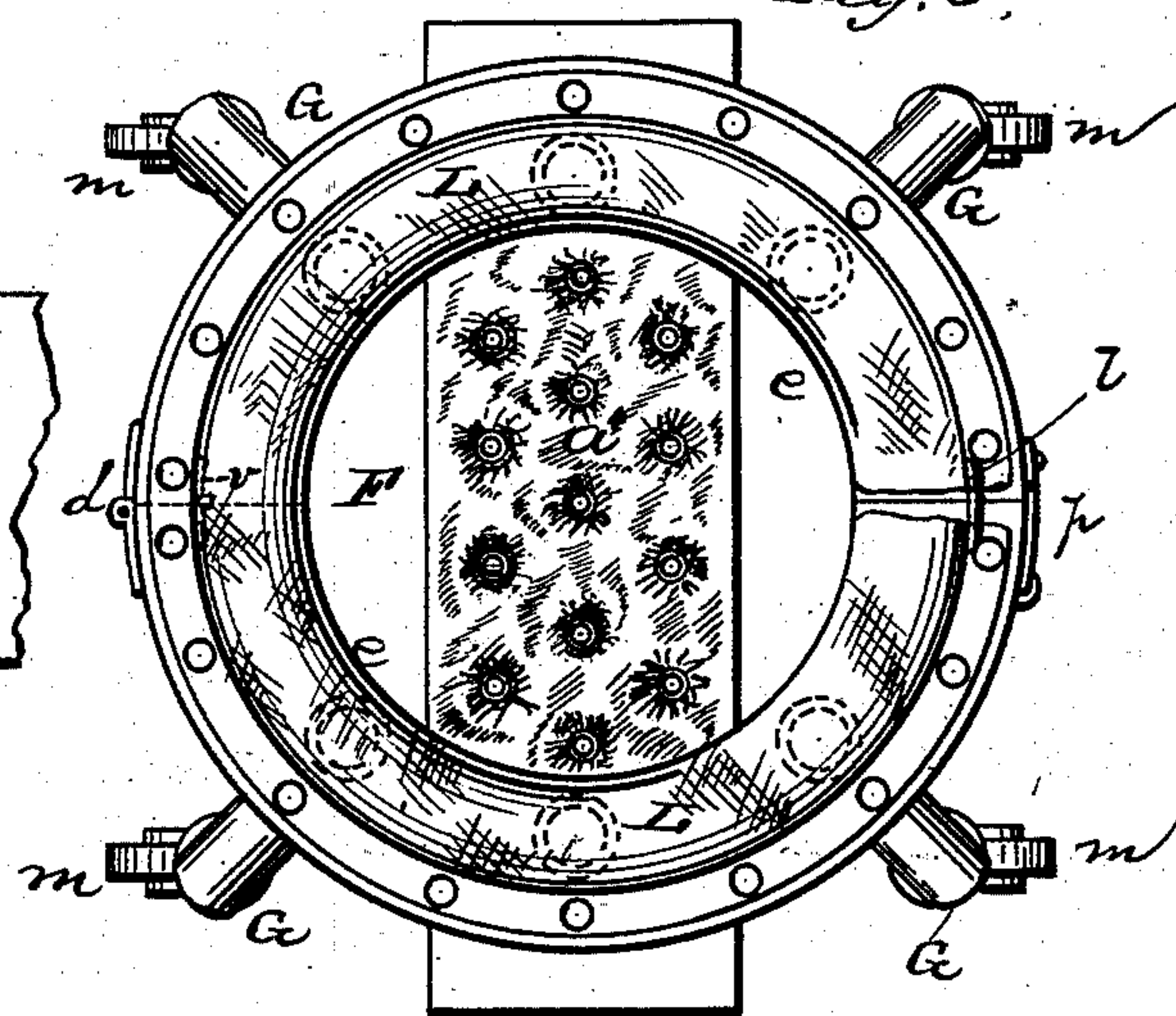
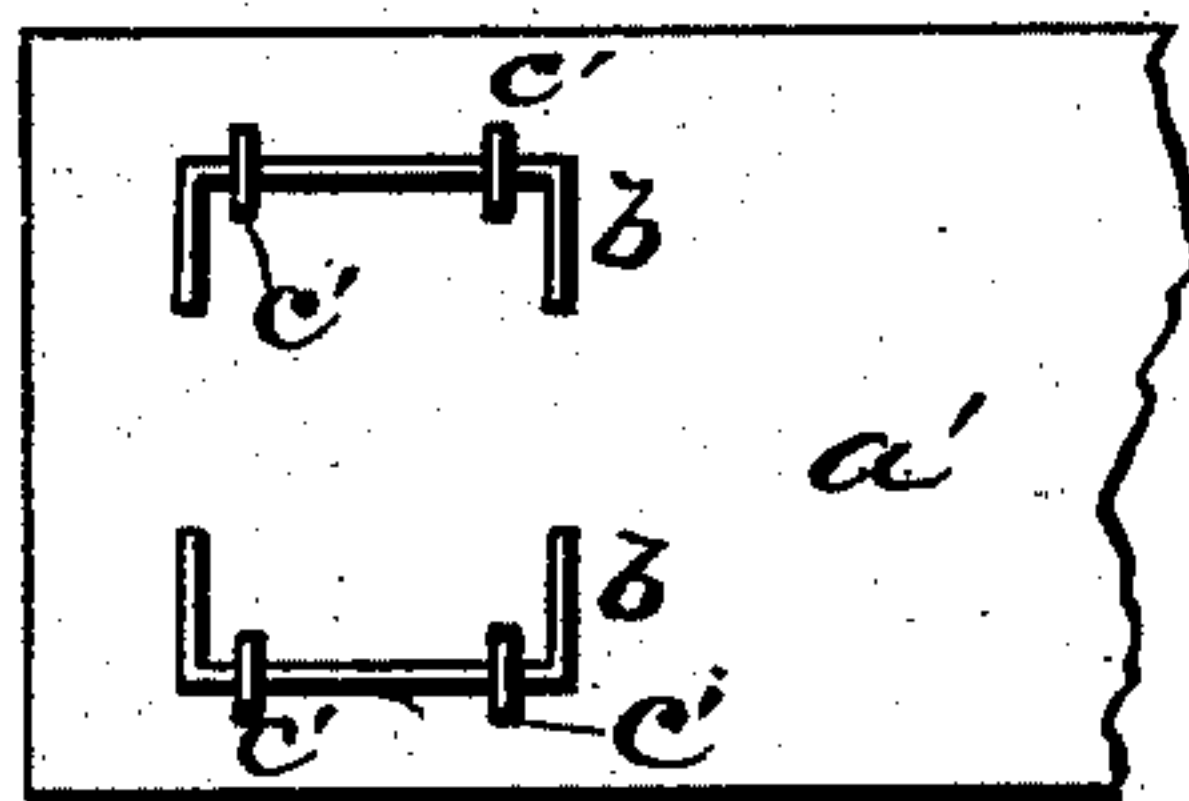


Fig. 4.



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BABY-WALKER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. DUFOUR, a citizen of the United States, resident at Gallipolis, in the county of Gallia and State of Ohio, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baby-Walkers; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and
10 use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a side view of
15 my baby-walker. Fig. 2 is also a side view. Fig. 3 is a top view, and Fig. 4 is a detail view.

This invention has relation to movable supports designed to teach young children to walk; and it consists in the construction and novel
20 arrangement of devices, as hereinafter set forth, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter
25 A designates the flat body portion of the support, consisting of two sections, B and C, usually made of pieces of board, and hinged together at the edge on one side, as indicated at *d*. The inner edge of each section is cut away
30 semicircularly, as at *e*, so that when the sections are closed together a circular opening or bearing, F, will be provided, which is designed to encircle the child under the arms, which rest on the upper surface of the body A.

The sections B and C are each provided with
35 inwardly-inclined legs G, arranged in pairs, one pair being attached to each section and braced by means of a transverse round, *h*. The legs are provided with casters *m*.

On each side of the support a horizontal
40 connecting-hook, *k*, is arranged, being connected to one leg permanently by means of an eye at its end and a screw-eye or staple in the leg. When the sections are closed together,
45 the hooks are connected to fastening-staples *s* on the legs of the opposite sections, respectively, as shown in the drawings, so that the lower portion of the support is firmly braced and the entire support is held closed.

a' indicates a seat, which is provided on its
50 upper face with a pad or cushion and on its under face, near one end, with swinging keepers *b*, made preferably of rectangular staple form, and secured to the said seat by staples or eye-bolts *c'*, and are adapted to embrace the
55 leg-connecting rounds, which support the seat thereon and allow the same a sliding movement. The seat is narrow and the leg-connecting rounds located below the body-supporting sections a sufficient distance to per-
60 mit the seat when not in use to be turned up out of the way, but, if desired, may be entirely removed from the frame.

A small bolt, *p*, serves to connect the sections B and C on the side opposite to the
65 hinge.

Above the margin of the circular opening
F is arranged an annular cushion or yielding bearing, H, which is made in semicircular sections L, the meeting ends of which are in the
70 planes of the meeting edges of the body-sections B and C. The sections L are supported by small spiral springs *z*, which also serve to connect them to the sections B and C. The sections L are connected together on one side
75 by means of a small hinge, *v*, and on the other side by a small hook, *l*.

When the support is opened, the springs
will allow the sections to separate on one side sufficiently to admit the child, which is placed
80 in position with the yielding bearing H under its arms. The support is then closed and fastened by means of the hooks. The child is supported under the arms in a yielding and
85 gentle manner, and is enabled by the slightest movement of its feet to push the support along the floor. The sections project sufficiently from the circular bearing to prevent injury to the child from contact with the wall or with
90 articles of furniture in the room.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a support for teaching children to walk, the combination, with the flat hinged body-
95 sections A and B, of the upper sections, L, having the inclosed vertically-arranged spiral springs *z*, the inwardly-inclined legs secured

one pair each to the under side of the sections A and B, respectively, and provided with connecting-rods *k*, the whole adapted to operate in connection with the sliding and re-
5 movable seat *a'*, provided on its under face near one end with the swinging keepers *b*, secured thereto by means of staples *c'*, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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