

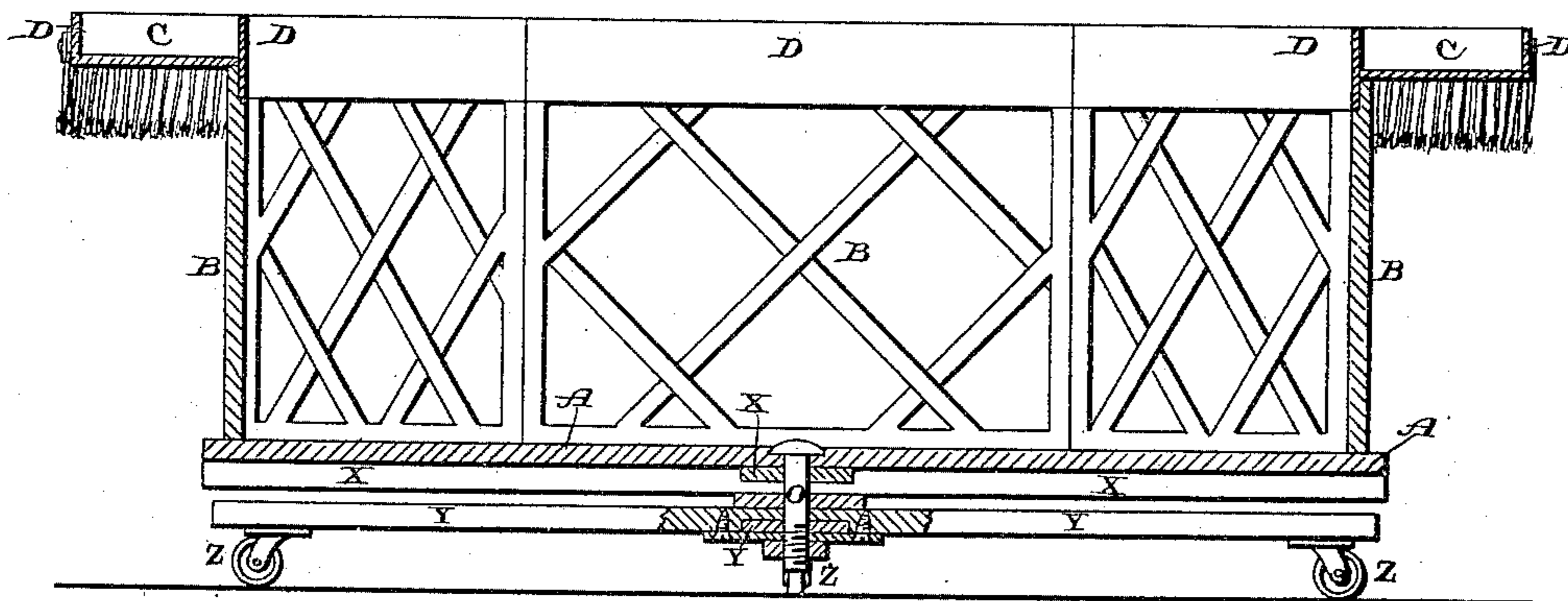
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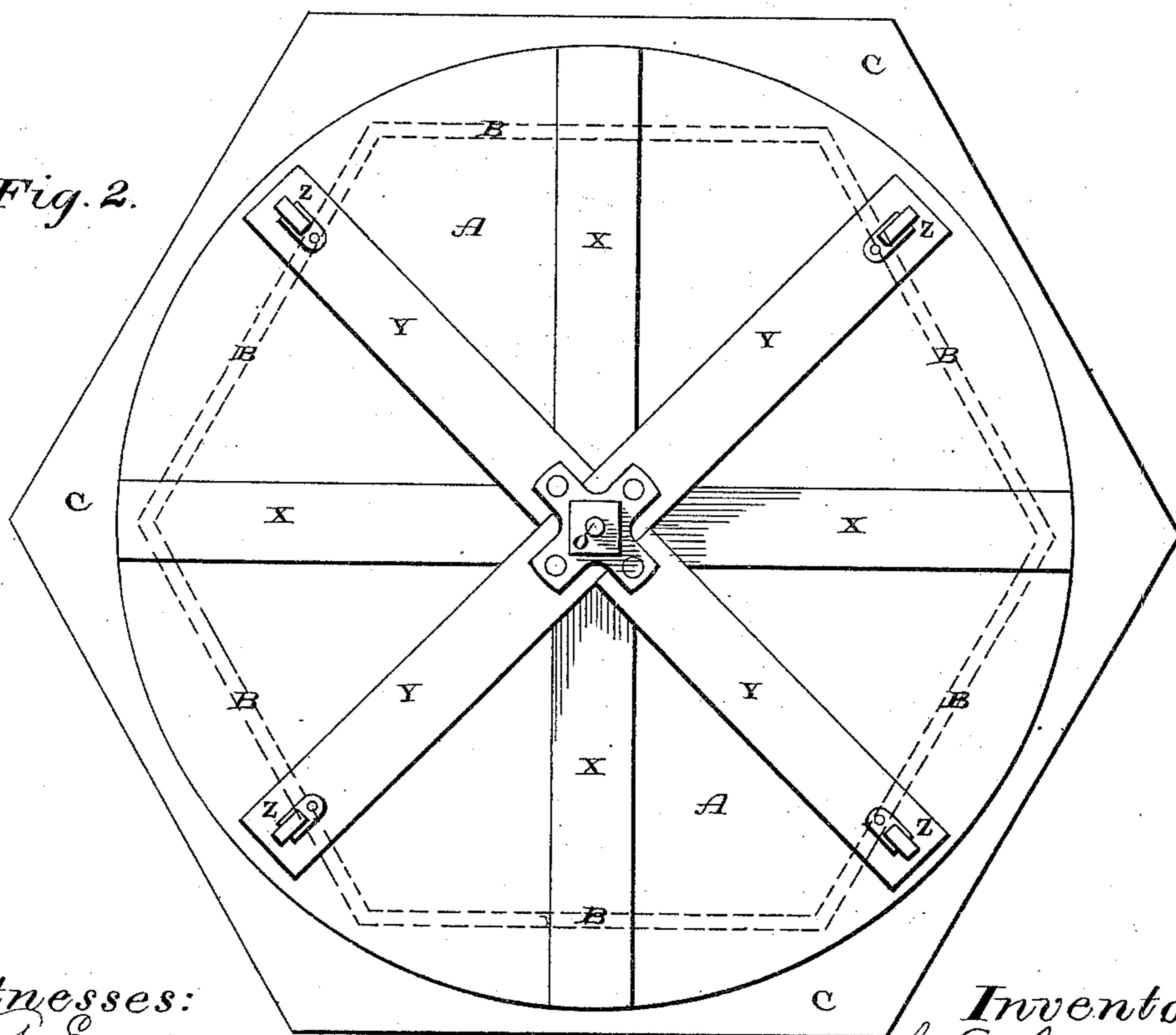
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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## CHILD'S PLAY-HOUSE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SYLVANUS E. GROFF, of Marietta, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Children's Play-Houses; and I do hereby 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in children's play-houses; and it consists in a play-house of suitable shape mounted upon a suitable support placed upon wheels, and which play-house is preferably provided with a shelf extending around its top edge, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to provide a play-house in which a small child with its playthings can be placed, and thus not only keep the child from off the floor, but in a place of absolute safety at all times, leaving the child's mother to attend to her duties without the trouble of constantly watching it.

Figure 1 represents a vertical section of a play-house which embodies my invention. Fig. 2 is an inverted view of the same.

A represents the floor of the play-house, which may be of any desired shape and width that may be preferred, and from which rises a railing or casing B of any suitable construction. Wood or any other suitable material may be employed, and either a plain or an ornamental appearance be given, as may be preferred. The casing or sides B of the play-house may rise to any height that may be preferred; but it should always be sufficiently high to prevent a small child from climbing over its top, while it should be low enough to allow the child to look freely over it and see what is passing on around it. Around the upper edge of this railing or sides B is formed a shelf C of any desired width, and which shelf is provided with a flange D at both its inner and outer edges for the purpose of preventing the child's playthings from being accidentally pushed off.

Extending across the under side of the floor A are the two cross-pieces X, which are let into each other at their centers and which serve to both brace and strengthen the floor and prevent it from warping. At the same time they serve to raise the bottom of the

play-house somewhat higher and to decrease the amount of friction between the bottom A and the support for the play-house.

The entire play-house above described is placed upon the support Y, which consists of two cross-pieces which are let into each other at their centers, and which are provided with rollers L at their ends. These rollers serve both to raise the play-house above the floor and to enable it to be moved about when so desired.

Passing down through the bottom A, the cross-pieces X, and the cross-pieces Y is the pivotal bolt O, of any suitable construction which may receive a nut or other suitable device upon its lower end. If so preferred, a bolt need not be used; but instead a pivotal casting or device of any kind may be secured to the under side of the cross-pieces X and extended down through the center of the cross-pieces Y. This pivot serves to unite the cross-pieces Y to the bottom A, and at the same time to allow the house to be turned freely in any direction desired.

A small child that is able to creep or to walk is to be placed in the play-house with its toys, and then being raised above the floor out of the drafts and absolutely safe from danger and trouble of all kind its mother is free to attend to her household duties without any anxiety or annoyance in regard to the child. The child can be placed in a house of this kind from day to day until it is large enough to be able to take care of itself.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a child's play-house consisting of a base mounted upon rollers, and the floor centrally pivoted upon the base and having a vertical casing around its edge, and a horizontal shelf at the upper outer edge of the casing, substantially as shown and described.

2. A child's play-house composed of the floor A, the sides B, and the shelf C, with the cross-pieces X, the cross-pieces Y, provided with casters or rollers, and the pivot O, by which the parts are connected, the parts being combined substantially as described.

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

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