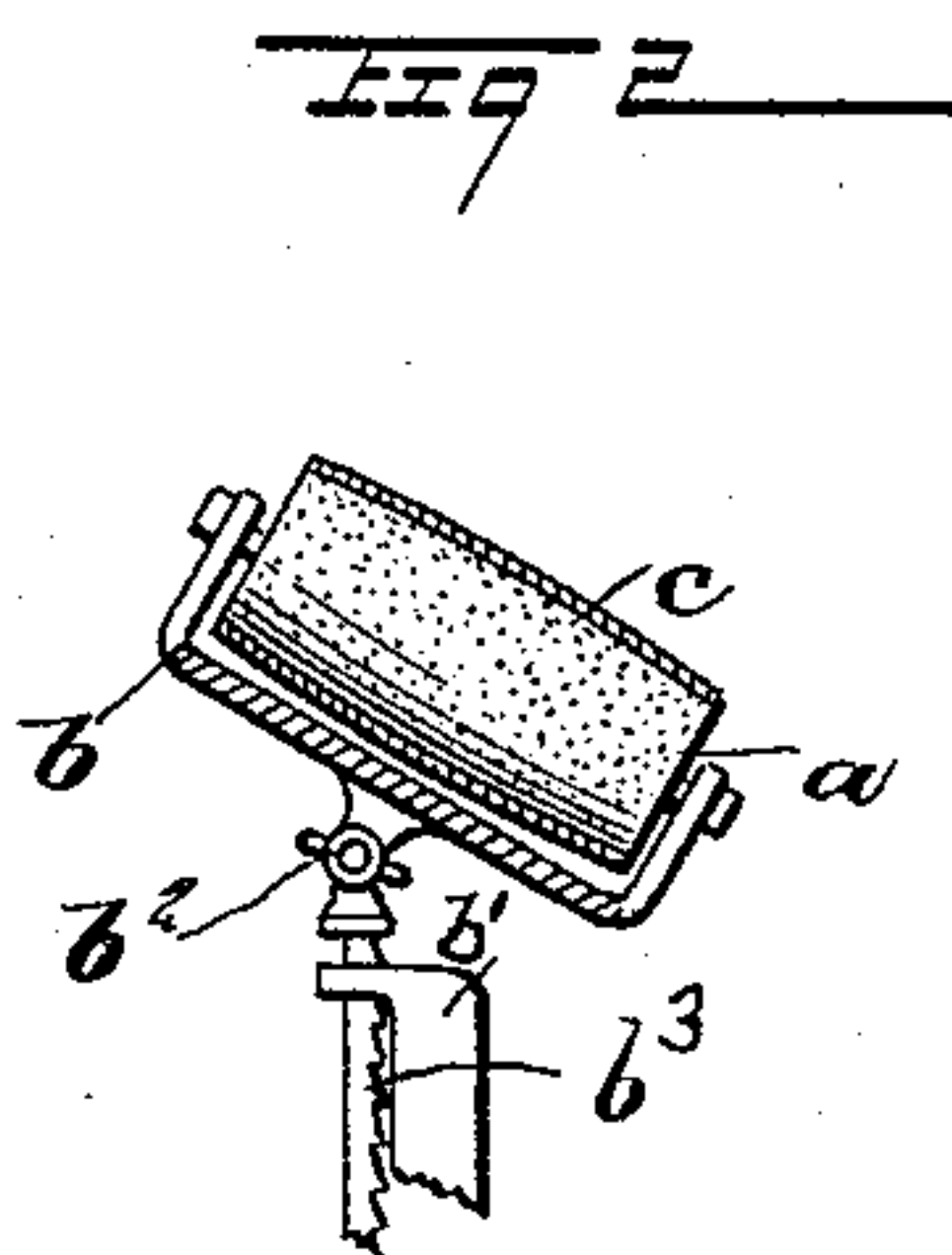
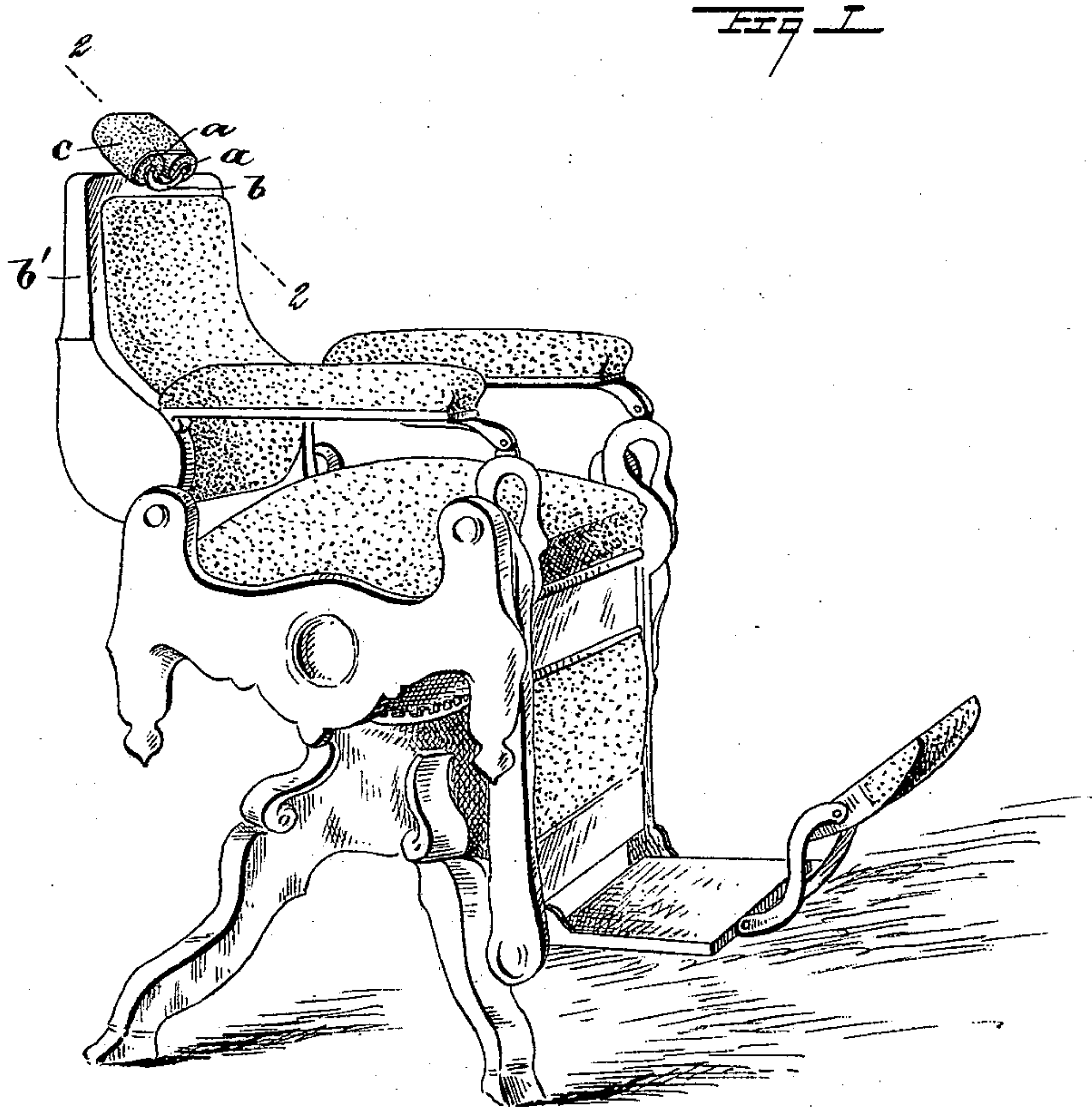


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. BAKER, of Baird, in the county of Callahan and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Head-Rest for Chairs, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide an arm chair for the use of barbers or dentists, with a head rest of novel and superior construction, which will facilitate the adjustment of the head of an occupant of the chair, and enable the same to be changed in position laterally, without raising it from the support it rests upon.

To this end my invention consists in the construction and combination of parts, as is hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chair having the improvement in position on it; and Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line 2—2 in Fig. 1, of the improved head rest detached, and a broken slide bar whereon the head rest is mounted.

The device is intended to take the place of the ordinary cushioned head rest provided for chairs of the class named, and comprises two rollers *a*, of like form rotatably mounted at their ends in a bracket frame *b*, which is forked so as to afford spaced supports for the two rollers, that are loosely retained in connection with the bracket frame, parallel and suitably separated as indicated in Fig. 1. The bracket frame *b* is mounted upon the usual or any other preferred form of slide bar *b*³, that is adapted for vertical adjustment in the back *b*¹, of the chair, as shown, or by any other preferred means, and at *b*², a forwardly-flexing joint is provided for the bracket frame to permit the rollers *a*, to be inclined longitudinally as may be necessary for efficient service. The rollers *a*, are upholstered with

any proper material, and are also padded preferably to taper them slightly from the center toward their ends, and said rollers are covered with an endless band *c*, made of any proper material, which encircles both rollers and furnishes a yielding, comfortable support for the head of the occupant of the chair. It will be seen that when the head rest is in use, the head of the incumbent of the chair will lie upon the endless band *c* between the rollers, and to roll the head it is only necessary for the operator to press it slightly on either side, thereby causing the rollers to rotate and the band to be progressively moved in a direction opposite that of the pressure applied, which movement will carry the back part of the head with the moving band, and cause it to rest on its side. It is also contemplated to use three rollers by locating one intermediately of the outer two, and pivotally support said roller on the bracket frame the same as the others; it is not thought this will add to the utility of the device and will increase the expense of production, but such a construction will fall within the scope of my invention.

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

1. A head rest, comprising a frame, rollers journaled loosely on the frame side by side and free to revolve in either direction, and an endless band inclosing the two rollers, substantially as set forth.

2. A head rest comprising a vertically adjustable bar, a frame pivoted adjustably on the upper end of the bar, parallel rollers loosely mounted in the frame to revolve freely in either and an endless band inclosing the rollers, substantially as set forth.

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