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BABY WALKER.

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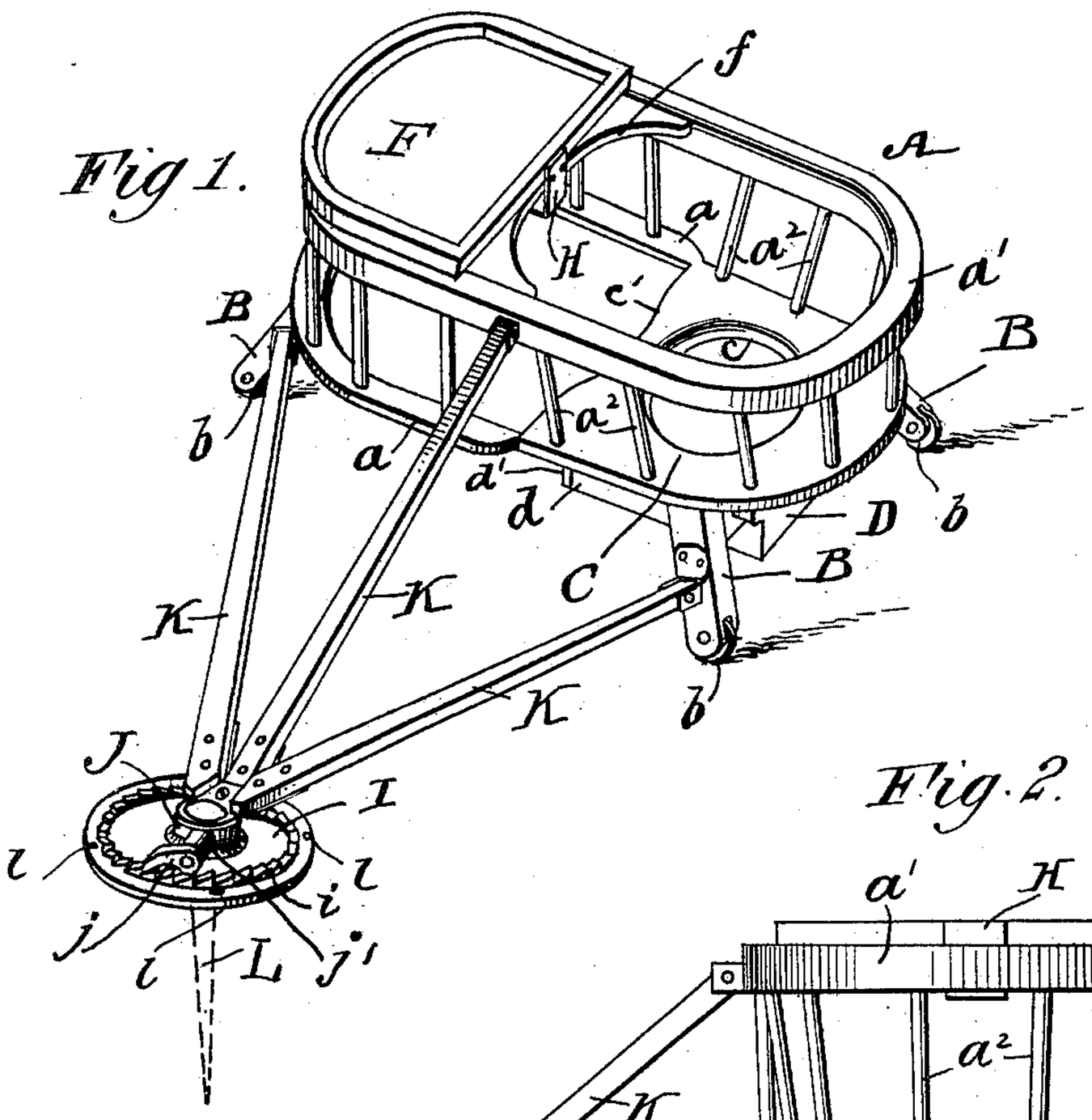
Fig 1.



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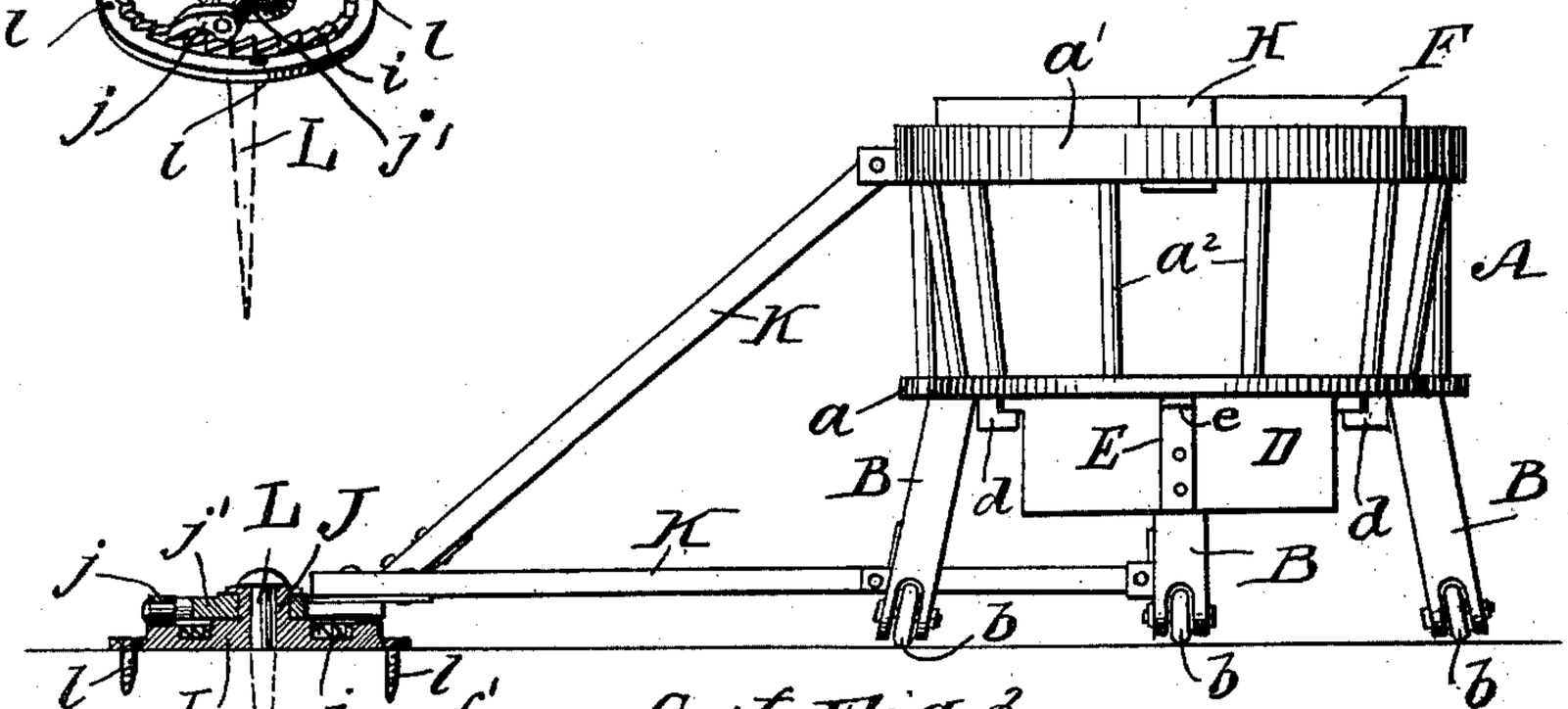

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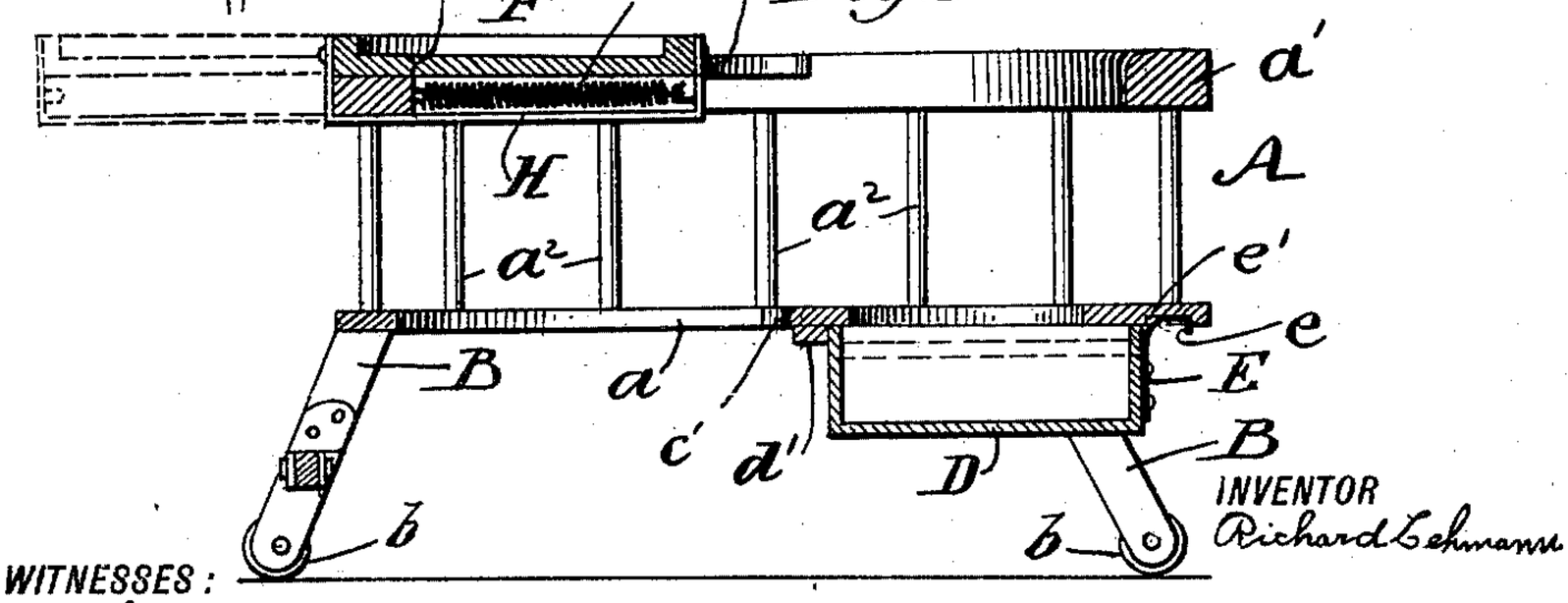

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD LEHMANN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baby-Chairs, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to baby chairs or devices of that type in which the child is retained and held in upright position while walking.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and improved baby chair or walker of this class in which the movement of the device will be governed with relation to a fixed point, which will be locked against rearward movement and which will furthermore possess advantages in point of safety, convenience, ease of operation, and general efficiency.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the device complete. Fig. 2 is a rear end elevation showing the pivot mechanism in section, and Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the chair or crib.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the chair, which is adapted to inclose the child and retain the same safely in position. This chair may be in the main of any suitable construction, but preferably embodies a base-frame *a*, from which rises a rail *a'*, surrounding the device, as shown, and preferably embodying the open-spindle construction a^2 in its connection with the base-frame.

The base-frame is mounted upon legs B, preferably arranged, as shown, with a single leg centrally at the front and a pair of legs at the rear end of the device. These legs carry rollers or casters *b*.

At the rear end of the base-frame *a* is provided a seat C, which may be of commode form or construction, as shown at *c*, and a drawer D may be provided below said seat, said drawer being arranged to work upon cleats *d d*, longitudinally arranged under the seat C, the inward movement of the drawer being limited by a cross-strip *d'*. The drawer may be provided at its rear end with a spring-catch, which preferably consists of a flat spring-plate E, having an angular projecting top end *e*, adapted to engage a recess *e'* in the under side of the seat portion of the base-frame.

I provide at the front end of the rail *a'* a table F, which has a concave or segmentally-curved rear end *f* and is adapted to slide longitudinally, so that the child is held in position between this rear curved edge *f* and the similarly-curved front edge *c'* of the seat C.

The longitudinal movement or adjustment of the table F is preferably governed by a coiled spring G, mounted in a longitudinal bracket H, projecting at the bottom of the table and adapted to embrace the front end portion of the rail *a'*. This bracket thus serves to retain the table in connection with the rail, and to obviate lateral displacement of the table the front edge of the rail *a'* has a recess, as indicated in dotted lines at *f'*, to receive the base portion of the table.

The chair or baby-walker is adapted to be connected to a pivot device forming a fixed point around which the chair will have a circular line of travel, and for this purpose I provide a turn-table or plate I, upon which is pivotally mounted a horizontal hub J, carrying at one side radial arms K. These arms are preferably three in number and extend, respectively, to the front leg B and the inside rear leg approximately in horizontal plane, while the central or intermediate arm extends upward in inclined position to the rail *a'*. This relative arrangement of the radial connecting-arms effectively braces the chair device in upright position during its travel.

The turn-table may be secured in position upon the floor by means of screws *l*, and it may be secured outdoors in position upon the ground by means of a stake L passing through a central eye or opening in the turn-table and driven a suitable distance into the ground.

Upon the top surface of the turn-table or plate I is provided an annular ratchet *i*, adapted to be engaged by pawl *j*, pivotally mounted upon the outer end of a lateral arm *j'*, projecting from the rotary hub J. By rea-

son of this construction and arrangement the chair or walker is adapted to freely travel in a forward direction, but is locked against rearward movement by operation of the ratchet mechanism.

The operation and advantages of my invention will be readily understood.

The chair or walker is adapted to safely and properly retain a child in position and permit a free walking movement in a circular plane around the fixed point formed by the turn-table. Danger of accident and the risk of a free and unrestricted line of travel for the child when retained in the chair is thus obviated.

The chair is also firmly braced in upright position by its connection with the turn-table, and by reason of its being locked against any rearward movement whatever the effort of the child is always exerted in a forward direction.

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

In a device of the class described, the combination, with a turn-table or pivot-plate, of a chair or walker, and radial arms extending from the pivot-plate to the chair or walker, said connecting-arms being respectively secured to the base portion and to the top portion of the chair, whereby the latter is braced in upright position, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 15th day of September, 1896.

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