

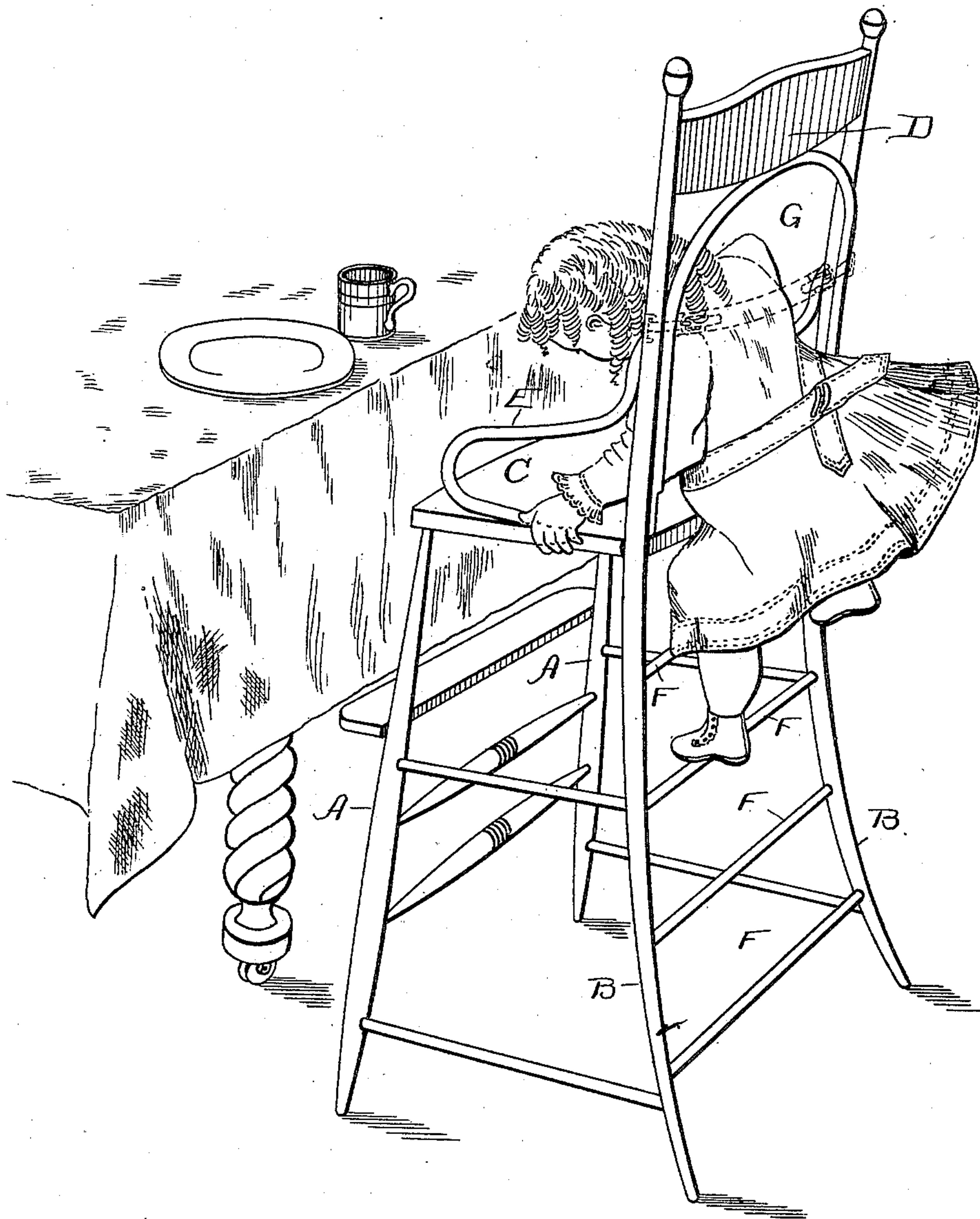
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILANDER F. CHASE, a citizen of the United States, residing in Berwyn, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Children's High Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved construction of high chairs for use by young children while at meals. It is intended to enable a child of two years or even younger to get into and out of its high chair without assistance and without danger of overturning the chair.

In my improved construction I provide the rear legs of the chair with a series of rounds or connecting-braces adapted to act as a sort of ladder whereby the child may easily climb to the seat, the legs being inclined or curved outward, so that they have sufficient spread at the bottom to prevent any overbalancing of the chair by the child's weight while on the ladder. I also provide in the back of the chair and immediately above the plane of the seat an opening of sufficient size to permit the child to crawl through the back and onto the seat. With this construction, which I have used in my own family, a child will be able to get into and out of the chair, and most children are better pleased to thus help themselves than they are to be lifted up and down by their parents or nurses.

The accompanying drawing shows my improved chair in perspective with a child in the act of climbing into the same.

In said drawing, A represents the front and B the hind legs, C the seat, D the back, and E the arms, of the chair. Supported in the hind legs are a series of rounds F at short distances apart and forming a sort of ladder whereby the child may raise itself sufficiently to enable it to get onto the seat. The back, it will be noticed, is cut out, as seen at G, sufficiently to give the child full opportunity by taking hold of the edge of the seat or the arms to pull itself up onto the seat. Having once gained the seat, the child will easily assume a proper and orderly sitting posture.

In getting down the child pushes its feet backward through the opening G and while holding onto the seat or arms with its hands places its feet on the upper round and then descends from round to round until it reaches the floor. In all these movements the child is required to do nothing which will throw the chair out of balance or overturn it, and I thus eliminate a serious source of danger existing in the use of high chairs of the ordinary construction, and neither the child nor the chair are likely to be injured by overturning the latter, and the child is favored by giving it a chair into and out of which it may climb with safety.

With my improvement the length of time during which a child will continue to use the chair will be increased, because he will continue to use it until he outgrows it, whereas in the case of the ordinary high chairs they are frequently condemned as dangerous as soon as the child begins to be at all venturesome and attempts to get into or out of it without assistance from grown persons.

The legs B are given a bend or curvature, so that their feet are spread, as shown, and this spread should be equal to or slightly greater than that customary in this class of structures.

In the case of very young children a strap or cord or equivalent device may be fastened around the opening G to prevent any danger of their falling backward through the opening. Ordinarily, however, I have not found such device to be requisite with a child old enough to climb into the chair. I have shown a strap for this purpose in dotted lines.

I claim—

The high chair for children having a ladder formed between its hind legs, and a large opening in its back through which the child may get onto and off the seat, substantially as specified.

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