

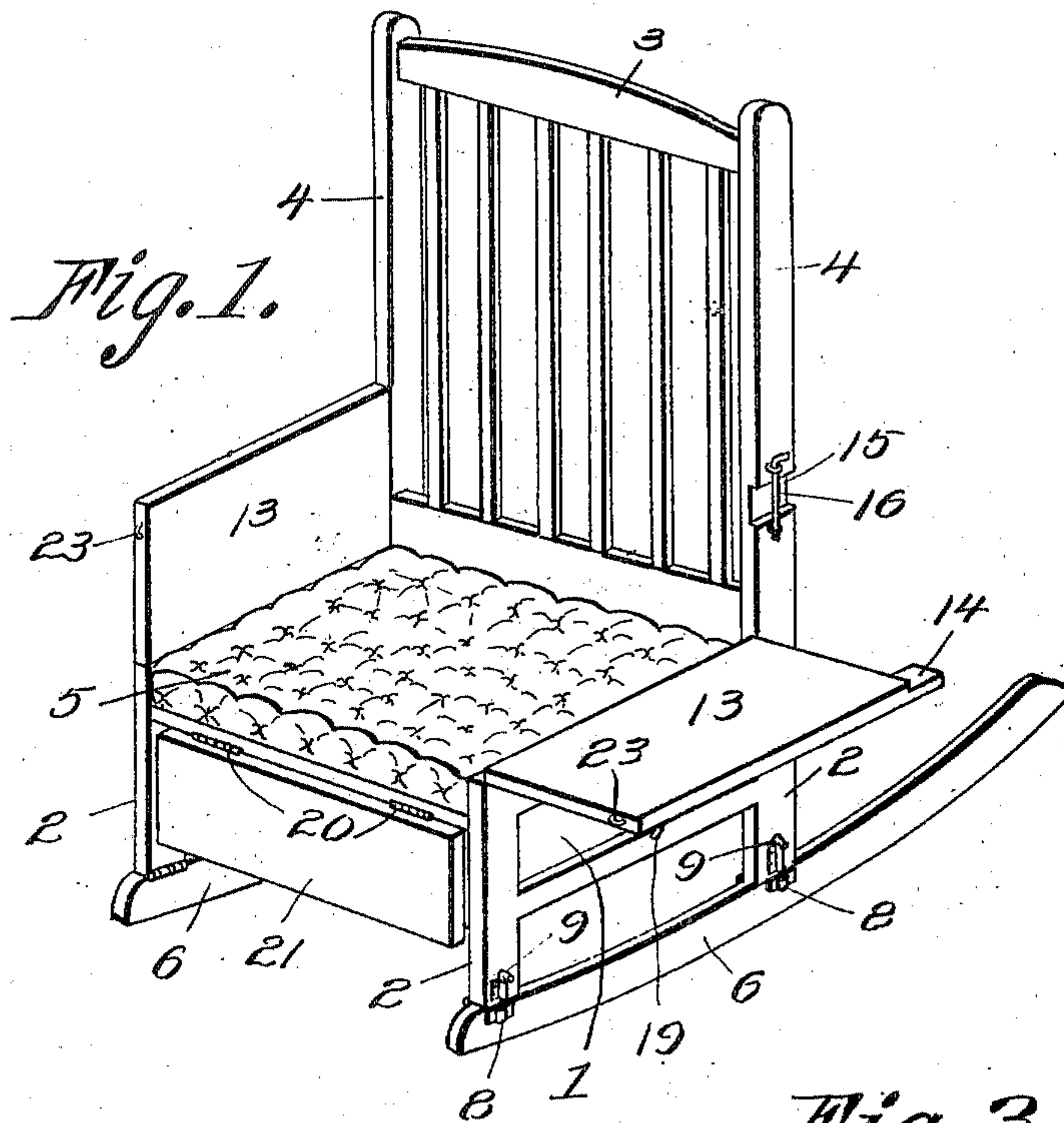
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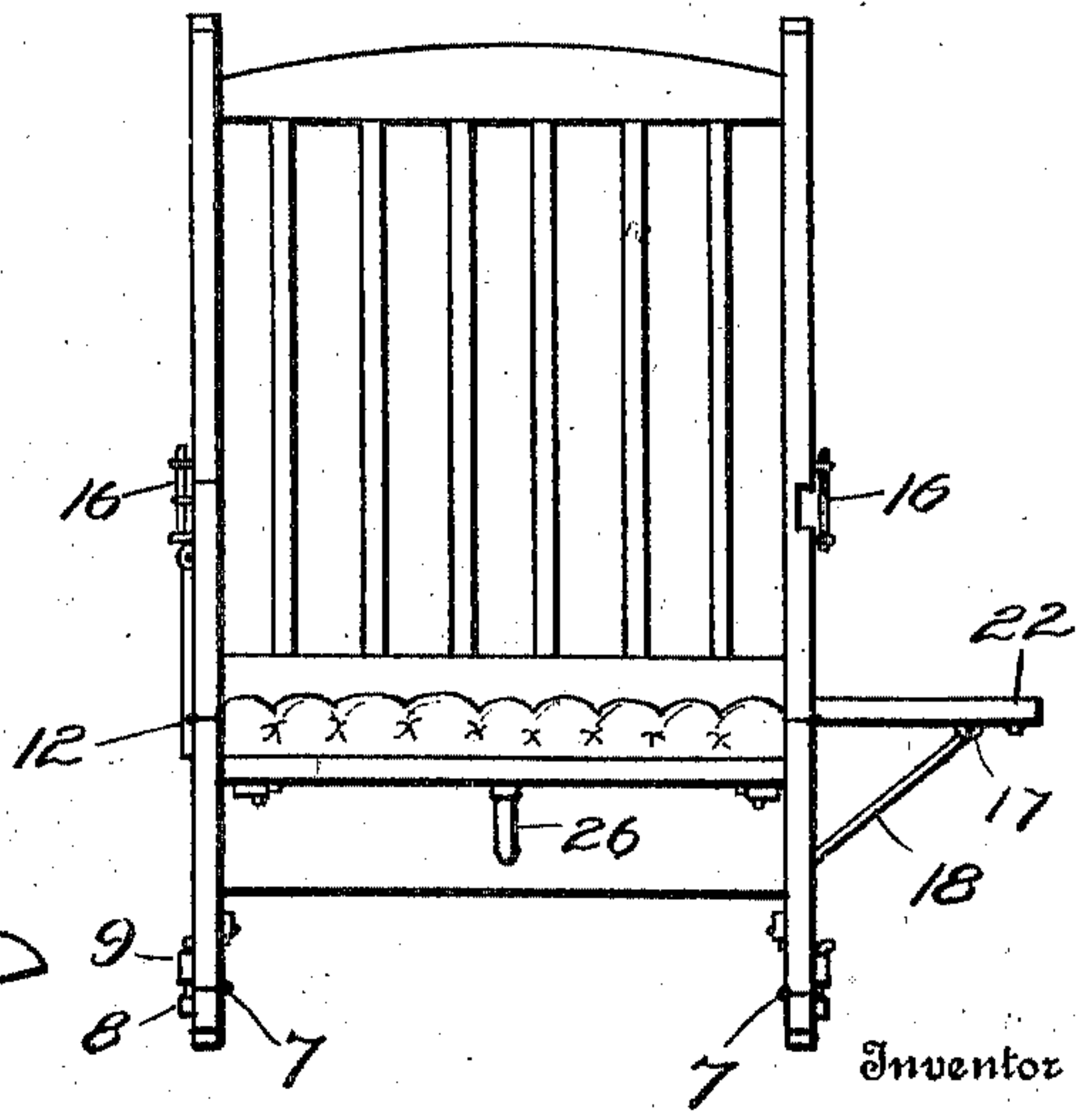
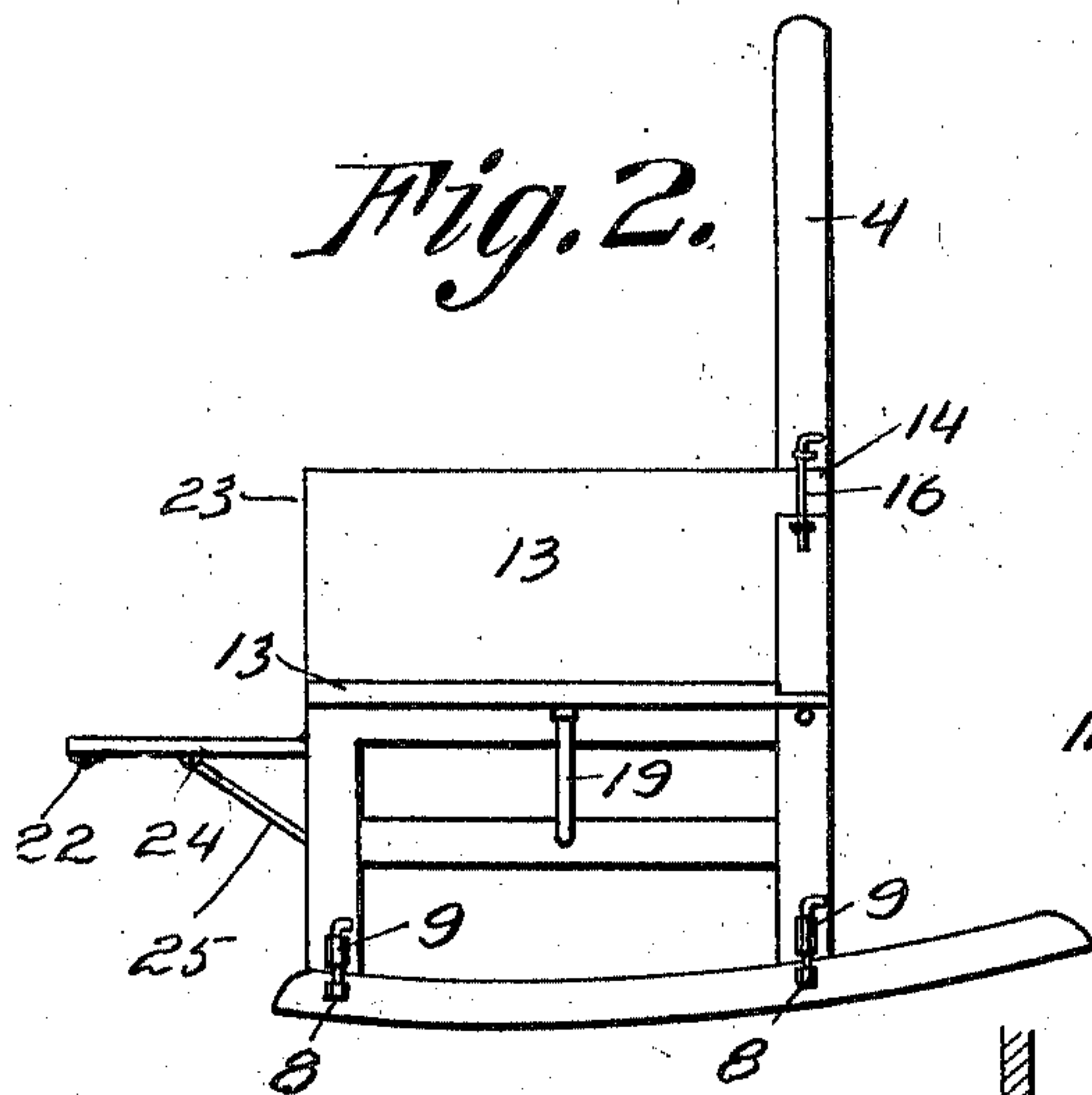
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*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BERTHA HORTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tonganoxie, in the county of Leavenworth and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to chairs, the object of the invention being to provide a chair which may be converted from an ordinary plain chair into a rocking chair, and vice versa, and from either into a child's bedstead or crib, at will, and which is also adapted for the adjustment of its arms to secure increased comfort and conveniences in use.

The invention consists of the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chair embodying my invention as arranged for use as a rocking chair. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a front elevation. Fig. 4 is a detail section.

Referring to the drawing, 1 designates the body or seat frame of the chair, which is provided at each of its corners with a supporting leg 2, and from the rear of which rises a back 3, having its sides formed by bars 4. The seat portion of the body may be plain, caned or upholstered in any preferred manner, or may serve to support a removable mattress or cushion 5.

The legs 2 are adapted to rest upon the upper edges of rockers 6, which latter are hinged or pivoted to the legs to be turned down to the operative position shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 or upwardly on the inner sides of the legs to an inoperative position to let the legs rest squarely upon the floor as shown in Fig. 4. By this means the chair is adapted to serve as an ordinary stationary chair having supporting means, or may be converted in a practically instantaneous manner into a rocker. On the outer sides of the rocker are keeper loops 8 adapted to receive bolts 9 on the outer sides of the legs, by which the rockers may be secured in operative position, and upon the inner side of each leg is a vertically movable bolt 10 adapted to engage sockets or recesses in the undersides of the rockers, by which the latter may be secured in an inoperative position.

Upon the upper edges of the sides of the body portion are hinged or pivoted, as at 12, arm rests or leaves 13, each comprising a board or plate of proper dimensions. These leaves are adapted to be turned up to a vertical position to perform the ordinary function of arm rests, or either one or both may be turned outwardly and downwardly to a horizontal position to form a shelf to support needle work or articles of various kinds for the convenience of the person seated in the chair. Each leaf is provided at its upper rear edge with a tongue 14 adapted to fit within a recess in the adjacent bar 4 and to be confined therein by a pin or key 16 fitted in eyes or keeper loops arranged above and below said recess, by which the leaf may be secured in a vertical position. On the outer or underside of each leaf is pivotally mounted, as at 17, a brace 18, the free end of which is adapted to engage a socket or recess 19 formed in the adjacent side of the chair body, whereby the leaf may be supported in a horizontal position.

Pivoted to the upper edge of the front portion of the seat frame, as at 20, is a leaf or apron 21, which, like the rests or leaves 13, is also adapted to be turned up to a vertical position and which is provided with hooks or catches 22 to engage screw eyes or keepers 23 on the rests 13 for holding it in a vertical position. The outer or underside of said apron has pivoted thereto, as at 24, a brace 25 similar to the braces 18 and which is adapted to engage a socket or recess 26 in the front wall of the chair body to support said leaf in a horizontal position.

It will be understood from the foregoing description that the arm rests and apron may be arranged vertically to convert the chair into a small bed or crib, either of the stationary or rocking type, that by extending the apron 21 horizontally, such apron may be made to serve as an extension support for various purposes, and that when it is not desired to employ the arm rests and apron for any purpose, they may be tilted down vertically upon the outside of the chair seat frame. Hence, it will be apparent that the invention provides a chair which may be converted from an ordinary plain chair into a rocking chair and vice versa, and from either into a child's bedstead or crib, at will, and which is also adapted for the adjustment of its arms to secure increased comfort and convenience in use.



Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. A chair embodying a seat frame, a back rigid therewith, said back being provided at its sides with recesses, leaves pivotally connected at their lower edges to the sides of the seat frame for movement from a horizontal to a vertical position and vice versa, said leaves being provided with tongues to fit within said recesses, fasteners for holding the tongues seated within the recesses to secure the leaves in a vertical position, and means for supporting said leaves from the seat frame when the leaves are in a horizontal position.

2. A chair embodying a seat frame, a back rigid therewith, leaves pivotally connected with the sides of the seat frame for move-

ment from a vertical to a horizontal position and vice versa, means for securing said leaves in a vertical position to the rigid back, means for supporting said leaves in a horizontal position from the sides of the seat frame, a leaf pivotally mounted upon the front of the seat frame so as to be swung upward or downward in a vertical position, and means for securing said leaf when in an upturned position to the upturned first-mentioned leaves.

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

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