

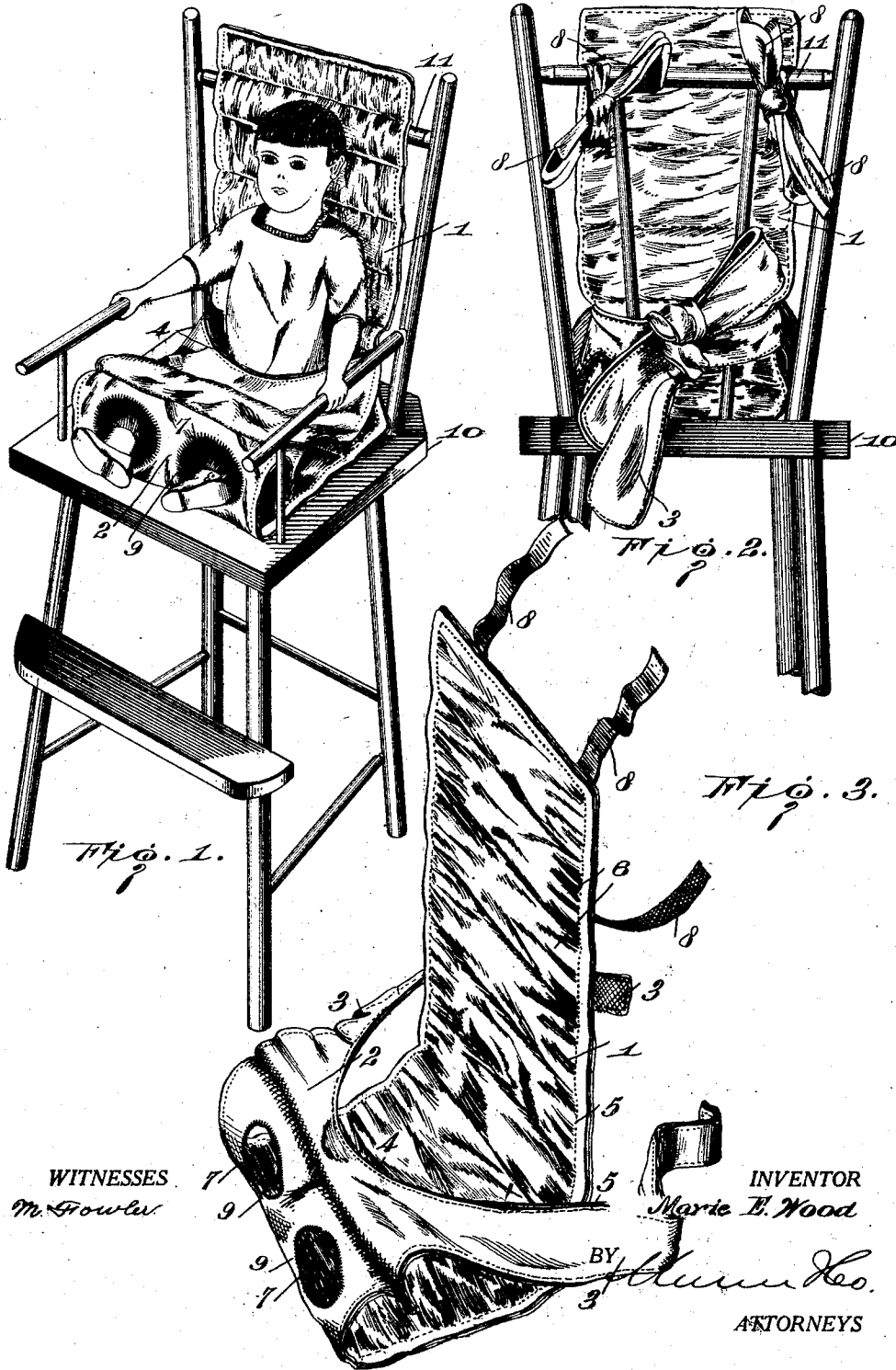
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIE E. WOOD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ogden, in the county of Weber, State of Utah, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pads for Children's Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is a pad for a child's chair, and it consists in the combination, construction and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of the invention is to provide a pad for a child's chair which not only serves as a cushion for the chair but also affords facilities for securing the child to the chair in a seated position on the latter, thereby preventing the child from leaving the chair when left alone or from falling from the chair.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pad of the character described which is thoroughly sanitary and is adapted to be cleaned by washing without any appreciable impairment of the usefulness of the pad, resulting from the cleaning thereof.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pad of the character described which when in use adds to the comfort of the child and does not cause any objectionable binding action on the child or interfere with the desirable bodily movements of the child.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a pad embodying the invention in use,

Figure 2 is a rear view of a chair equipped with the pad, showing the manner of attaching the pad to the chair, and

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the pad detached.

A pad embodying the invention comprises a cushioning section 1 which preferably is substantially rectangular in form and is provided at one end with a section 2 extending therefrom for engaging with the body of a child in a manner to be hereinafter described. The body-engaging section 2 is provided at its free end with a pair of spaced-apart prolongations or strap portions 3. The extending section 2 terminates at its outer or free end in an arcuately curved edge indicated at 4 in Fig. 3 which continues into the inner edges of the prolongations 3.

the latter gradually increasing in width toward their juncture with the extending section 2 for part of their length. The cushioning section 1, the body-engaging section 2 and the prolongations 3 preferably are formed integrally with one another by providing two identical sheets of fabric which are arranged in superposed relation and are secured together by a row of stitching 5 extending along the marginal edges of the sheets of fabric, the latter being suitably cut at one end to provide the prolongations 3 and the section 2 having the arcuately curved edge 4 at its outer end. A suitable padding, such as cotton batting, may then be placed between the portions of the sheets of fabric which are used in forming the cushioning section 1 and secured against displacement therefrom by spaced-apart rows of stitching 6 which extend transversely over the section 1. Padding need not be placed between the portions of the sheets of fabric used to form the section 2 and the prolongations 3 and this section and the prolongations 3 therefore will be relatively flexible and pliable.

The section 2 is provided with a pair of apertures 7 which are in alignment transversely of the section 2 and are located adjacent to the juncture of the section 2 with the cushioning section 1, the opening 7 being adapted for a purpose to be hereinafter described.

The cushioning section 1 is provided adjacent to its end which is remote from the body-engaging section 2 with pairs of elongated attaching members or straps 8, one of the attaching members of each pair preferably being located at the last-named end of the cushioning section 1 and adjacent to a side edge of the latter, while the other attaching member of the pair is connected with the section 1 inwardly from the last-named end thereof and adjacent to the side edge thereof. The portions of the sheets of fabric surrounding the opening 7 may be secured together by stitching 9.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be readily understood. The pad is shown in Figures 1 and 2 as applied to a child's high chair 10 since it probably will be used most frequently with a high chair although it may be used with any chair of ordinary construction as will be apparent from the following. The pad is arranged

on the chair so that the section 2 is disposed at the front of the seat of the chair while the cushioning section 1 overlies the seat of the chair and extends upwardly against the back of the chair. The cushioning section 1 is then secured at the end thereof which may be considered its upper end to the back of the chair through the agency of the pairs of straps 8, the latter being tied together in engagement with a part of the chair back, as for instance, with a transverse bar 11 at the upper end of the chair back. The child is placed on the chair seat and the extending section 2 is folded so that the legs of the child extend through the openings 7 and the edge 4 of the section 2 engages the body of the child about the waist of the latter. The prolongations which are attaching members are then extended rearwardly through the apertures in the back of the chair or about opposite sides of the back of the chair and the ends thereof are tied together as best seen in Figure 2, whereby the child will be secured against falling from the chair and will be prevented from moving from the seat of the chair although having unrestricted use of its arms and also having freedom of bodily movements within desirable limits.

The pad can be cleaned when required by

washing in the same manner as an ordinary washable fabric and, therefore, is thoroughly sanitary.

Obviously the invention is susceptible of embodiment in forms other than that illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and I, therefore, consider as my own all modifications and adaptations thereof which fairly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A pad for a child's chair comprising a cushioning section adapted to overlie the seat of a chair and to extend upwardly in covering relation to the front face of the back of the chair, means at the upper end of said cushioning section for attaching the latter to the back of a chair, a section extending from the forward end of the cushioning section for engaging the body of a child seated upon said cushioning section, said body-engaging sections terminating at its free end in an arcuately curved edge adapted to partly encircle the body of the child and having at its free end a pair of elongated attaching members adapted to extend rearwardly at opposite sides of the body of the child for attachment to the chair.

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