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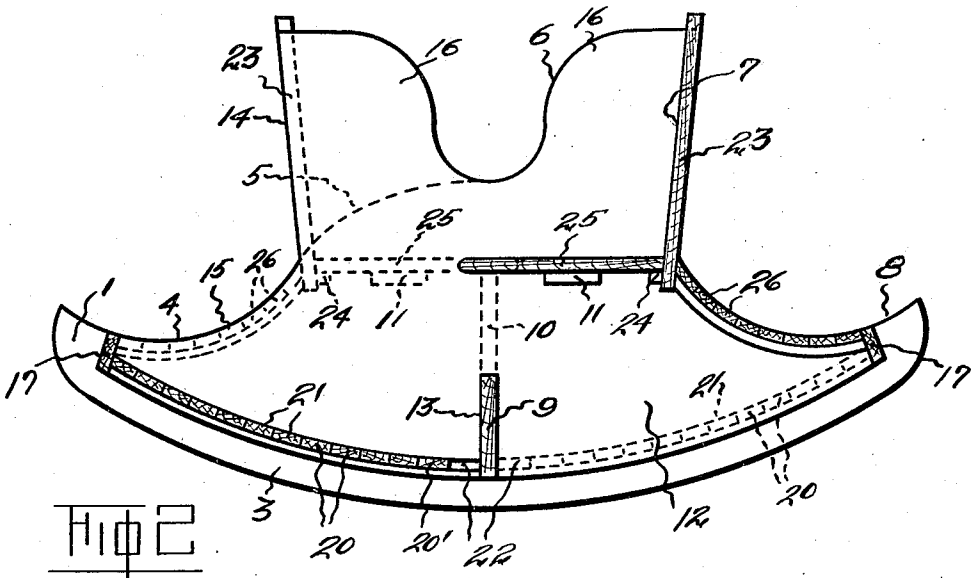


FIG 2

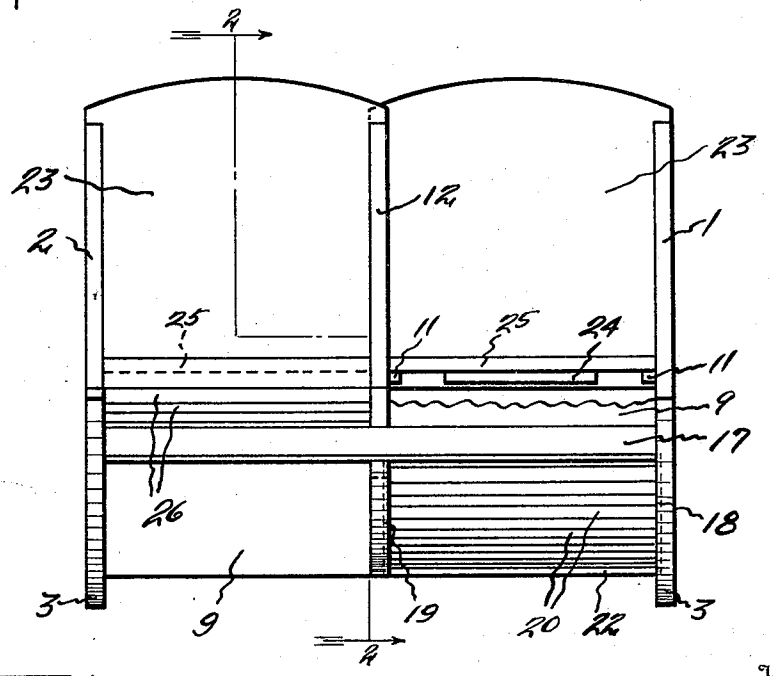


FIG 1

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The object of this invention is to provide a rocking chair whereby two persons may be oppositely seated thereon and to the side of one another.

Another object of this invention is to provide an inexpensive, durable and attractive rocking chair, the parts of which may be easily assembled and in which certain parts that receive the greatest wear may be easily replaced.

A still further object is the provision of only two rocking side members which carry the rocking chair proper.

In the accompanying drawing:—

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the rocking chair with a part thereof broken away.

Figure 2 is a side elevational sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1, and looking in the direction of the arrows.

Two vertical side members 1 and 2 are oppositely disposed with respect to each other in spaced parallel relation. The bottom edge of each side member is in the form of a convex curve or circular segment 3 of a more or less large radius, one of the side edges of each being formed of a plurality of curves denoted by the reference numerals 4, 5 and 6 Figure 2), the other side edge of each having an upper slightly inwardly inclined straight portion 7 terminating in a lower concave curve 8. The two side members 1 and 2 are oppositely disposed to each other as mentioned above, that is, the curved side 4, 5 and 6 of one, faces the similarly curved side of the other.

Positioned centrally of each of said side members 1 and 2 and at right angles thereto, is a rectangular connecting member 9 having an upper notched portion 10 formed centrally thereof and extending inwardly to the horizontal axis of said member. The vertical side edges of the connecting member 9 abut the inner sides of the side members 1 and 2, respectively, Figure 1, and are rigidly secured thereto in any desired manner. Securely fastened to each of the side members 1 and 2 and in alignment with the upper horizontal edge of the connecting member 9, is a cleat 11, the purpose of which is to be hereinafter described.

A center member 12 comprising a curved bottom similar in curvature to the convex bottom 3 of the side members 1 and 2, has a lower notched portion 13 adapted to fit over the un-notched portion of the connecting member 9, said center member 12 and connecting member 9 being of equal thickness, and forming when so connected, a cross, in plan view. Both vertical edges of the center member 12 are identical and comprise an upper slightly inwardly extending straight portion 14, and lower concave portion 15 similar to the corresponding side of the side members 1 and 2, as is evident from Figure 2. The top edge of the center member has two inwardly extending curved portions 16 identical with corresponding portions 6 of the side members 1 and 2, said center member being connected to the side members, front and rear, by the cross bars 17 which are fastened to said members in any desired manner.

Adjacent the lower edges and parallel thereto of the side members 1 and 2, and on the inner side thereof, is a groove 18. A similar groove 19 is formed on each side of the center member 12 in alignment with the corresponding groove 18, of the side members, said grooves extending from the connecting member 9 to the inner side of the cross bars 17, there being a pair of said grooves (18 and 19) on each side of said center member 9. A plurality of slats 20 are inserted in said grooves to form a floor 21, a space 22 being provided between the last slat and the center member 9, Figure 2, to allow said slats to be removed and new ones to be inserted, if so desired. The last slat 20′ may be retained in position in any suitable manner. The slats 20 may also be equally spaced along the grooves to form an open flooring.

Rigidly secured in any desired manner to the straight inclined edges 7 and 14 of the side members 1 and 2, and connecting member 9, are backs 23. A cleat 24 is attached to the inner sides of said backs in alignment with the cleats 11. Seats 25 are arranged to fit between the side members 1 and 2, and the center member 12 and engage the cleats 11 and 24, the front portion of the seats 25 slightly overlapping the top edge of the con-

necting member 9, Figure 1. Said seats 25 may be retained in position in any suitable manner.

To the rear of each of the backs 23 and securely connecting the rear curved portions 8 and 15 of the side members 1 and 2, and center member 12, respectively, are a plurality of slats 26 similar to the slats 20, to form a closure.

It is to be clearly understood that equivalent structural changes or modifications may be made in the rocking chair without departing from the scope of the invention, except as the same may be limited by the appended claims.

Having thus described and illustrated the invention, what is claimed as new and which it is desired to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. As an article of manufacture, a rocking chair comprising a pair of vertical side members having convex curved lower portions adapted to engage the ground, a connecting member having an upper notch formed therein secured to said side members centrally and perpendicular to the planes thereof, a center member having a similar notch on the lower portion thereof and arranged to interfit with the connecting member, cross bars connecting said side and center members, a pair of backs secured to the corresponding edges of the side and center members, a cleat on each of said backs, similar cleats on the center member and side members in alignment with the cleat on the backs and the top edge of the connecting member, a pair of seats on said cleats and attached to said members, the front edges of said seats overlapping the connecting member and each other.

2. As an article of manufacture, a rocking chair comprising a pair of vertical side members having convex curved lower portions adapted to engage the ground, a connecting member having an upper notch formed therein secured to said side members centrally and perpendicular to the planes thereof, a center member having a similar notch on the lower portion thereof and arranged to interfit with the connecting member, cross bars connecting said side and center members, a pair of backs secured to the corresponding edges of the side and center members, a cleat on each of said backs, similar cleats on the center member and side members in alignment with the cleat on the backs and the top edge of the connecting member, a pair of seats on said cleats and attached to said members, the front edges of said seats overlapping the connecting member and each other, aligned grooves on said side members and center member adjacent the lower curved convex edges thereof, and forwardly of said seats, a plurality of slats positiond forwardly of said seats in said grooves and readily removable therefrom to form a flooring, and a plurality of similar slats connected to said side and center members to the rear of each of said seats to form a closure.

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