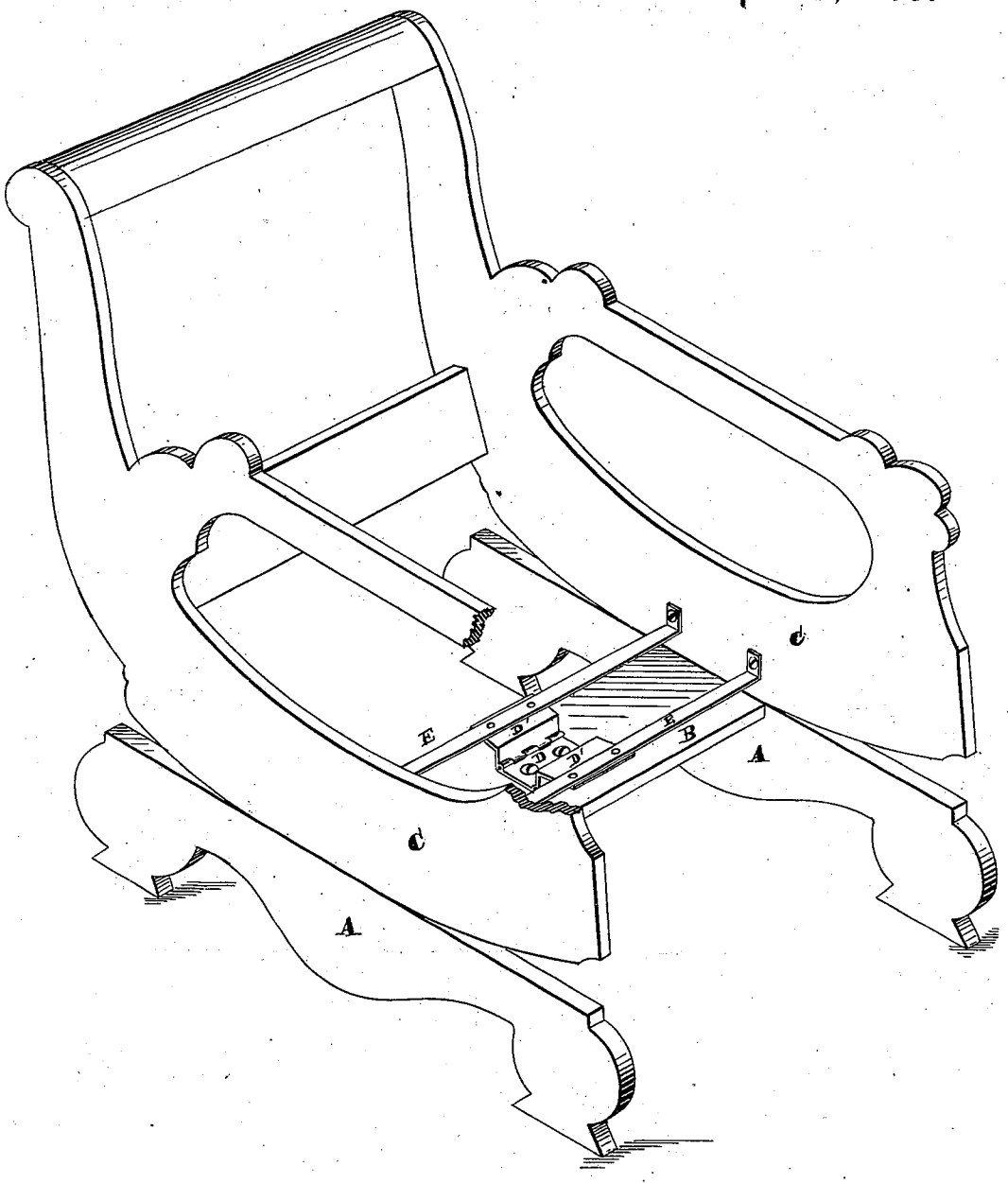
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IMPROVEMENT IN ROCKING-CHAIRS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. SCHULTE, of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Rocking-Chairs, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to that class of rocking-chairs in which the rocker-frame is supported to rock upon a stationary platform, and is connected to said platform by a spring extending from one rocker to the other and centrally attached to the platform. Its object is to provide a cheap and convenient means of attaching the rocker upon the platform, so as to prevent lateral or sliding motion.

My invention consists of a retaining-piece, centrally secured upon the cross-stretcher of the platform, said piece having hinged wings upon each side, which project up, and are bent at an angle, to be secured to metal springs, which springs are secured at each end to the rockers of the chair-frame.

In the accompanying drawing, which is a perspective view of my improved chair-frame, the front rail and upholstering-strips being omitted, and a portion of one of the side pieces broken away to expose the retaining-piece and springs and exhibit the mode of attaching said retaining-piece to the cross-stretcher of the platform and the mode of attaching the springs to the retaining-piece and the rockers, A A are the feet, which are secured and braced together by the cross-stretcher B. These parts compose the platform upon which the rockers C C rest. The double-hinged retaining-piece is composed of a flat plate, D, and the angular wings D′ D′. The plate D is secured centrally upon the cross-stretcher B by screws, as shown, and the upper bends of the hinged wings D′ D′ are secured to metal springs E E by riveting or other suitable means. These springs are made preferably of light spring-steel, and the ends are turned up at a right angle and perforated to receive the screws by which they are secured to the rockers C C.

It will be seen that my springs and retaining-piece keep the rockers always directly over the feet A A, so that the stretcher need be only of a width sufficient to brace the feet firmly and furnish a bearing for the double hinge D D′ D′.

I claim—

In combination with a chair composed of feet A A, stretcher B, and rockers C C, the double hinge, composed of plate D and wings D′ D′, secured centrally upon brace B, and the springs E E, secured at their ends to rockers C C and at their centers to the hinge-wings D′ D′, substantially as shown and described.

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