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FOLDING ROCKING CHAIR.

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Fig. 1.

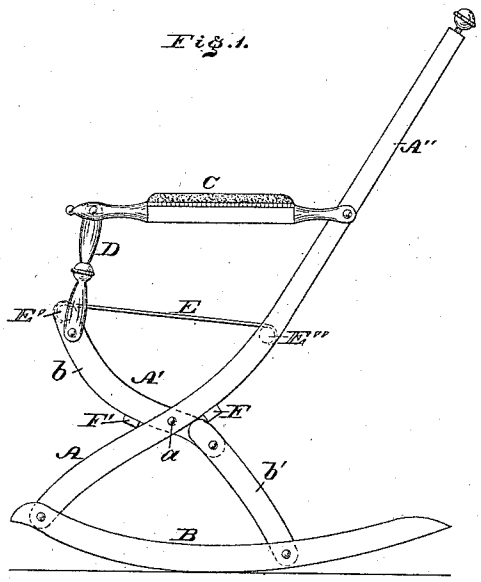


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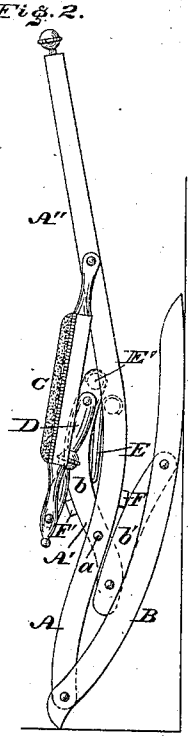
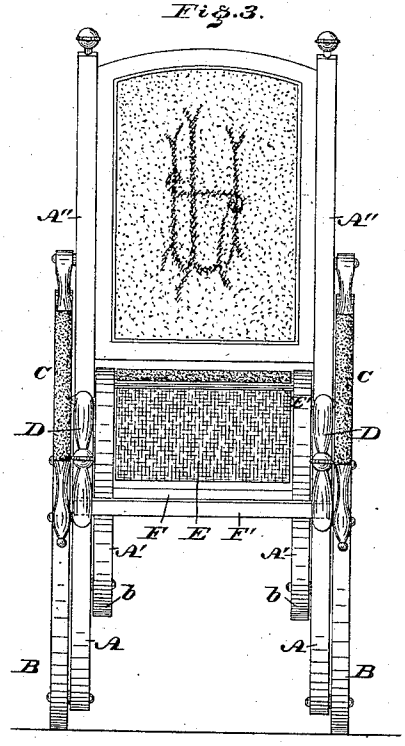


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMANN LADEWIG, a subject of Prussia, having resided one year last past in the United States, and made oath of intention to become a citizen thereof, residing in the city and county of Camden, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Rocking Chairs, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a rocking-chair embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a view of the same in a folded condition. Fig. 3 is a front view of Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists of a rocking-chair which may be folded in compact form, as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Referring to the drawings, A A′ represent the legs, which cross each other and are pivoted, as at *a*, and B represents the rockers, which are pivoted to the bottom of the legs. The legs A are continued upward, forming the side pieces, A″, of the back, and to said pieces are pivoted the arm-rests C, the front ends whereof are pivoted to upright pieces D, whose lower ends are pivoted to the upper ends of the legs A′.

E represents the seat, formed of carpet or other suitable fabric, connected with front and rear rounds, E′ E″, at the tops of the legs. The legs A′ are each formed of two pieces, *b b′*, pivoted together as toggles below and behind the pivot *a* of the legs, the upper ends of the pieces *b′* abutting against a round or stop-bar, F, which is secured to the rear of the legs adjacent to the pivot *a*. A round or stop-bar, F′, is secured to the front of the pieces *b*, and may abut against the front of the legs A, it being noticed that the bar F limits the upward motion of the pieces *b′* of the legs A′, and renders the legs A′ rigid during the occupancy of the chair.

When the parts are in position, in Fig. 1, the chair is adapted to perform the usual operations of a rocking-chair.

In order to fold the chair, the front round of the seat is thrown up and back to the rear round, thus doubling the seat, lowering the arm-rests to the legs A, and folding the pieces D backward along said arm-rests. The pieces *b* of the legs A′ fold backward along the legs A, the rockers turning on their front pivots close up to the legs A, and the pieces *b′* of the A′ turn downwardly and fold close to the legs A and the rockers, the parts being in compact form, as shown in Fig. 2. By throwing the rockers back or down and moving the front round of the seat fully forward, the parts resume their normal position, and the chair is again in condition for rocking purposes.

I am aware that a folding chair and a folding rocking-chair embodying some of my parts are not new; but I am not aware that any prior patent shows the construction and combination of all parts, hence I believe that I have made an improvement in the art.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A folding rocking-chair formed of the legs A, continued upwardly into the side pieces A″ of the back, the legs A′, consisting of toggle-pieces *b b′*, the seat E, the pivoted upright pieces D, the arm-rests C, the front and rear stops F′ F, and rockers B, the pieces *b′* folding forwardly and downwardly, the pieces *b* folding upwardly and rearwardly, and the upright pieces D folding from their bottoms upwardly and rearwardly, all as described.

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