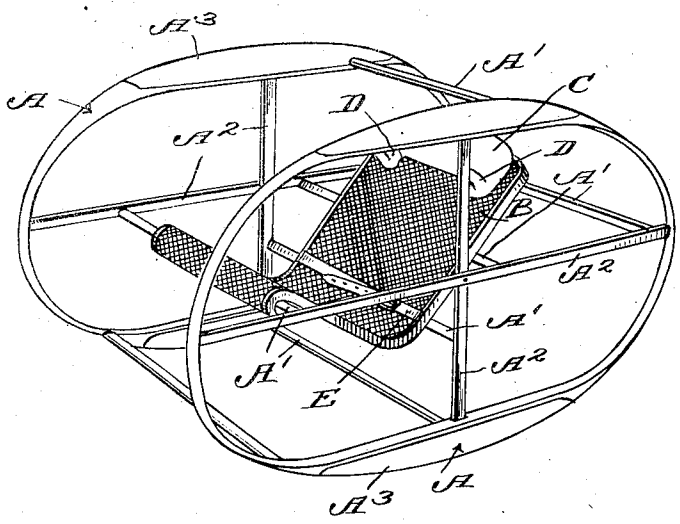
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VICENTE ALBANO, subject of the King of Italy, residing at No. 1221 San Luis st., Rosario, Argentina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rocking-Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to improvements in rocking chairs, and it comprehends, briefly, a chair of the general class or character stated which is constructed in such a way that its occupant, entirely without danger to himself, may cause the chair to turn completely over in either direction one or more times, merely by rocking it forward and backward until sufficient momentum is attained; the muscular effort involved in the production of the required momentum constituting a wholesome and beneficial exercise for the body and arms of the occupant.

The accompanying drawing shows a perspective view of one form which the invention may take in actual practice.

Referring more particularly to said drawing, the improved chair, as therein represented, comprises two counterpart, elliptical, skeleton or hoop-like sides A, which are arranged in spaced parallel vertical planes, and are fastened together by a suitable number of horizontal cross-pieces or tie-bars A', certain of which are utilized as supports for the hereinafter-described seat B, these tie-bars being located at such points as may be considered advisable. The elliptical sides A are themselves suitably braced by means of pairs of intersecting cross-pieces A^2, here shown as arranged co-incident with the major and minor axes of the ellipses, and are preferably thickened centrally of their top and bottom portions to form the rockers proper A^3.

The seat B is disposed between the sides A in such a way as to be entirely inclosed within an imaginary plane connecting the peripheral edges of said sides, and is held in place by having its back and bottom members fastened in some suitable manner to be adjacent tie-bars A'. The back member is preferably furnished with a cushion or head-rest C, which is provided, in turn, with side supports D to engage the shoulders of the occupant. The seat is also furnished with a belt E to strap the body of the occupant thereto, the sections of the belt being here shown as fastened to the sides of the seat at an appropriate height.

In use, the occupant, when seated and securely strapped in place, gives the chair a rocking motion by moving his body in the usual way, the motion gradually increasing until the chair turns a complete somersault, once, twice, or as often as desired, it being possible for him to return the chair to normal position by simply reversing the direction of motion.

No limitation to the precise structural details shown and described is intended, since the invention is obviously susceptible of modification and change within its legitimate scope as claimed.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A rocking chair, comprising a pair of counterpart elliptical sides, tie-bars connecting the same, and a seat fixed between said sides and disposed entirely within the confines of an imaginary plane connecting the peripheral edges thereof, said sides adapted to be rocked in either direction through an arc sufficiently great to cause the chair to turn a complete somersault.

2. A rocking chair, comprising a pair of counterpart elliptical sides, tie-bars connecting the same, a seat fixed between said sides and disposed entirely within the confines of an imaginary plane connecting the peripheral edges thereof, and fastening means for securing the body of the occupant to said seat, said sides adapted to be rocked in either direction through an arc sufficiently great to cause the chair to turn a complete somersault.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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