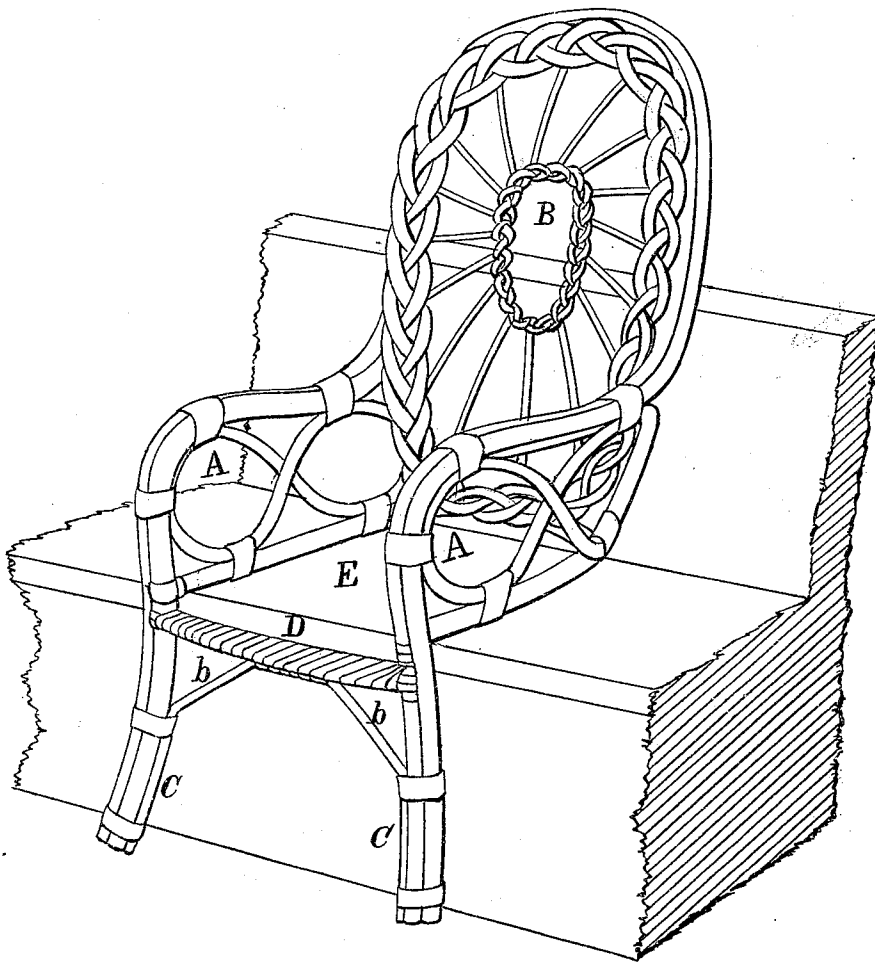


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Chairs.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CHAIRS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **138,939**, dated May 13, 1873; application filed April 17, 1873.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN K. ROWLEY, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Invalid-Chairs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification, and which represents a perspective view of the chair.

Nature.

My invention consists of a chair, made of willow or other light, elastic materials, with arms, back, open bottom, and front legs, but no back legs, so that it may be placed upon a carriage-seat to support an invalid or feeble person while riding.

A A represent the arms and sides of the chair, and B the back. C C represent front legs with support-bar D and braces *b b*; and E represents the open bottom. The bar D is placed below the bottom of the chair-frame, as shown in the drawing, so that it may not be in the way of, or press uncomfortably against, the invalid's legs while riding. The

back of the chair is made sufficiently high and in such shape as to furnish comfortable support to the entire back of the invalid, and the chair, having no bottom and being made of elastic materials, readily conforms itself to the different positions of the body, caused by the motions of the carriage while riding.

This chair may be used upon any carriage or buggy seat while riding, or upon a common chair, settee, or other seat where it is impracticable or inconvenient to use an ordinary easy-chair.

Claim.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An invalid-chair, of willow or other light, elastic materials, having supporting sides and arms A A, back B, front legs C C, and bar D, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of April, 1873.

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