

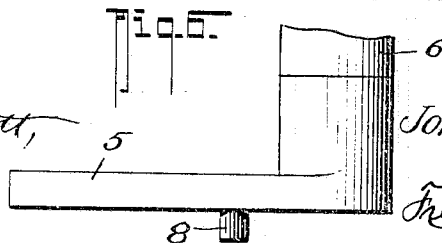
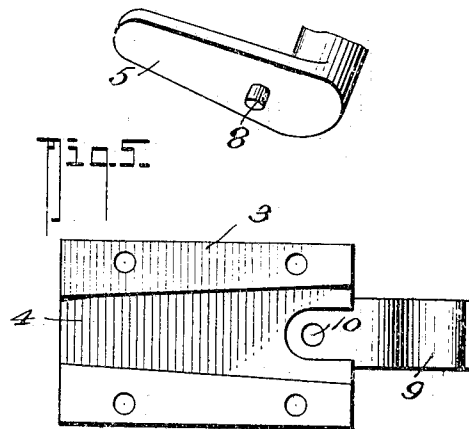
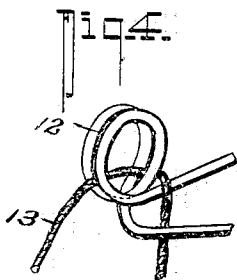
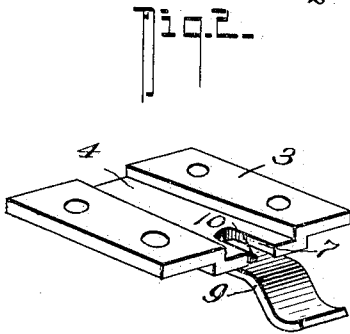
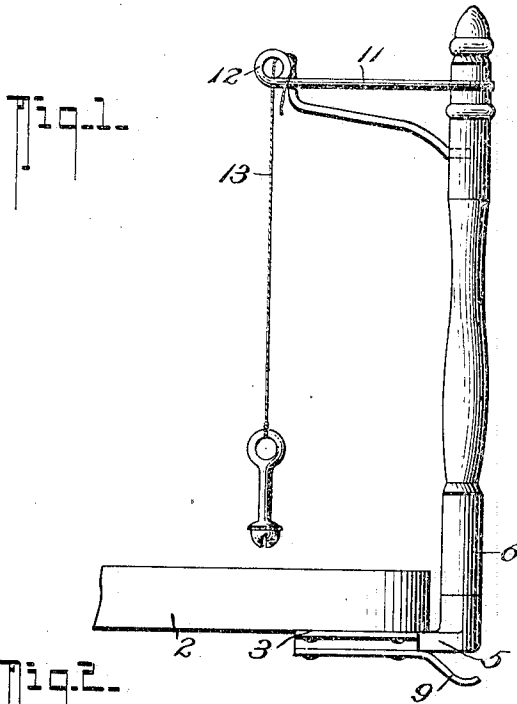
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN MATHIESON ANKERS, a citizen of the Dominion of Canada, residing at the town of Sapperton, in the Province of British Columbia, Canada, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Toy-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an attachment for a child's high chair, and is designed as a means to retain the toys of the child within its reach and prevent them being thrown to the floor.

When the child is the occupant of a high chair, it is a serious inconvenience to the mother or nurse to be continually picking up and restoring to the child the toys or playthings which have been given to it to keep it quiet. If in an endeavor to avoid this inconvenience the toys are merely tied to the frame of the chair, the child, if of tender years, is not able to recover them if they drop out of sight, while even if it understands that the toy is attached to the string the string is liable to become entangled in the rungs or frame of the chair.

This invention is therefore designed to keep the toys suspended within easy reach of the child as long as desired, and by this means the child is saved from fretting over the temporary loss of its toy and the mother or nurse the constant attention in looking after and restoring the toys to the child.

The attachment may be made to either side of the chair, so that the child may be accustomed to use either one or both hands, as the parents may desire.

The device is fully described in the following specification and illustrated in the drawings which accompany it, in which—

Figure 1 represents an elevation of the attachment as applied to the table of the chair; Figs. 2 and 3, detail perspective views of the means of attaching and securing the same to the table or arm; and Fig. 4, a detail of the upper projection, showing the resilient cleat to which the string of the toy may be readily attached and removed.

In the drawings, 2 indicates the table of an infant's high chair, to the under side of which,

on either the right or left side or both, a plate 3 is attached having a depressed recess 4, so that when the plate is secured by screws to the under side of the table a socket will be provided to receive a member 5, outwardly projecting from the lower end of an upright 6. At the outer edge of the plate, where the depression 4 is formed, a portion 7 is removed to afford clearance for a pin 8, projecting from the under side of the base member 5 of the post, and secured to the under side of the plate 3 at the depression is a spring 9, having an aperture 10 toward its free end to engage and latch onto the projecting pin 8 of the post-base. The spring 9 is toward the free end beyond the aperture downwardly bent to allow the entrance of the pin toward the aperture and to afford a finger attachment for the release of the latch.

The post or upright 6 is at its upper end provided with a member 11, projecting over toward the center of the chair. This projecting member 11 is preferably made of spring-wire, as drawn, and at the extreme outer end the wire is bent into a double eye or loop, between which the string attached to the toy may be readily pressed and a hitch formed to secure it, thus avoiding the necessity of tying and untying the string.

Having now particularly described my invention and the manner of its operation, I declare that what I claim as new, and desire to be protected in by Letters Patent, is—

1. A toy-supporting device comprising in combination with a chair, a socket-piece secured thereto, said socket-piece having an opening, a spring member secured to the under side of the socket-piece, a standard having a laterally-extending arm at its lower end adapted to engage with the socket-piece, said arm and said spring member having interlocking means, a bracket on the standard and a toy suspended from said bracket.

2. A toy-supporting device comprising a child's high chair, a socket-piece secured to the under side of a horizontal portion thereof, said socket-piece having an opening at one end, a leaf-spring secured to the under side of the socket-piece and having a perforation be-

neath said opening, a standard having a later-
ally-extending arm at its lower end adapted
to engage with the socket-piece, said arm be-
ing provided with a stud on its under side
5 adapted to be engaged by the spring, a bracket
on the standard, and a toy having flexible con-
nection with the bracket.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name
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