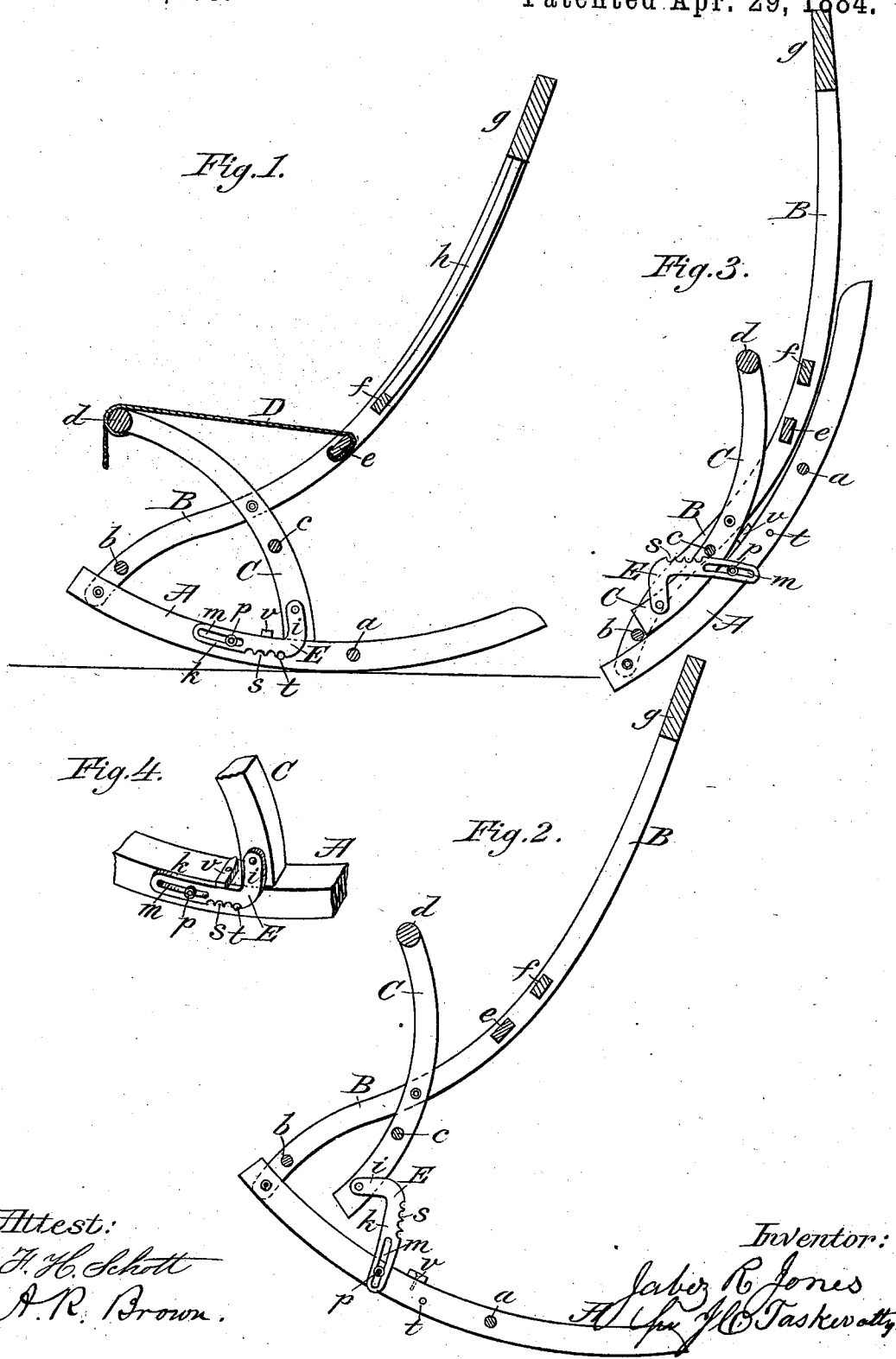


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JABEZ R. JONES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Reading, in the county of Hillsdale and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Rockers; and I do 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to folding carpet rockers or rocking-chairs; and it consists in the combination, with the rockers and rear legs of such chairs, of an adjustable fastening device composed of a slotted and notched link or elbow, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the annexed drawings illustrating the invention, Figure 1 is a sectional side view of my improved folding rocker, showing the parts extended or arranged for use. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the chair partly folded, the carpet or canvas strips forming the seat and back being removed. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the chair-frame folded for transportation or storage, and Fig. 4 is a perspective detail view illustrating the connection of the rockers and rear legs.

Like letters of reference designate like parts in the several views.

A A are the rockers, to the forward ends of which are pivoted the outer side pieces, B B, that form the front legs, the upper backward-extended portions of said side pieces constituting a part of the back frame.

To the side pieces B B are pivoted the inner side pieces, C C, the rear ends of which rest on the rockers A A when the chair is unfolded, and thus constitute the rear legs.

a, *b*, and *c* are rounds connecting the opposite rockers and side pieces, respectively.

The chair-seat D consists of a strip of carpet, canvas, or other flexible material, the forward end of which is secured to a round or cross-bar, *d*, that connects the upper and forward ends of the side pieces C C, while

the rear end of said strip is attached to a cross-bar, *e*, that connects the side pieces B B. These side pieces B B are also connected above the seat by cross-bars *f g*, that form a support for a strip of carpet, canvas, or other material composing the back of the chair. If desired, additional support may be given to the canvas or carpet back by means of bars *h h*, extending between the transverse bars *f g*, as shown in Fig. 1.

In order to securely connect the rear legs C to the rockers in such a manner as to allow for necessary adjustment and take up the slack of the flexible seat, an adjustable fastening, E, is provided. This fastening consists of a metallic link or elbow, formed as shown, its short arm *i* being pivoted to the inner side of the rear leg C, while its long arm *k* is provided with a slot, *m*, for the passage of a headed pin, *p*, by which it is adjustably connected to the inner side of the rocker. In the lower edge of the link or elbow E, near its bend, are a series of notches, *s s*, for engagement with a pin, *t*, on the inner side of the rocker. When the chair is unfolded or extended, as shown in Fig. 1, the pin *t* enters one of the notches *s*, and the rockers and rear legs can then be securely fastened by turning a button, *v*, Fig. 4, attached to said rocker, so as to bear on the upper edge of the link E and prevent it from moving. By turning back the button *v*, the legs C C can be raised by means of the round *c*, so as to disengage the pin *t* and notch *s*, when the links E E can be moved forward or back, as required, to give the necessary adjustment to the flexible seat, after which the links E E and legs C C can be again lowered and parts secured, as before described.

The chair can be folded for transportation or storage by turning back the button *v* and disengaging the pins *t* and notched links E, so that the pieces C and links E may be raised to the vertical position shown in Fig. 2, thus allowing the side pieces, B and C, to be folded back on the rockers, as shown in Fig. 3.

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

1. In a folding rocking-chair, the combination, with the rockers having pins *p t* and but-

tons *v*, and the front and rear legs, of an adjustable fastening consisting of a slotted and notched link pivoted to the rear leg and to the rocker, and constructed to engage with the pins on the rocker, substantially as described.

5 2. In a folding rocking-chair, the combination of the rockers A A, having pins *p t* and buttons *v*, the side pieces, B B and C C, flexible seat D, and the adjustable links E E, hav-

ing slots *m* and notches *s*, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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