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Stool.

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Fig. 1.

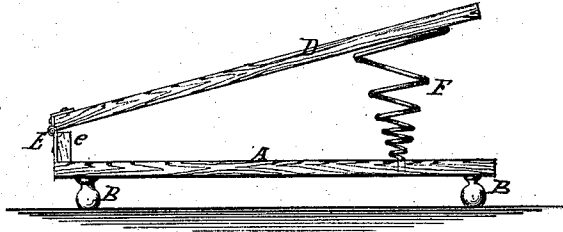
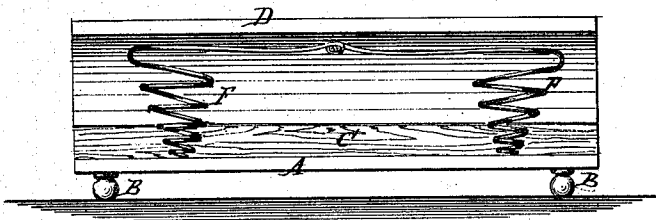


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN NURSERY FOOTSTOOLS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEVI BURNELL, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and improved Nursery Footstool; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in footstools, and consists in a combination, with a base-plate, preferably mounted on short legs, of an upper plate, hinged to it at or near one edge, or to a piece rising a little above it, and supported at the opposite edge by springs or other elastic support, considerably higher than the hinged edge, thereby constituting a graduated springing stool, on which the nurse may place her foot while holding an infant, and trot it with an easy and uniform motion, not attainable when imparted when the feet rest on the floor.

Figure 1 is an end elevation of my improved stool, and

Figure 2 is a side elevation.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the base-plate, preferably mounted on short legs, B, and having a slight rib, C, running across the top at one edge.

D is the top plate. It is hinged at E to the rib C,

or it may be hinged to the upper edge of A, and at or near the edge opposite to E.

Springs, F, of any kind, may be introduced between the base and top, as shown, raising it at that edge considerably higher than the other, so that a person sitting in a chair, and placing the feet on D, may have a simple and efficient means of working the knees up and down, with a uniform, elastic, and easy motion, for the entertainment of children, which motion will be entirely free from the jolting common to such movements when the feet rest on the floor, thereby providing an article which will be of great service in the nursery.

The action of the springs will vary as the feet are placed nearer to or further from the hinges, and the stool is, therefore, adapted for strong or weak persons.

The parts here shown may be upholstered and ornamented as may be preferred, according to the character or style required.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A nursery stool, composed of the base-plate A and top D, hinged together, provided with the springs, and all arranged substantially as specified.

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