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Fig. 1.

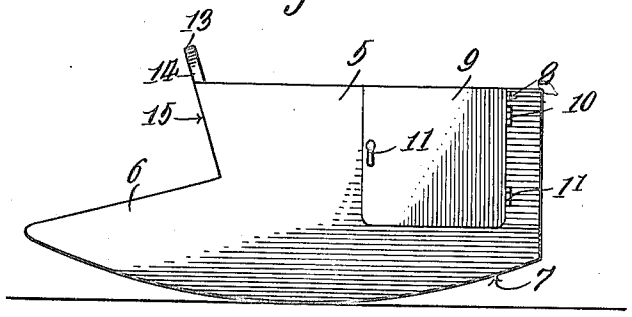


Fig. 2.

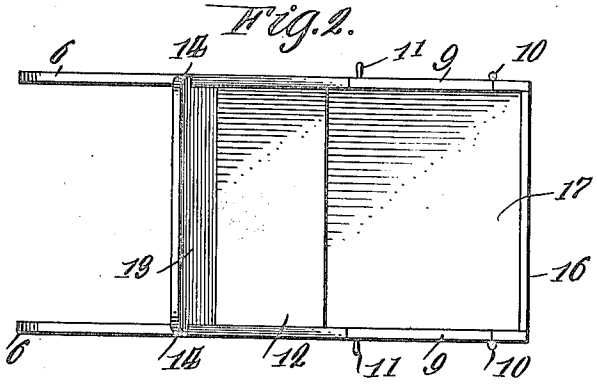
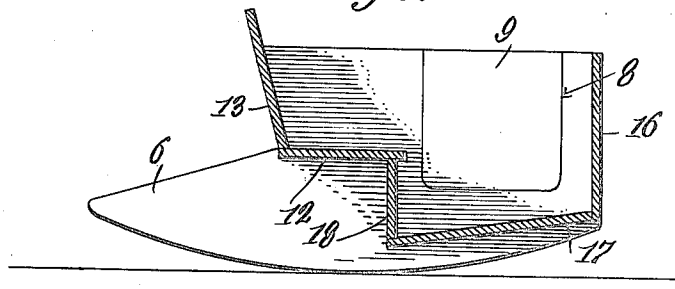


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN H. STEVENSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Alliance, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toy Rockers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a rocker and has special reference to toy devices of this character.

One object of this invention is the production of a toy rocker which is constructed so as to prevent a child which may be seated therein from accidentally falling therefrom.

Another object of this invention is the production of a toy rocker which has openings formed in the rocker bodies, the openings being normally closed by doors, whereby a child may have free access into or out of the rocker, although when seated within the device and the doors are closed, the child will be held from accidentally falling therefrom.

Another object of this invention is the production of a toy rocker wherein the seat therein is formed in a comparatively low position, so that possibilities of the device accidentally turning over when in use, are greatly reduced.

Another object of this invention is the production of a toy rocker wherein the construction is such as to render the device safe when in use, while its configuration is somewhat similar to what is generally known as a stream line body, thus presenting an attractive appearance for pleasing the fancies of the child using the same.

One practical form of construction and assembly of the present invention will be hereinafter described and is illustrated in the drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the toy rocker.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the device, and

Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section through the structure.

In the preferred embodiment of the present invention about to be described, it will be seen that 5 indicates the rocker bodies. These rocker bodies are elongated and have projections 6 adjacent their lower edges. It will be noted however, that the lower edges 7 of the rocker bodies 5 are curved throughout their entire lengths, thus forming supporting rockers for the bodies, for allowing the bodies to be easily rocked when the device is in operation.

The bodies are carried in parallel spaced relation, to each other, as indicated in Fig. 2 and are provided with side openings 8 formed therethrough. The doors 9 are pivotally mounted as indicated at 10 upon the rocker bodies 5 and are used for closing the openings 8, as shown in the drawing. It is obvious that the grips 11 may be carried by the doors 9, thus facilitating the opening and closing of the doors.

The seat 12 is carried in a horizontal plane, and the ends of this seat are fixed in any desired manner, to the inner surfaces of the rocker bodies 5. The back 13 extends upwardly from the seat 12, and slants slightly rearwardly therefrom, as also shown in the drawing. This back 13 is provided with end projections 14 gripping the top edges of the rocker bodies 5, thus reinforcing the back as well as the bodies, adjacent their upper portions.

It will be noted that the rear edges of the rocker bodies 5 terminate as indicate at 15 evenly with the rear surface of the back, although the projections extend for a considerable distance beyond the rear edges 15, although in planes below the back 13. The front board 16 is fixed to the forward end portions of the rocker bodies 5 and extends transversely, to form a closure for the forward end of the rocker. The flooring 17 is also connected to the rocker bodies 5 and extends to a point adjacent the lower portion of the front board and this flooring 17 slants downwardly, toward its rear portion, thus facilitating the rocking of the device when pressure is applied thereto, by causing the point of gravity to be comparatively low and thus eliminate tendency of the device accidentally tipping over when in use. The supporting wall 18 extends transversely to be connected at its ends to the rocker bodies 5, although it will be noted that this wall 18 extends vertically, as shown in Fig. 3 and for this reason engages the rear portion of the flooring 17 and the undersurface of the seat 12 adjacent the forward portion thereof.

When the device is in the position indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 it is ready for use. A child may grip one of the handles 11 and open a desired door 9, thus permitting access to the interior of the rocker through the opening which is then unobstructed. After the child has entered the rocker, the door is closed and for this reason the construction of the front board, the flooring, the wall,

the seat and the back in combination with the rocker bodies and the doors thereof will positively prevent the child from accidentally falling from the rocker. The child may then be seated upon the seat 12 and impart very easily a rocking motion to the device, owing to the construction of the lower edges 7 of the rocker bodies, although as above explained, the construction of the seat and the flooring are such as to cause the point of gravity to be comparatively low and thus eliminate tendency of the device accidentally tipping over when in use.

It will also be seen by referring to Fig. 1 that the device is somewhat similar to what is known as a stream line body in automobiles, thus presenting a pleasing appearance which will attract the child to the device, the device being constructed so as to safely allow the child to exercise by the rocking of the structure.

The foregoing description and the drawings have reference to what may be considered the preferred, or approved, form of my invention. It is to be understood that I may make such changes in construction and arrangement and combination of parts, materials, dimensions, et cetera, as may prove expedient and fall within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A device of the character described, comprising a pair of rocker bodies having openings in the side portions thereof, means for removably closing said openings, a seat carried by said rocker bodies, and means carried at the forward portions of said bodies for preventing displacement from the device.

2. A device of the character described comprising a pair of rocker bodies having openings formed therethrough, doors connected to said rocker bodies for removably closing said openings, a seat carried by said bodies, and a front board carried by said bodies for preventing displacement from the forward portions of the device.

3. A device of the character described comprising a pair of rocker bodies having rearwardly extending projections adjacent their lower portions, said rocker bodies having openings formed therethrough, doors hingedly mounted upon said rocker bodies for removably closing said openings, a seat carried by said bodies, a back slanting upwardly from the base and having projections overlapping the upper edges of the bodies for reinforcing the back and the bodies, a front board carried at the front ends of said rocker bodies, a flooring carried by said bodies and slanting downwardly from the lower portion of the front board to a point below said seat, a supporting wall interposed between said flooring and said seat, whereby displacement from the interior of the device is prevented, the lower edges of said bodies and projections being curved throughout their entire lengths, thus permitting the device to be rocked when in use.

4. A device of the character described comprising a pair of rocker bodies having openings formed therein, doors connected to said rocker bodies for removably closing said openings, a seat carried by said bodies, and means carried at the forward portions of said bodies for preventing displacement from the forward portion of the device.

5. A device of the character described comprising a pair of rocker bodies having openings formed therethrough, means for removably closing said openings, a seat carried by said rocker bodies, and a front board carried by said bodies for preventing displacement from the forward portions of the device.

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

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