

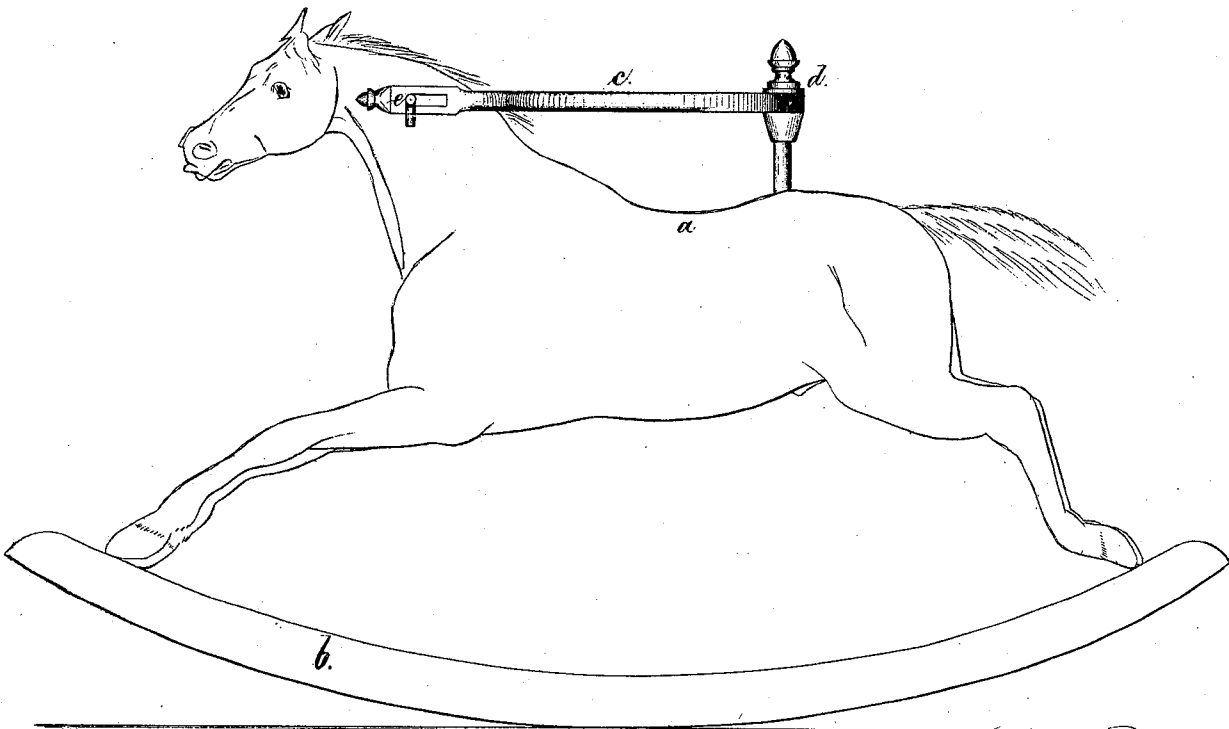
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Hobby Horse.

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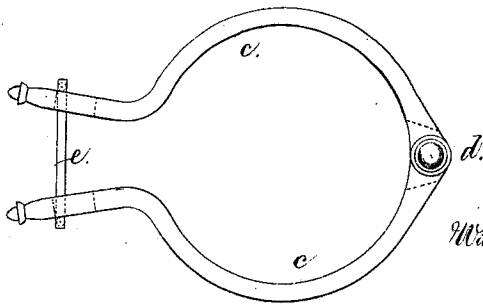
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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S HOBBY-HORSES.

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, WILLIAM L. WILLIAMS, of the city and State of New York, have invented and made a new and useful Improvement in Hobby or Rocking-Horses; and I do hereby declare the following to be a correct description of the same.

The hobby and rocking-horses heretofore constructed are dangerous for small children, because they may fall off either from losing their hold, or from going to sleep while seated on the horse.

The object of my invention is to prevent accident, and allow the child to remain upon the horse, even while asleep, so that he may go on rocking when he awakes again.

In the drawing I have shown a side view of a horse fitted with my improvement, (see Figure 1,) and in

Figure 2 a plan is shown of the shield separate from the horse.

The seat is formed by the portion *a* of the horse's back, and I have shown the legs of the horse as connected with the rockers *b*.

I make use of a shield, *c*, surrounding the seat, so that the child sits within this shield, and is supported by the same on either side.

I have shown the shield *c* as made in two parts, united by a joint, *d*, upon a vertical stud or post, and

at the front ends of the shield *c* slots or mortises are formed to set over the bolt *e*, running transversely through the neck of the hobby-horse, and provided with locking-pins standing at right angles to the bolt, so as to hold the two parts of the shield firmly when closed, or to allow the shield to be opened for setting in the child.

The means for fastening this shield, so as to be opened or retained permanently, may be varied.

The shield may be padded, if desired, as a support for young children, to prevent them lying in an uncomfortable position in case of falling asleep.

The shield does not prevent the motion of the body in rocking, and the child can grasp the same with the hands.

I claim as my invention—

The bolt *e*, passing through the neck of the hobby-horse and having locking-pins, in combination with the shield *c*, hinged at *d* to the stud or post, as and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 24th day of September, 1869.

W. L. WILLIAMS.

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