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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES G. HAUGH, a resident of Bascom, Seneca county, Ohio, and a citizen of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Seesaws and the like, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a seesaw, or rocking device of such construction and capability of adjustment as to be adaptable for comfortable, convenient and safe use by one, two or more children, and which will be amply strong, not bulky or cumbersome, require but a minimum of material for its manufacture, and be attractive to children, and to attain my object, my invention consists in the seesaw or like device having the construction described by or embraced within the scope or meaning of the appended claims.

In the annexed drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of my seesaws extended for the use of three children;

Fig. 2 is a like view showing it shortened in length so as to be adapted for the use of either two or one;

Fig. 3 is a vertical cross section thereof.

Fig. 4 is a detail view in section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

My seesaw, briefly described comprises a main rocker-type support that has a seat, and two arms slidably connected therewith, each having at its outer end a seat, so that when said arms are outwardly extended three children can comfortably be accommodated, one on the middle seat and one on each end seat.

The main support, in the embodiment of my invention shown in the drawing, comprises a pair of parallel rockers, 10, that rest on the floor or ground, connected at their middle portions by parallel cross slats, 11, and at whose ends by uprights, 12, upon which are supported a board that forms an oblong seat, 13, preferably notched on each side at mid-length so that it may be straddled comfortably and allow the feet to rest on the slats, 11. On the under side of the seat, 13, are two spaced apart parallel cleats or strips, 14, that extend between the two uprights, 12, and are suitably attached to said seat, and slidably fitting the space between the cleats are two side by side straight bars, 15, that extend respectively through guide slots in the uprights, and beyond the latter have each a seat, 16, at its outer end, the seat being so disposed that a child can sit thereon, straddling the bar or arm, and when the seats are adjusted to the close position shown in Fig. 2, with its feet resting on the end of the rockers in a place of safety. Each cleat has a longitudinal slot, 17, and each bar or arm, 15, has a bolt, 18, that projects through the slot of one cleat or the other, and on the outside of the cleat the bolt has a wing nut, 19, the bolt and nut thus constituting a clamp device to secure the seat-carrying arm at the desired adjustment. The cleats, it will be evident, besides their function as guides and supports for the arms, 15, add to the stiffness and strength of the main support and furnish a substantial brace for the middle seat.

Within convenient reach of a child on the end seat, 16, is a handle, 20, consisting of a post fastened at its bottom to the arm, 15, and a cross bar at the top of the post. Said handle is also in reach of a child on the middle seat, when the end seats are shifted to the close position shown in Fig. 2, and thus enables one child sitting on the device to readily impart a rocking motion to the device. The middle seat, 13, is of a length which permits it to be occupied at the same time by two children who may sit back to back so that each can grasp a handle, 20, but, of course, if they choose, they may sit facing in the same direction or facing one another. It will be seen that as many as four can comfortably occupy the device at the same time, two being on the middle seat and one on each end seat, and any less number can make use of the toy. It has the unique feature that it can be used as a seesaw by several persons, or as a simple rocker, after the fashion of a hobby-horse, by one child. The end seats being capable of separate, or independent longitudinal adjustment, the device can be made to balance when the end seats are occupied by passengers of different weight. The feature of adjustability of the end seats is also important in that it enables the contraction or closing up of the device to a length that adapts it for use as a hobby-horse and requires but little room or space for storage or transportation.

What I claim is:

1. A device of the kind described comprising a main support that has a rocker base and a seat above such base, oppositely
extending arms slidably supported beneath said seat, and a handle on each arm situated to be reached from said seat and also from the main support seat when the arm seat is shifted close to the main support seat.

2. A device of the kind described comprising a main support that has a base formed of a pair of connected, spaced apart rockers, uprights rising from the rockers at the ends, a seat mounted on such uprights, slotted cleats on the underside of said seat spaced apart, bars alongside one another between said cleats and slidably longitudinally, said bars being projected beyond the uprights, a seat on the outer end of each bar, and means to secure said bars in adjusted position comprising bolts that extend from them through the slots in the cleats.

3. A device of the kind described comprising a main support that has a rocker base, uprights from the base at the ends thereof, a seat mounted on such uprights, cleats on the underside of said seat extending between the uprights, oppositely extending arms slidably connected with the cleats and situated beneath said seat, said arms being projected beyond the uprights, and a seat carried by each of said arms.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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