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Fig. 1.

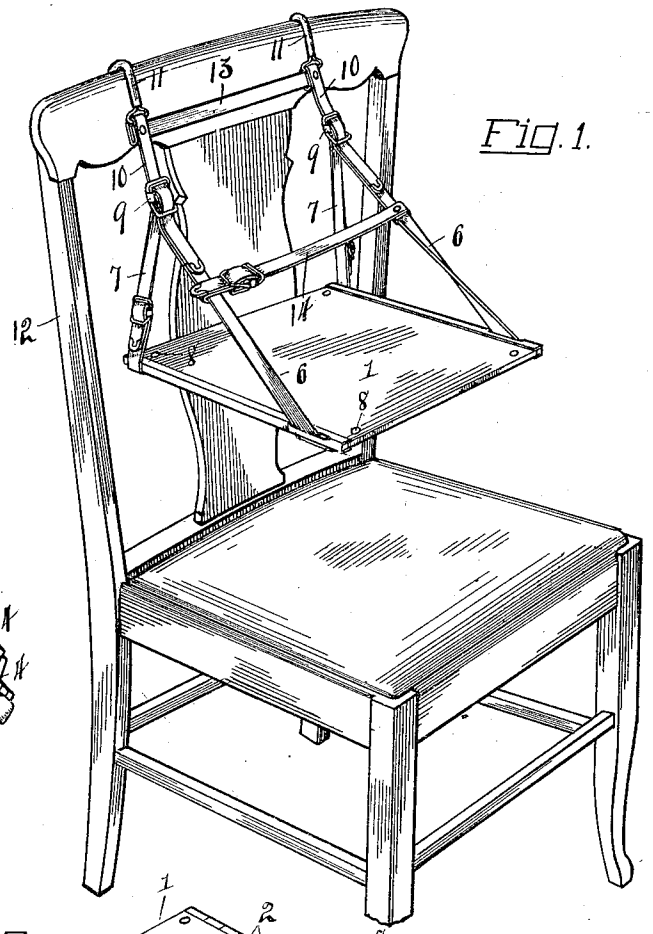


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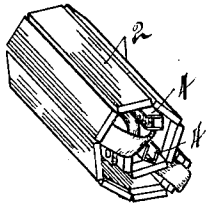


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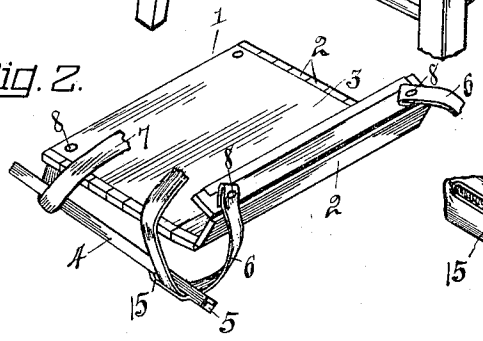
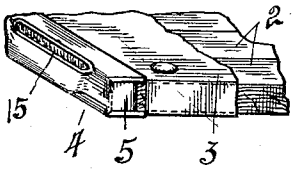


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARLOS H. WOLFERT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Child's Seat; and I do hereby 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 characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to babies' and children's seats and particularly to a seat adapted for attaching to the backs of dining-room chairs, or the like, or to other suitable supporting means, but is not restricted to such use as it may be used in any connection for which it may be adapted or appropriate.

The object of my invention is the provision of an improved seat of this character which is simple and inexpensive to manufacture, strong and durable in its construction, and capable of having the bottom or seat portion proper thereof lowered or folded in compact form for shipping or packing, whereby to enhance the practicability and commercial value of articles of this class.

A further object of the invention is the provision of simple and efficient means for securing the relatively movable parts of the bottom or seat portion proper of the device in rigid seat form.

The invention is fully described in the following specification, and while in its broader aspect it is capable of embodiment in numerous forms, a preferred embodiment thereof is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying the invention, attached to the back of a chair. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device with portions broken away and removed and with the seat in condition for rolling up. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the device rolled up ready for packing, and Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail of a portion thereof.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the seat portion of a device embodying the invention, and this portion comprises a plurality of slats 2 placed edge to edge and hingedly connected together, preferably at the top side thereof, by a strip of canvas 3, or in any other suitable manner. The slats 2 extend transversely of the seat and are held in unrolled rigid relation, one to another, by a pair of channel-bar edge-binding strips 4, 4, which closely fit over the ends of the slats, as shown. One end of each channel-bar 4 is closed, or partly closed, by an inturned tongue 5 at such end to provide a stop for limiting the longitudinal movements of the bars in one direction relative to the seat.

Straps 6 and 7 are attached to each side edge of the seat near the front and rear edges thereof, respectively, as, for instance, to the adjacent ends of the respective front and rear slats 2 at the under sides thereof, as at 8. The straps 6 and 7 at each side may be in the form of a loop and preferably carry a sliding buckle 9 to which is adjustably attached a suspending strap 10 having a hook 11 at its upper or free end for engaging over the back of a straight-back chair 12 or other suitable support. The straps 10, 10 are connected by a cross-strap 13, and the straps 6, 6 are connected by a cross-strap 14, the latter serving to prevent a baby from falling forward out of the seat. It will be understood that this supporting harness for the seat may be made in numerous ways, and that nothing novel in itself is claimed therefor.

It will be noted that each channel-bar 4 is provided near its forward end with a loop or opening 15 for the adjacent strap 6 to slidingly project through, whereby the bars cannot become lost or separated from the straps. Both side straps 6 and 7 of a pair also serve to retain the respective bars 4 in binding engagement with the seat, due to the upward passing of the straps around the bars.

The bars 4 are capable of being quickly engaged with or disengaged from the respective side edges of the seat whereby to retain the seat slats 2 in rigid relation or to permit a relative rolling or folding thereof. Upon a removal of the bars 4 from engagement with the seat edges to permit a lowering or folding of the seat, such bars together with the straps forming the supporting harness, are placed over the seat cross-wise thereof and the whole then rolled into compact form for shipping or packing, as shown in Fig. 3.

I wish it understood that my invention is not limited to any specific construction or

arrangement of the parts except in so far as such limitations are specified in the claim.

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

In a device of the class described, a seat portion comprising a plurality of hingedly connected slat members extending transversely of said portion, channel bars for fitting over respective side edges of said portion to prevent a relative unfolding movement of the seat members, said bars each having at its outer closed edge a strap receiving eye and also having an inturned stop tongue at one end of its channel, and a suspending harness for said seat portion having suspending members at each side thereof extending around the respective channel bar and attaching to the under side of the seat portion whereby such suspending members serve to maintain the channel bars in position on the seat edges, one of the suspending members at each side being extended through the eye of the respective channel bar.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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