

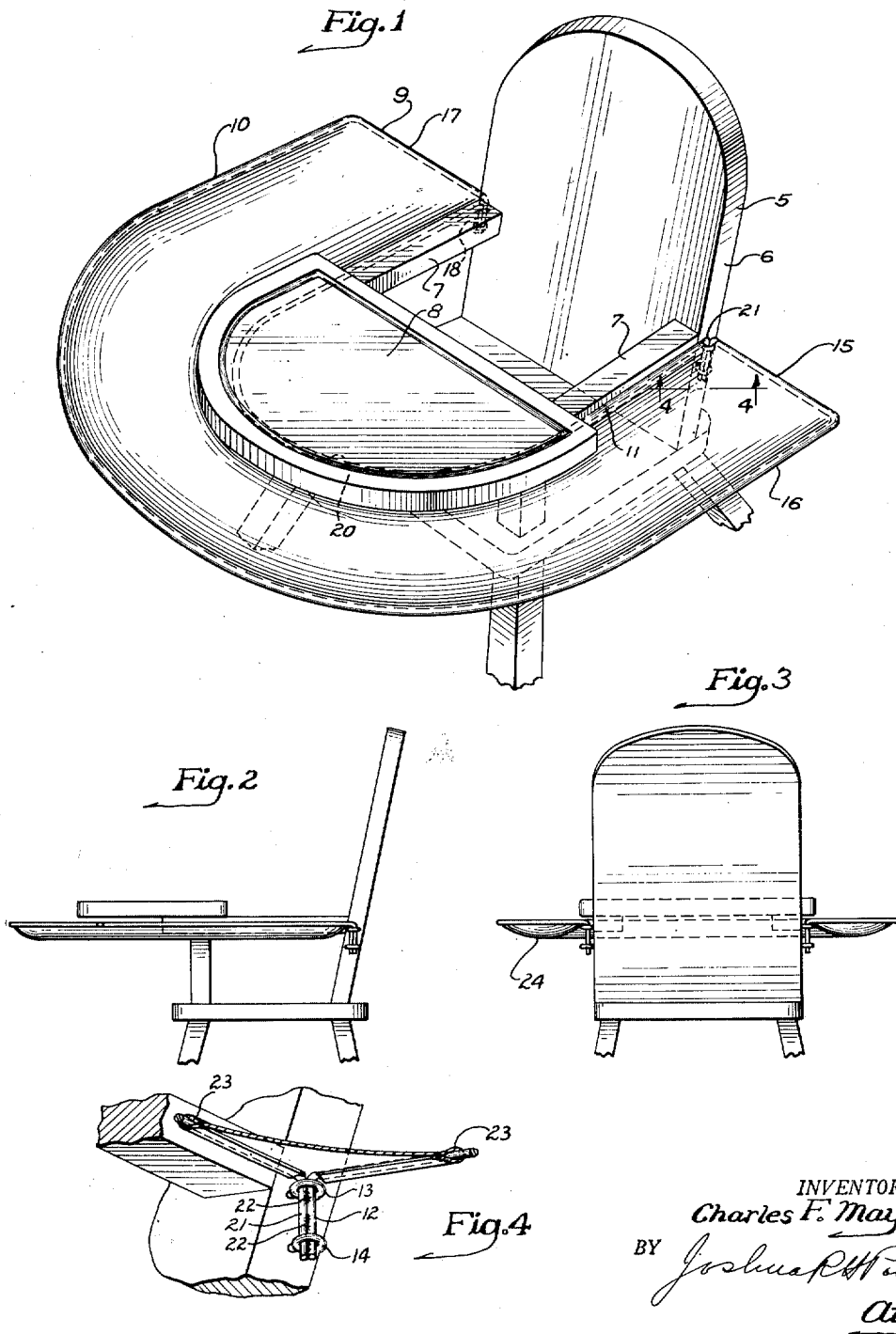
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This invention relates to an attachment for high chairs and has for an object the attachment of a device to prevent things from being thrown on the floor by a child.

Well known is the custom for children to throw various things on the floor, such as plates of soup, or milk or cereal and a great variety of other articles. It is not necessary to describe here the mess that a child can make of a floor by engaging in such activity as the above.

Efforts have been made to circumvent such. Bibs etc. have been provided for this purpose but they have not solved the problem.

The device of my invention is one which is attached to the high chair in a very simple manner and extends outwardly around the table of the usual high chair to a considerable extent, which makes it difficult or almost impossible for the ordinary baby at least to spill things on the floor.

My device consists of a wire frame supported on the high chair with an outer course and an inner course. These courses of wire support a leak-proof material, such as rubberized cloth or plastic material, so as to retain any liquid that falls therein. In the form shown, the leak-proof material is hemmed and the wire frame extended through the hem as will more fully appear. The inner course of the wire extends under the table of the high chair and the arrangement provides for wire or other like material of such rigidity as to cause the outer course to be positioned somewhat on a level with the table of the high chair and the inner course to extend upwardly, for example, against the under side of the table.

An object of my invention is to provide a simplified device of the character described and for the purposes mentioned.

Other and further objects of the invention will appear hereinafter from the specification and attached claims, and from the accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view,

Figure 2 is a side view,

Figure 3 is a rear view, while

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail, showing the supporting means and the hemming arrangement.

Referring to the embodiment of the invention, which has been selected to illustrate the principle thereof, I have shown a high chair 5, having the usual back 6, arms 7, table 8 etc.

Adapted to be attached to the usual high chair is the wire frame 9 of my invention. The frame

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9 has an outer course made up of sides 10 and 16 that are joined by a curved front and an inner course 11. Extending inwardly from the side 10 is an end 17 while another end 15 extends inwardly from the side 16. The ends 15 and 17 have downwardly depending legs 12, each of which is supported in a pair of screw eyes 13 and 14.

The screw eyes in the form shown are preferably arranged with one beneath the other, the screw eyes in the form shown being screwed to the edge of the back of the chair as clearly shown in Figure 4.

One end of the inner course has a downward depending leg 18. From there, the inner course of the wire is bent at right angles into a circular inner section which extends underneath the table as at 20 and travels around to the opposite edge of the back of the chair to be bent into another downwardly depending leg 21, which also depends into a pair of screw eyes as heretofore described.

In the preferred form, each pair of downwardly depending legs will be spot welded as at 22, although they may be otherwise arranged together.

The wire will project through a hem 23 of leak-proof material to support said material.

Preferably there will be a little slack as at 24 in the leak-proof material, so as to better retain any articles that may be thrown into it.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. In combination with a high chair including a seat, a back extending upwardly from said seat, arms extending forwardly from said back over the side portions of said seat, and a tray carried by said arms in front of said seat, a catchall comprising an inner course made of wire and having side portions extending along and beneath said sides of said chair, and a curved front portion extending around and beneath said tray, the free ends of the sides of said course terminating in downwardly extending legs, an outer course made of wire and including side portions

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spaced from the sides of said inner course, and a curved front portion spaced from the curved front portion of said inner course, an end integrally joined to each side of said outer course, each of said ends terminating in a downwardly extending leg, the leg of each end being welded to one of the legs on the sides of said inner course, a pair of spaced eye screws secured to each side of said back and receiving one set of said welded legs, and a fabric body having inner and outer hems receiving said inner and outer courses respectively.

2. A catchall for a high chair comprising an inner course made of wire and including straight sides joined by a curved front portion with the free ends of said sides terminating in downwardly extending legs, an outer course having straight sides spaced from the straight sides of said inner course and joined by a curved front portion spaced from the curved portion of said

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inner course, an end integrally joined to each side of said outer course and carrying a downwardly depending leg that is welded to the downwardly depending leg on the adjacent side of the inner course, and a fabric body having inner and outer hems receiving said inner and outer courses respectively.

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