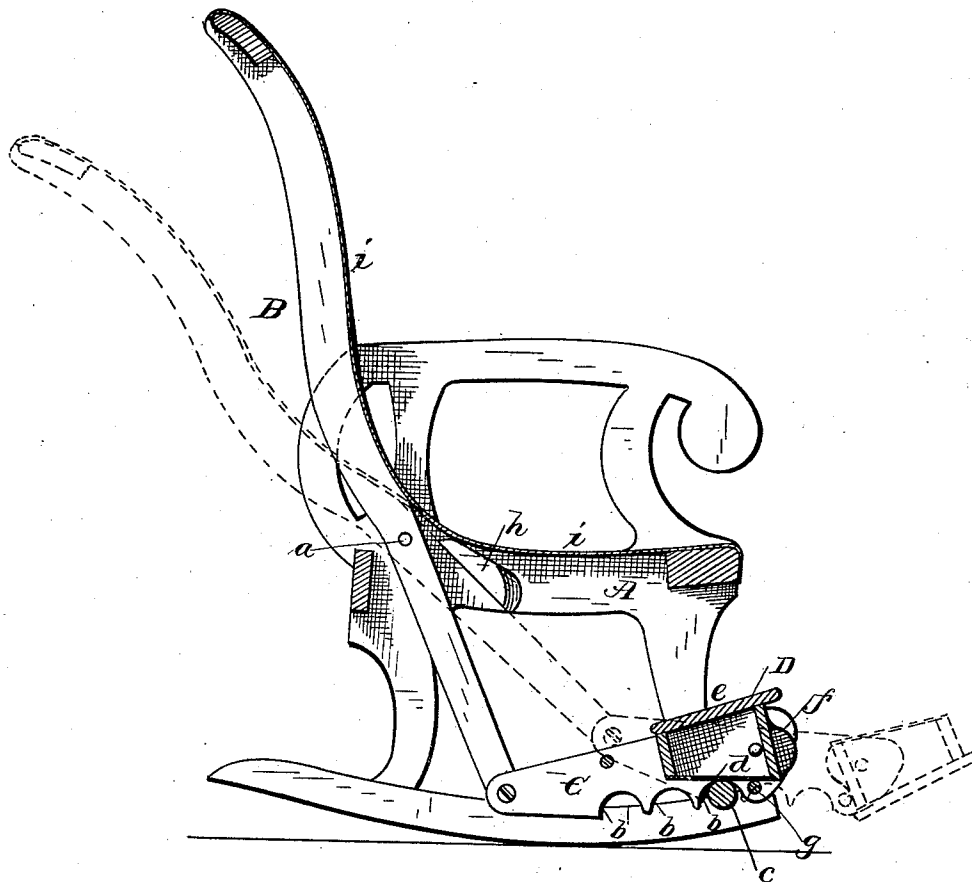


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RECLINING-CHAIR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GIACOMO CHELINI, a subject of the King of Italy, residing at Washington city, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reclining Chairs; 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 drawing, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which forms a part of this specification.

This invention is in the nature of improvements in "reclining-chairs," so called, and I have herein shown as one form of my invention the said improvements applied to a rocking-chair.

The improvements consist in a pivoted back extended below the seat and provided with a forwardly-projecting hinged foot-rest adapted to engage with the front round of the chair to hold the back in position for use in sitting upright or reclining in the chair, the construction being substantially as hereinafter specified and claimed.

The drawing shows in vertical section a rocking-chair embodying my invention, the upright position being indicated by full lines and the reclining position by dotted or broken lines.

A is the seat-frame of the chair, provided with the back B, pivoted at *a* therein, and both suitably upholstered. This back has its sides extended below the seat, and at its lower end has jointed thereto the forwardly-projecting frame C. This frame is provided with a series of notches, *b*, to engage with the round *c* of the chair to hold the back of the chair at various inclinations for use in sitting upright or in a reclining posture.

D is a foot-rest finished in harmony with the other parts of chair, and pivoted in the

frame C, and adapted to be reversed therein to present either of two surfaces uppermost, according to the position of the back and the requirement of the occupant of the chair. One side, *d*, of this foot-rest may be finished to correspond with the upholstering of the chair. This foot-rest is held in position in the frame C either by its top *e* overlying the sides of the frame, or stops *f* engaging a rod, *g*, on the frame. When the back is inclined most it is further supported by its side bars abutting against stops *h* on the seat-frame.

The securing of the back of my chair in its various positions is effected by gravity, thus avoiding the use of special devices for throwing its parts into or out of engagement.

The arms of the chair may be curved rearwardly, as shown, to cover the space between the back and the seat when said back is inclined.

The best mode of accommodating the surface of the seat to the inclination of the back is to make a sagging or flexible upholstering continuous from the front of the seat-frame to the top of the back, as at *i*.

The chair may or may not be a rocking-chair.

What I claim is—

The combination, substantially as shown and described, of the chair-seat frame, a back hinged therein and extended below the seat, a jointed foot-rest frame provided with notches, the front round of the chair, with which said notched frame engages, a reversible foot-rest in said frame, and stops for the back on the seat-frame, the whole constructed and arranged to operate as specified.

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

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