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Fig. 1.

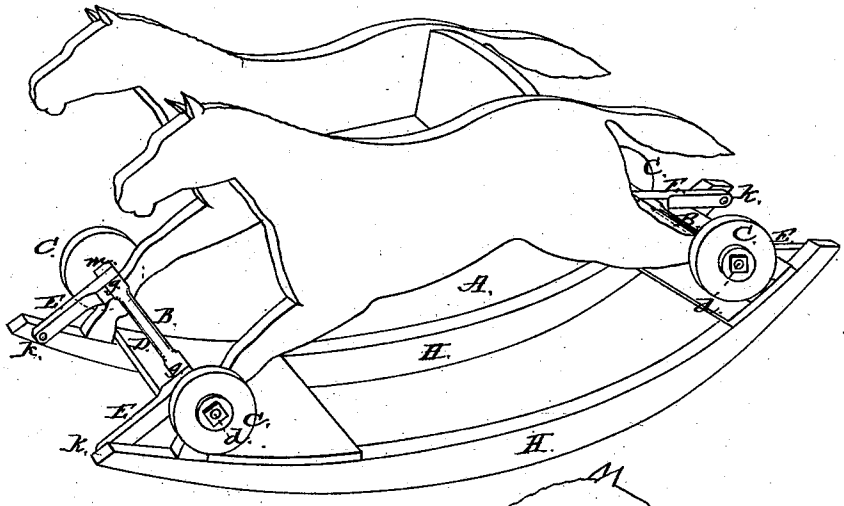


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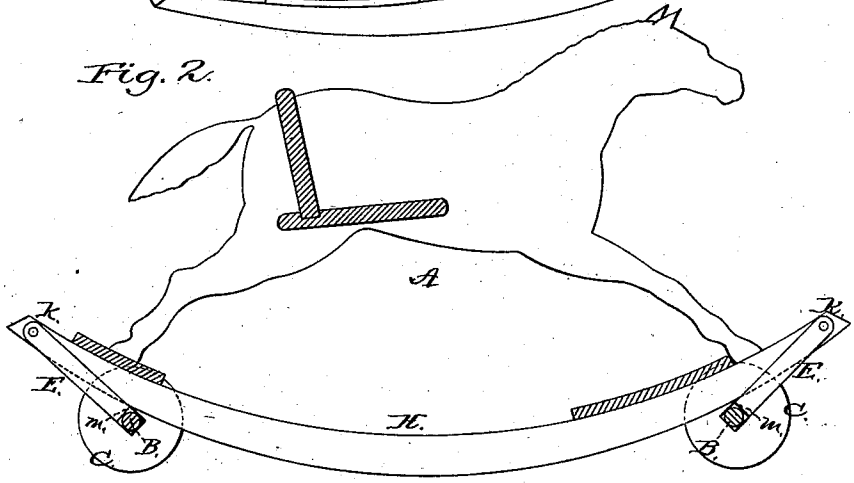
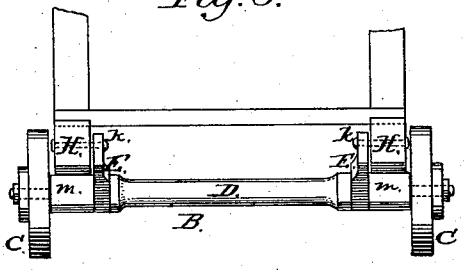


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORNELIUS SHEPARDSON, a citizen of the United States, resident at Cazenovia, in the county of Madison and State of New York, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Rocking-Horses; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective of my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view.

This invention has relation to an improvement on the side-frame toy rocker or "shoo-fly;" and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of the swinging adjustable axles extending entirely across the frame, said axles being provided with wheels at each end, and with intermediate arms extending at right angles to the axle and pivoted to the ends of the rockers, all as hereinafter set forth and especially pointed out in the claim appended.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the side-frame rocker, which may be of the ordinary form and construction.

B B indicate the axles, which extend transversely entirely across the frame at each end, and are provided with wheels C on their spindle ends *d*. Each axle is provided with arms E near its ends, said arms extending at right angles to the axle, and being let into the axle, as at *g*, or otherwise firmly secured thereto in some well-known manner. These arms E are placed at the proper distance from each other on the axle to engage or abut against the vertical faces of the rockers H, and the ends of the arms are pivoted to the ends of the rockers, as at *k*. The ends of the axle beyond the arms form bearings *m*, on which the rockers rest when the axle is arranged under the same. In this position the arms lie lengthwise against the rockers, and are braced in position by the middle portion, D, of the axle, so that they cannot move laterally and work loose. The construction also keeps the wheels plumb and gives a steady and solid support to the frame, which becomes, when thus provided, a convenient rolling vehicle easily pushed or pulled about. When the wheels are not needed the axles are designed to be swung upward above the rockers and rest against the ends of the side frame, serving as stepping-bars.

I am well aware that it is not new to apply swinging arms carrying wheels to rockers, and I do not claim such devices, broadly.

I do not claim wheels arranged upon rockers in front and rear in combination with two profile frames connected together by a seat; nor do I claim a rocking device that can be converted from a carriage to a rocking-horse.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a side frame rocker, of the swinging adjustable axles B, extending entirely across the frame, carrying a wheel, C, at each end, and having the arms E E at right angles to said axle pivoted to the ends of the rockers and braced in contact with the rocker-faces by the intermediate portion, D, of the axle, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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