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PERAMBULATOR.

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Fig. 1.

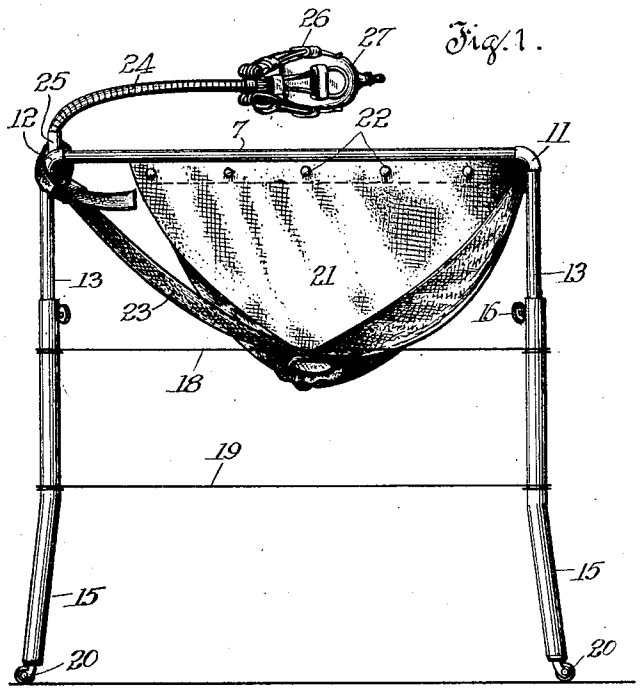


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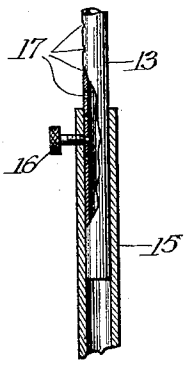


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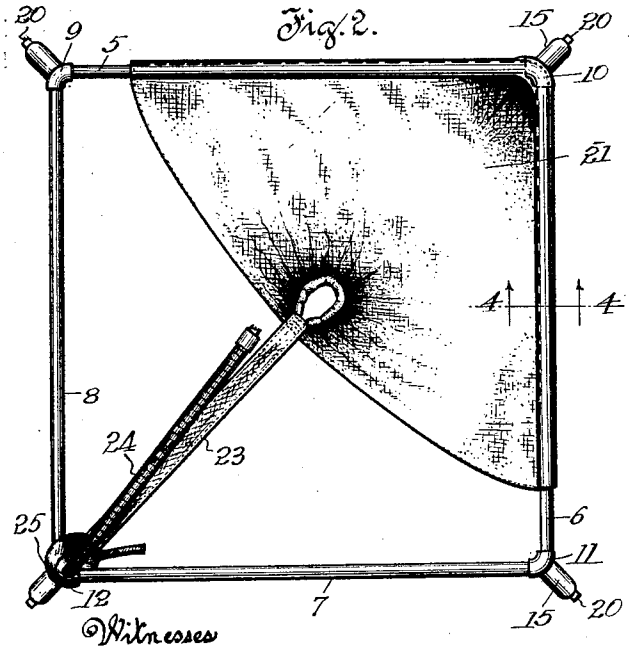
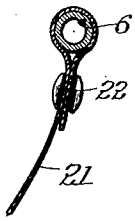


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WARREN C. GILDEA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Perambulators, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in perambulators for small children.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a perambulator that is adjustable to different heights to accommodate a growing child.

Another object of my invention is to provide, in a perambulator, means partially to support the child so as not to prematurely impose its entire weight upon its legs while learning to walk, thus avoiding bowing of its legs and affording amusement for the child while gradually developing its ability to walk.

Other and further objects of my invention will become readily apparent to persons skilled in the art from a consideration of the following description when taken in conjunction with the drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device; Fig. 2 is a plan view; Fig. 3 is a broken-away enlarged portion of one of the legs, showing the means of adjustment; and Fig. 4 is a transverse section of one of the members of the upper frame taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 2, showing the means of attaching the hammock.

In all the views the same reference characters are employed to indicate similar parts.

The frame of the device is quadrangular in form and may conveniently be made of gas pipe and gas pipe fittings, wherein the side members 5, 6, 7, and 8, of the upper frame are secured to triple-opening fittings 9, 10, 11, and 12, respectively, to the bottom opening of which are secured the depending legs 13. Each of the legs 13 have telescopic association with a larger tube, or base portion 15 which carries a screw 16, and each of the depending legs 13 are provided with a plurality of perforations 17 for engagement of the screw 16 so that by moving the members 15 upwardly, with reference to the legs 13, the height of the device may be readily adjusted.

For the purpose of strengthening the base or leg portion of the device, I prefer to connect them by means of cross members 18 and 19 and each of the base members 15 is provided on its lower end with a caster 20 so that the device may readily be pushed from place to place over a smooth floor. A hammock 21 is secured to the upper side rods 5 and 6 by means of clasps 22. The hammock 21 affords the seat for the child when supported by the strap 23 which is secured to the diagonally disposed leg 13, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The clasps 22 afford means for disengaging the hammock so that it may be laundried or cleaned at any time.

A child may be placed in the hammock 21 and reclined in a rearward position within the angles of meeting rails 5 and 6, and in order to present and hold its milk bottle in proper position during the time of its feeding I provide a flexible member 24 secured, as at 25, to the fittings 12 and projecting diagonally across the frame to a convenient position accessible by the child, the flexible member 24 carrying on its extended end an automatic clamp or clasp 26 for retaining the bottle 27. Said flexible member 24 is of such a character that it can be bent in almost at any position to present the bottle 27 in any manner convenient for the child and it will be retained in the position in which it has been presented. After the child has finished taking its food from the bottle, the bottle and associate parts may be moved out of the way and the child may be placed in erect position with its legs on either side of the strap 23 and thus the hammock 21 and strap 23 will support the weight, or a portion of the weight, of the child at the time when its feet touch the floor, provided the height of the supporting parts have been properly adjusted for this purpose.

The device may be used upon a bed on which a child is reclining, the legs of the device being placed on either side of the child, and the bottle support may then be bent downwardly until the bottle is in position convenient for access by the child.

While I have herein disclosed a single embodiment of my invention for the purpose of clear disclosure, it is evident that changes may be made in the specific structure without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

A perambulator comprising a rectangu-

lar frame, legs secured to each corner of the frame, to support the frame at a proper height from the floor, a triangularly shaped seat portion of fabric, the two shorter edges of the seat portion encompassing two adjacent members of the rectangular frame and removably attached thereto, and a strap secured at one end to an intermediate part of the free edge of the seat portion and at its other end adjustably secured to a diagonally opposite part of the frame.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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