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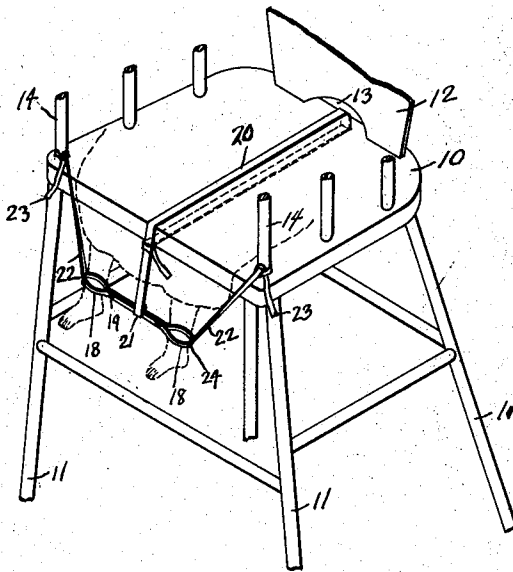


Fig. V

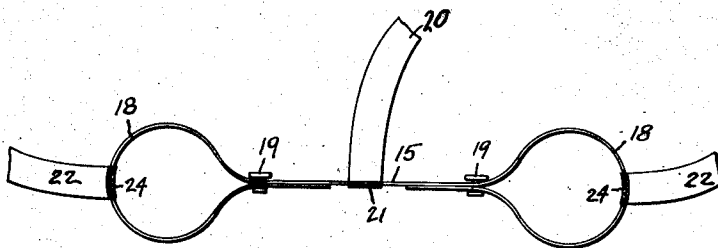


Fig. III

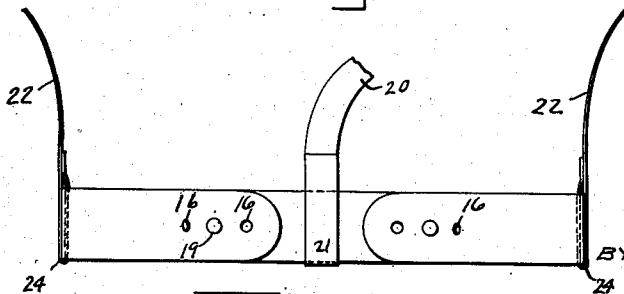


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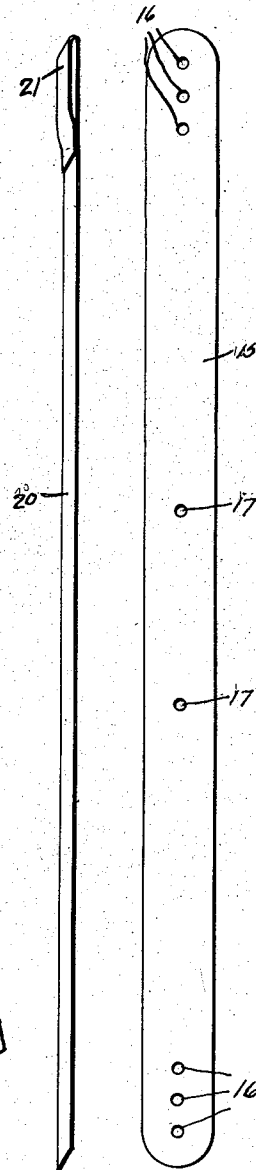


Fig. I

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This invention relates generally to equipment for children and particularly to a retainer for a child.

The main object of this invention is to provide a means for holding a child in a high chair in a manner to prevent it from rising out of the chair and then falling over the side, as well as to prevent it from slipping downwardly beneath the tray with which such chairs are commonly provided.

The second object is to provide a device of the class described which can be easily manufactured, easily kept in a sanitary condition and can be installed without the use of tools and offers a wide range of application both as to the kind of retention required and the type of chair with which it is used.

The third object is to provide a device of the class described especially adaptable for the use of plastic materials.

These and other objects will become more apparent in the specification that follows as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. I is a front of the main strap which passes around the ankles.

Fig. II is a perspective view of the center strap.

Fig. III is a fragmentary plan of the device.

Fig. IV is a fragmentary elevation of Fig. III.

Fig. V is a fragmentary perspective view of the chair showing the device applied thereto.

Similar numbers of reference refer to the same or similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring in detail to the drawing there is shown a common form of high chair having the usual form of seat 10, and legs 11. The seat 10 is provided with a back 12, in which there is indicated an opening 13.

There is also illustrated the usual spindles 14, for supporting an arm rest (not shown).

Referring in particular to my device, same will be seen to include the main strap 15, shown in Fig. I having a number of perforations 16, each end thereof and the perforations 17 on opposite sides of the center of the strap 15. The purpose of the holes 16 and 17 is to provide an adjustment for the size of the ankle loop 18, by placing the snap fastener 19, in the corresponding hole 16.

A second strap 20, is provided, having a loop 21 at one end thereof and it is through this loop that the strap 15 passes and is disposed midway between the holes 17. The strap 20, is of sufficient length that it can be passed around the chair seat 10 as shown in Fig. I. In addition to the strap 20, are the two similar straps 22, whose ends 23, may be fastened to the chair spindles 14.

The loops 24, of the straps 22, are large enough

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to receive the strap 15 and are disposed between the loops 18.

The operation of the device is as follows:

The child is placed on the chair seat 10. Its ankles, are placed within the loops 18, and held there by means of the snap fasteners 19. The strap 15 is then adjusted so that it is taut when the child is in the correct seating position. The straps 22, are similarly secured to the spindles 14, providing a three-way point support for the strap 15.

Under some conditions, the straps 22 alone may be used without the strap 20, depending upon the nature of the child's attempts to get out of the chair.

It is understood that the snap fasteners 19, are of the type in common use; obviously this fastening may be made by means of buckles or other fastening means without departing from the spirit of this invention.

We are aware that numerous forms of devices have been constructed in the past intended for the same purpose as is the present invention. We, therefore, do not claim such devices broadly, but we do intend to cover all such forms and modifications thereon as fall fairly within the appended claim.

We claim:

A device of the class described, consisting of a hobble strap having ankle receiving loops at opposite ends thereof and having a strap attached to the middle of said hobble strap adapted to encircle a chair seat for limiting the distance the middle portion of said hobble strap can be moved away from the chair seat, and means for limiting the lateral movement of the ankle receiving portions of said hobble strap.

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