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FOLDING ROCKING-CHAIR.

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Fig: 1.

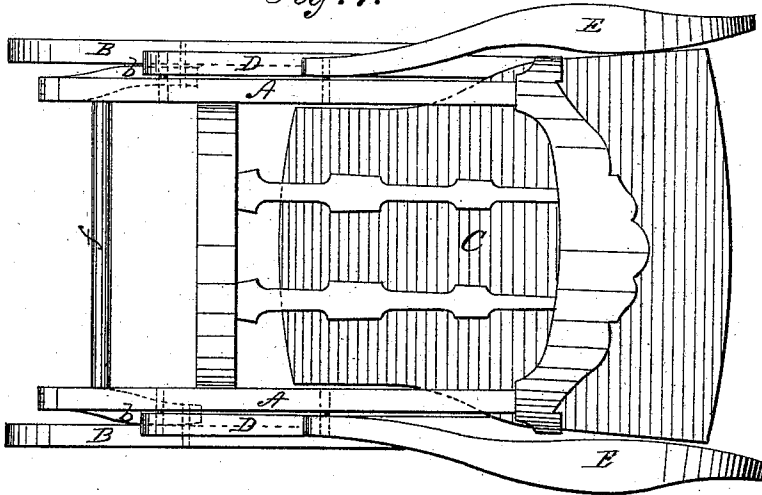


Fig: 2.

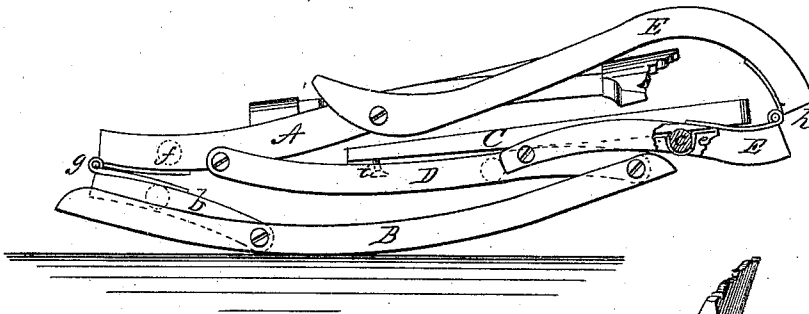
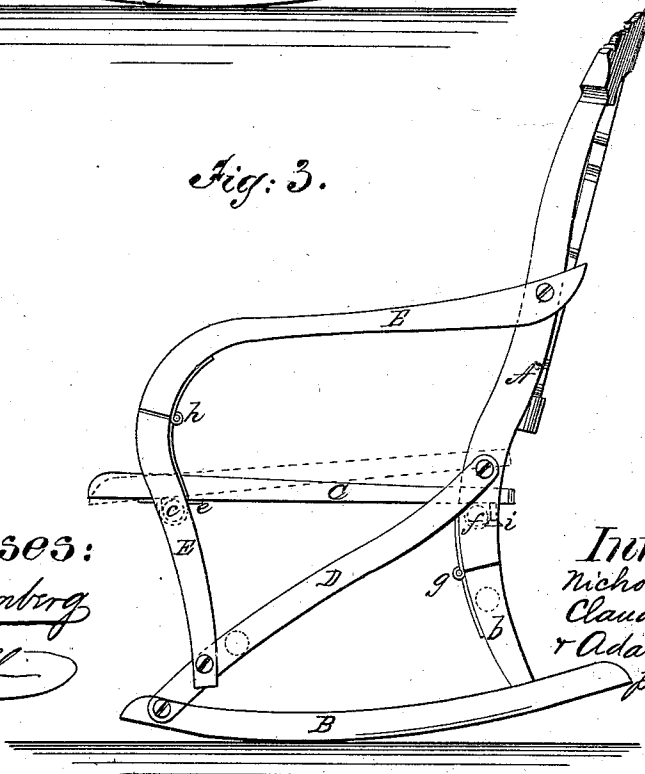


Fig: 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING ROCKING-CHAIRS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, NICHOLAS COLLIGNON, CLAUDIUS O. COLLIGNON, and ADAM COLLIGNON, of Closter, in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Folding Rocking-Chair; and that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

This invention is in the nature of an improvement in rocking-chairs; and the invention consists in a folding rocking-chair with arms, the arms being secured to the posts of the back and to a diagonal brace, the rear legs being a continuation of the posts, and jointed below the seat, and the arms jointed above the seat, the seat turning on the front rail of the seat-frame, substantially in the manner hereinafter fully described.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a plan or top view of our folding rocking-chair when folded; Fig. 2, a side view of same, and Fig. 3 a side view of chair unfolded.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

A rocking-chair with arms, as ordinarily constructed, is cumbersome and unwieldy to move from place to place, and when shipped they occupy much valuable space that might otherwise be saved. To obviate these disadvantages we construct our arm rocking-chair so that it may be folded into compact shape, occupying comparatively but little space, and admitting of its easy transportation.

To this end we extend the posts A of the back downward to the rockers B, thus forming the rear legs *b*. Extending from these posts at a point a little above the seat C to the front ends of the rockers are diagonal braces, D, and from these braces extending upward are the curved arms E, the lower ends of which are pivoted to the braces D, and their upper ends to the posts A at a suitable distance above the seat. These arms are jointed or hinged immediately above the seat, as shown in Fig. 3, and the continuations of the posts or rear legs are likewise jointed or hinged just below the point where the diagonal braces D are secured to

them. The seat C is secured to a front rail, *e*, extending across from arm to arm, by metal collars *e*, so that the seat may freely fold or turn upward when desired, and the rear end of the seat is supported by a rail, *f*.

Our folding arm rocking-chair being constructed substantially as above described, it is folded by first turning the rear of the seat C upward, and then by simply forcing the back forward, the rear legs will bend at the hinged joint *g*, and the arms will bend at the hinged joints *h*. The seat C then being turned downward, the posts A, diagonal braces D, and rockers B and arms E will lie nearly together and parallel, in a compact form, the seat lying between the back and diagonal braces.

The seat C may, if desired, have any suitable catch attached to it to secure it to the rear rail *f*.

The chair, thus folded, occupies but very little space. To unfold it the back is drawn up and back. This draws up the arms and brings the joints together. The seat then being brought back against the rear rail, it is held in this unfolded position by the catch *i*, securing it to the rear rail *f*, the seat acting in this case as a brace, keeping the joints of the chair rigid.

The arms, braces, and rockers are secured to their respective parts of the chair by rivets or bolts that will enable them to turn at the point of connection when the chair is folded and unfolded, as above described.

Having now described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A folding rocking-chair, consisting of back-pieces jointed below the seat and connected with the front ends of the rockers by diagonal braces, arm pieces attached at their lower ends to said braces and jointed above the seat, and a seat pivoted to the arm pieces and detachably connected to the back, substantially as shown and described.

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