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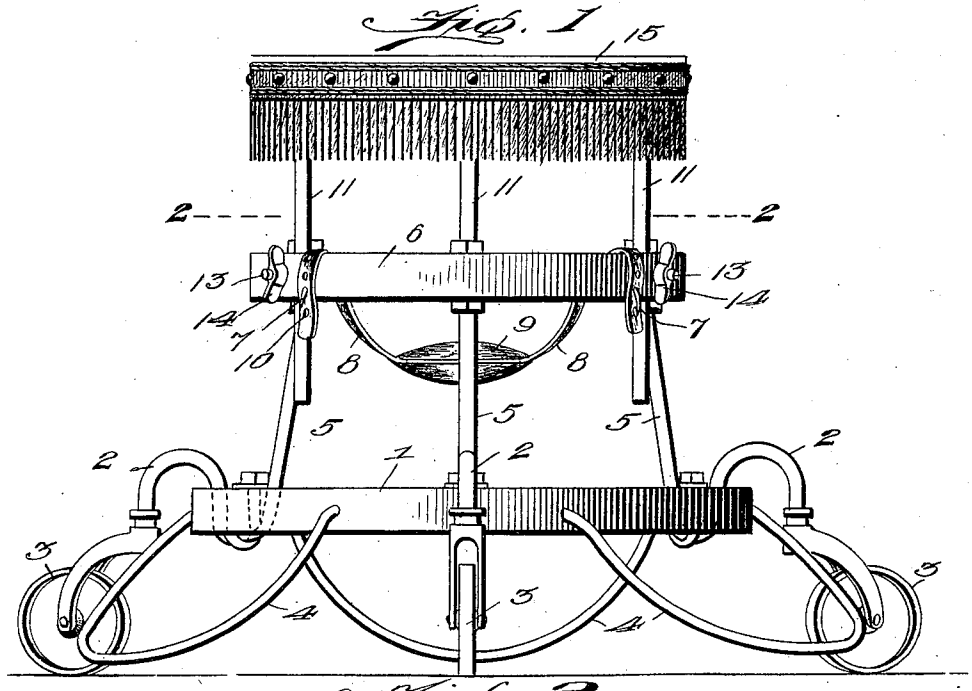
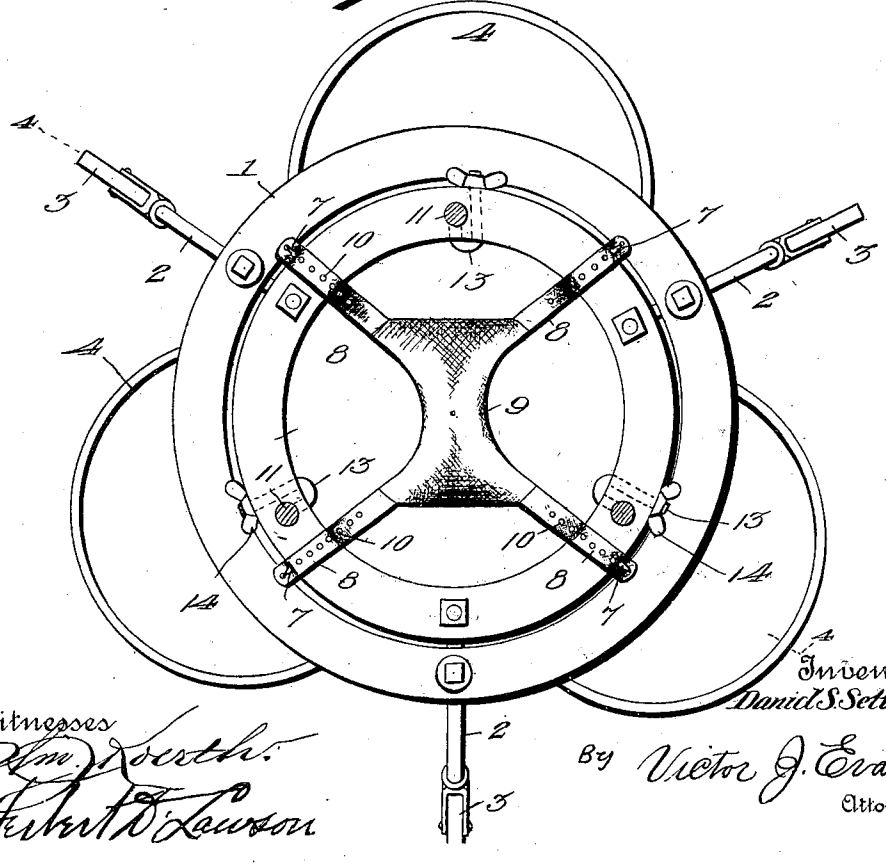


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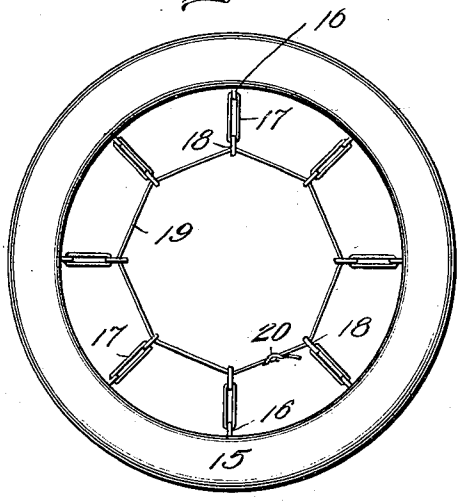
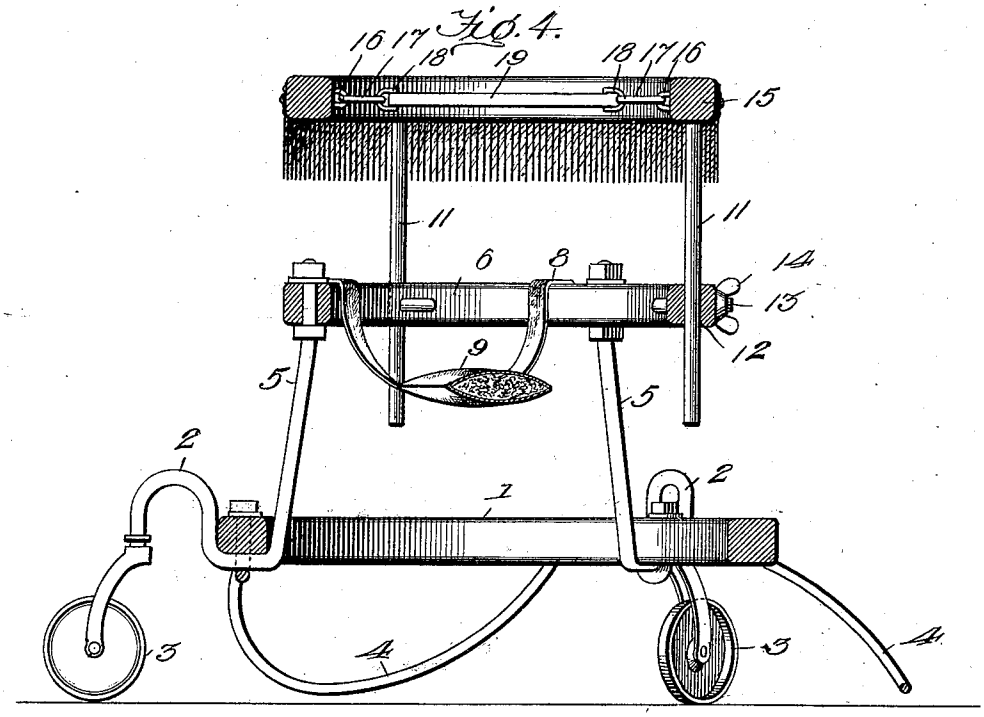


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL S. SETTLEMYRE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Connelly Springs, in the county of Burke and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baby-Walkers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in baby-walkers; and its primary object is to provide a light and durable device of this character which shall be simple of construction, cheap of manufacture, and which may be readily moved from place to place.

A further object is to provide novel means whereby the body of the child may be retained within the center of the device; also, to provide means for adjusting the frame of the device to adapt the same to the height of the user.

To these ends the invention consists in providing a ring-like base mounted upon pivoted casters and provided with suitable fenders, whereby tilting of the same is prevented. A second ring is mounted upon suitable standards which project upward from the base, and within this ring is suspended a saddle of novel construction. Slidably mounted within this ring are two or more rods, to which is secured a guard-ring having means therein of novel construction, whereby the body of the occupant of the device may be retained in a vertical position.

The invention also consists in the further novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, showing the preferred form of my invention, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation. Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the supporting-ring detached. Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 2.

Referring to said figures by numerals of reference, 1 is a circular ring-like base having curved standards 2 suitably secured thereto and curved upward from the upper surface of the base and to the free ends of which are pivotally secured casters 3 of any suitable construction. These casters are preferably three in number. Projecting from the side of the base at points between the casters are suitable fenders, as 4, bow-shaped, as shown, and secured to the base in any suitable manner. These fenders are normally suspended above the floor-level and are adapted to come into contact therewith in the event of the tilting of the device.

Standards, as 5, project upward from the inner surface of the base and are preferably formed with the standards 2 of the casters hereinbefore referred to. The standards 5 project through and are suitably secured to a ring 6, having hooks, as 7, projecting downwardly from the outer surface thereof and adapted to engage with straps 8, which extend over the corners of a saddle 9, formed of any suitable material, preferably leather, and preferably of the form shown in Fig. 2. These straps 8 are each provided with a series of perforations 10, whereby the saddle may be readily adjusted to any desired height from the ground.

Rods, as 11, are adjustably mounted within passages 12, formed within the ring 6, and are adapted to be held in adjusted position by means of recurved bolts 13, which project horizontally through the ring, the inner ends thereof bearing upon the rods, while the outer free ends are threaded and adapted to be engaged by nuts, as 14, whereby the same may be readily tightened upon the rods 11. These rods are suitably secured to a supporting-ring 15, which is preferably similar in construction to the ring 6, hereinbefore described. Secured to the inner surface of this supporting-ring at regular intervals are staples, as 16, from which project elastic bands, as 17, provided at their free ends with rings or loops 18, through which is adapted to pass a strap 19, provided with a buckle 20 or other suitable device, whereby it may be readily held in the desired adjustment.

In operation the child is seated upon the saddle 9, which is adjusted to the proper height by means of the straps 10, and the strap 19 is buckled tightly around the body, expanding the elastic bands 17, as is obvious. The child will thereby be securely held in an upright position, the body being effectively supported by the elastic bands.

The casters 3 should be so constructed as to be readily movable, and it is obvious that

any slight movement of the child's feet upon the floor will readily move the device.

It will be understood that the supporting-ring 15 may be readily adjusted vertically, and the same should be brought to a position directly under the shoulders of the child.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, operation, and advantages of my improved baby-walker will be readily apparent without requiring an extended explanation. It will be seen that the device is simple of construction, that said construction permits of its manufacture at small cost, and that it is exceedingly-well adapted for the purpose for which it is designed, and it will of course be understood that various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a device of the character described the combination with a base; of a ring; standards connecting said base and ring; curved ends to the standards; casters secured thereto; and fenders projecting from the base between the casters.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination with a base; of standards secured thereto; curved ends to the standards having casters pivotally secured thereto; fenders projecting from the base between the standards; a ring mounted upon the standards; hooks upon the outer surface of the ring; an adjustable saddle suspended therefrom within the ring; a supporting-ring; rods thereto projecting from the ring; recurved bolts adapted to bear on the rods; a strap within the supporting-ring; and a flexible connection between the strap and ring.

3. In a device of the character described, the combination with a base; of a ring, standards connecting said base and ring, fenders projecting from the base between the standards, hooks upon the outer surface of the ring, an adjustable saddle suspended therefrom within the ring, a supporting-ring adjustably secured to the ring, and an adjustable strap within and secured to the supporting-ring.

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

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