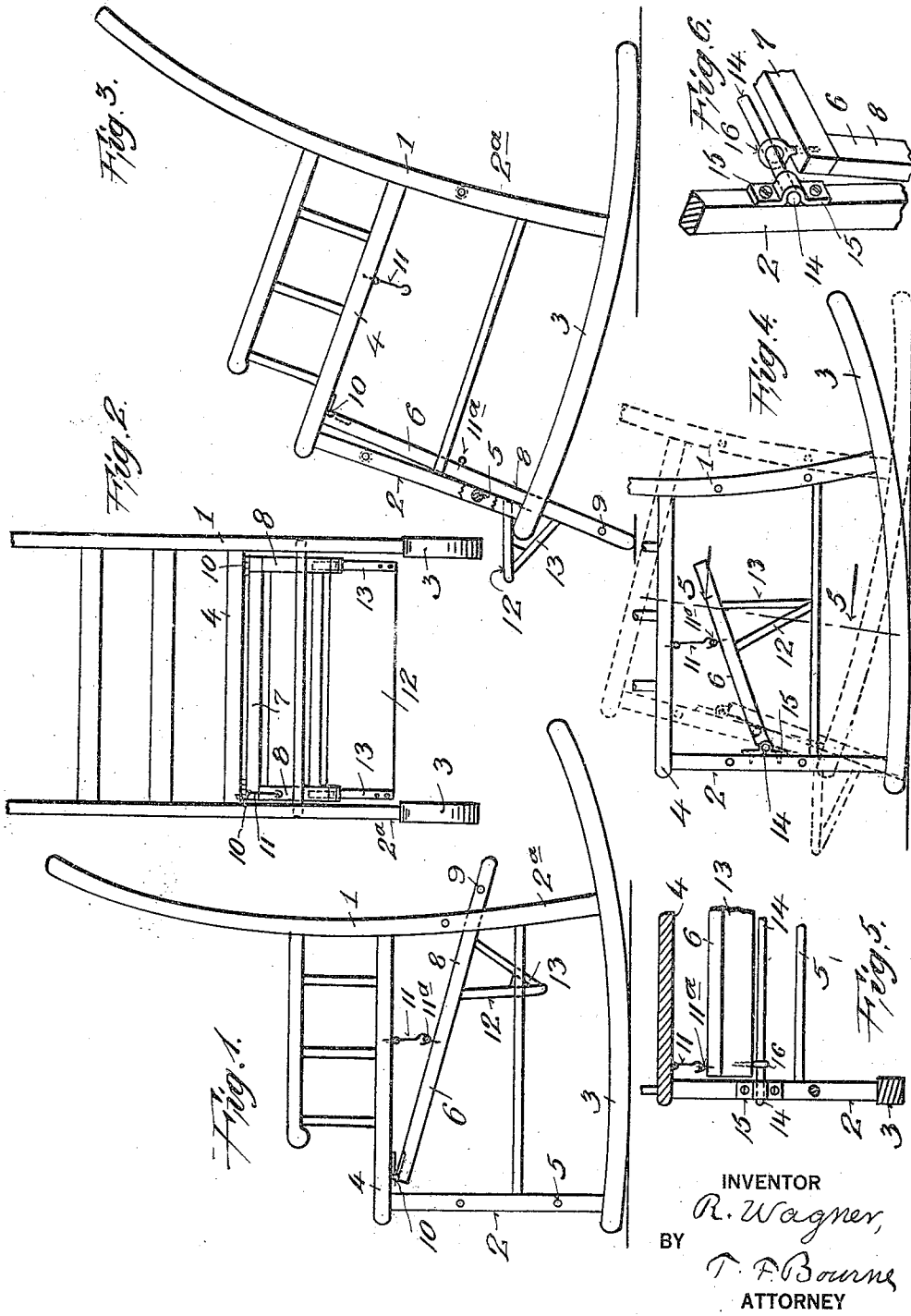


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH WAGNER, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Jersey City, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a rocking chair with means to at will retain the chair in a stationary position, preferably with the seat inclined for a comfortable resting position.

In carrying out my invention I provide a rocking chair with a brace pivotally supported thereby beneath the seat in such a manner that the brace may be retained under the seat free from the floor or ground and permit the usual use of the chair as a rocker, and whereby the brace may be swung forwardly under the chair to rest upon the floor or ground to retain the chair in an inclined position, said brace preferably having a foot rest extending forwardly. In the specific example of my invention illustrated in the accompanying drawings said brace is hinged to the chair at its front portion and when lowered may bear against one of the front rounds of the chair which serves as a stop for the brace, whereby the chair will be retained in a tilted position upon its rockers and upon said brace.

My invention further comprises novel details of improvement that will be more fully hereinafter set forth and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof wherein—

Figure 1 is a side view of a rocking chair provided with my improvements;

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the chair;

Fig. 3 is a side view illustrating my improvements in use;

Fig. 4 is a side view illustrating a modified form of my invention;

Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5—5 in Fig. 4; and

Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The rocking chair 1 may be of any suitable or usual construction having spaced front legs 2, rockers 3, spaced rear legs 2^a, seat 4 and one or more rounds or rungs 5 between the front legs. At 6 is my improved brace pivotally supported at its up-

per end upon the chair and adapted to swing between the side legs thereof beneath the seat. The brace may be made in any suitable manner and is shown comprising an upper horizontal bar 7 connected to side bars 8 having a cross round 9 therebetween, the lower end of which brace or the bars thereof are adapted to rest upon the floor or other support for the chair. The upper end of brace 6, (Figs. 1, 2 and 3) is shown connected to the under forward part of seat 4 by hinges 10 so that the brace may be swung down beneath the seat and between the side legs. When the brace is not in use it may be retained above the floor under the seat by any suitable means, such as by a hook 11 engaging eye 11^a, one of which parts is on the chair seat and the other on the brace. At 12 is a foot rest secured to the forward face of the brace and shown resisted by straps or brackets 13 extending between the foot rest and the brace.

In Figs. 4, 5 and 6 the brace 6 is pivotally supported upon the front chair legs 2, and convenient means for such purpose comprise a bar 14 attached to said legs by straps 15 screwed to the legs so that the bar extends between the front legs 2 and eyes 16 receiving said bar 14 and attached to brace 6 pivotally supporting the latter on the bar.

Since the brace 6 is pivotally attached at its upper portion to the front portion of the chair to extend therebeneath in an upward position, means coöperate between the brace and chair to retain the latter in a tilted position. In the illustration the brace 6 is adapted to bear against a stop, shown as a front round or rung 5, so that the downward pressure of the chair will be resisted by said stop against the brace.

When the chair is to be used in an ordinary manner of a rocking chair the brace 6 is swung between the legs beneath the seat and suspended by the hook and eye, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 4. When the chair is to be used in a stationary condition and tilted rearwardly the brace is released from the hook and eye and swung downwardly so that its lower edge will rest upon the floor or ground whereby the seat will be retained in a tilted position, stop or rung 5 bearing against the brace between the floor and the hinge points of the brace, whereby the chair will be retained firmly tilted, the foot-rest 12 at such time being in position

at the forward lower portion of the chair convenient to support the feet of the occupant.

My improvements are simple and cheap to manufacture, may be readily operated, and when not in use the brace is conveniently located beneath the chair so as not to be in the way and unobjectionable to the sight.

Changes may be made in the details of construction set forth, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A chair having rockers to rock upon the floor and having a round above the rockers extending between the front side legs, a brace pivotally supported beneath the seat above the rockers and of sufficient length to extend below the rockers adapted to swing between the side legs of the chair

and to extend in an upward direction against said round to retain the chair in a tilted position with the rockers upon the floor, and means upon the chair to cooperate with the brace to retain the latter above the rockers below the seat.

2. A chair having rockers to rock upon the floor and having a brace pivotally connected at its upper end to the chair above the rockers of sufficient length to extend below the rockers to engage the floor adapted to swing to an upward position adjacent to the front legs, the chair having a round extending between the front legs above the rockers adapted to bear on said brace to resist downward pressure of the chair when retained tilted by the brace to cause the rockers and brace to support the chair in such position.

Signed at New York in the county of New York and State of New York this 17th day of January, A. D. 1920.

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