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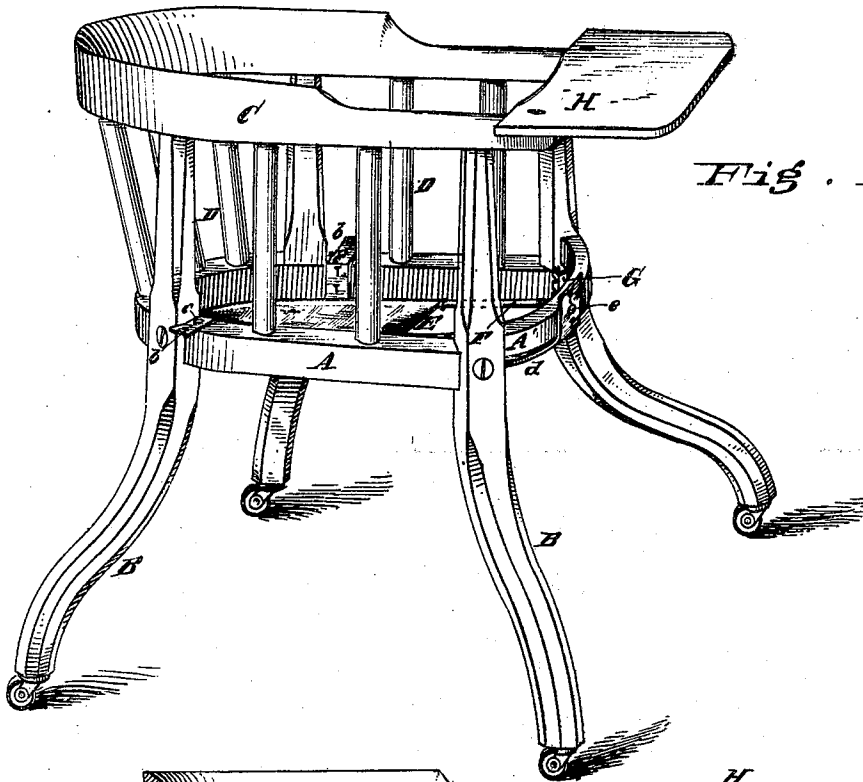


Fig. 1

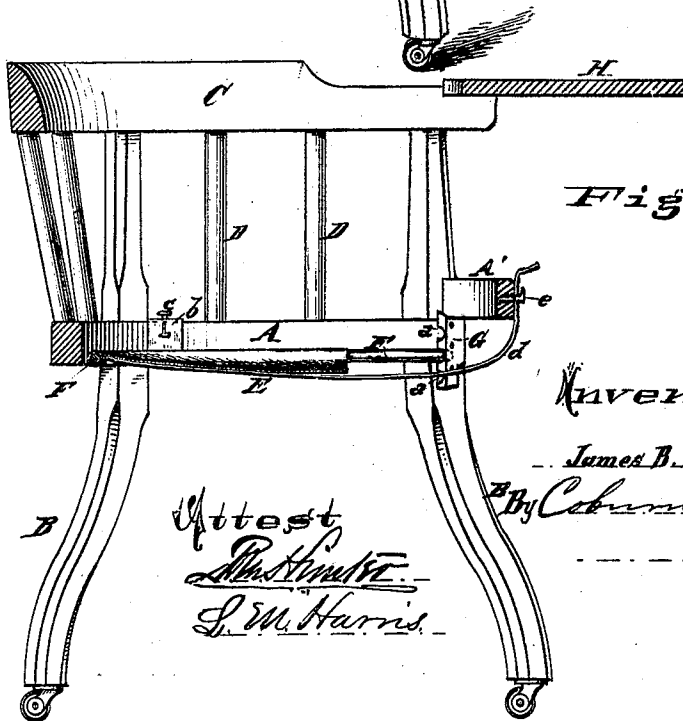


Fig. 2

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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED CHAIRS AND BABY-WALKERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES B. POAGE, of Oswego, in the county of Kendall and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Walking-Chairs for Children, which is fully described in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the chair, and Fig. 2 a sectional view of the same from front to rear.

My invention relates to chairs used in teaching young children to walk; and its object is to adapt the chair to children of different ages and sizes, and also arrange it so as to be used as an ordinary chair.

The invention consists in providing a chair with an adjustable seat, which may be also entirely removed, if desired, and also in attaching to the device generally used in teaching children to walk an ordinary chair-back, provided with a table in front, so that the walker may be also used as a child's chair.

In the drawings, A represents a circular rail, which is supported upon four legs, B. The opening in front of the rail A is closed by a circular bar, A', extending across from one leg to the other. Casters are attached to the lower ends of the legs, and, thus constructed, the article is like the piece of furniture frequently used to assist children in learning to walk. I extend the legs B above the rail A, and attach to their tops an ordinary top rail of a child's chair, C, and between it and the rail A are placed the usual rounds or posts D. Within the rail A a seat, E, is placed. This seat is constructed with a semi-circular metallic rod, F, as the supporting device, to which is attached a bottom of any suitable fabric. The seat-bottom does not extend to the front of the chair, but a narrow strip attached to it extends forward, and is attached to the middle of the front bar A'. Metallic plates G are attached to the front legs B, or to the ends of the rail A, in each of which is a series of holes, *a*. The forward ends of the supporting rod or wire F are inserted in these holes, and the rear portion of the seat is supported by the straps *b*, which are attached to buttons *c* on the rail A. The front strip *d* is also attached to a button, *e*,

on the bar A'. The straps *b* are provided with a series of holes, by means of which the seat may be adjusted higher or lower at pleasure, and the ends of the metallic support may be inserted in either pair of the holes *a*, to complete the adjustment of the seat. The strip *d* is also provided with a series of holes, so that it may be adjusted, if desired. Upon the front ends of the upper rails a table or support, H, is attached for the usual purpose of a supporting-table when the article of furniture is used as an ordinary chair.

In using the chair the child can either sit or stand, the space in front of the seat-bottom being large enough to permit the latter position. The strip *d* is passed between the lower limbs of the child, and acts as a partial support, so that the child, in a standing position, supporting itself by the rails, can walk about, pushing the chair along at the same time, and, when tired of this position, a comfortable seat is furnished, which it may occupy without leaving the inside of the rail.

By means of the devices for adjusting the seat described above it may be adapted to the height of the child both in sitting and standing, so that the supporting-strip *d* will be in the proper position when the child is standing, and the table H when it assumes a sitting position. It is evident, also, from the nature of the devices by which the seat is supported in the chair that it may be entirely detached from the latter and removed, if desired.

I do not confine myself to the special devices herein described for adjusting and supporting the seat, as it is evident that other well-known devices may be substituted for those here shown without essentially changing the operation of the mechanism as above set forth.

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

1. The detachable seat E, constructed, as described, of an independent supporting-rod, F, and suitable fabric stretched thereon, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the rail A, plates G, provided with a series of holes, and seat E, provided with adjusting-straps *b*, substantially as described.

3. The combination of the adjustable seat E and the adjustable supporting-strip *d*, substantially as described.

4. The combination of the rail A, seat E, and upper support C D, constructed and arranged substantially as described, so as to adapt the chair for use either as a walking or

sitting chair without removing any of its parts, substantially as set forth.

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