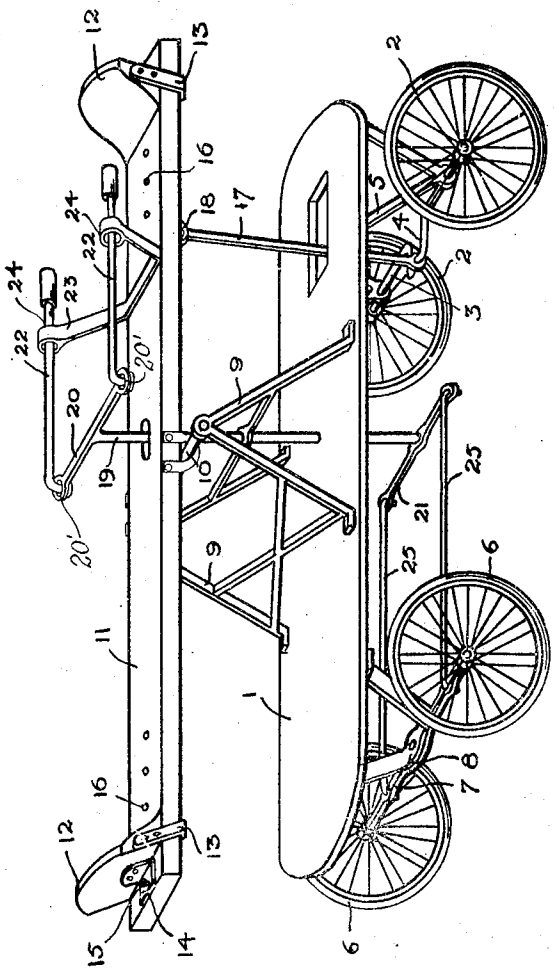
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My invention relates to improvements in children's toys, the objects of which are to provide a vehicle which is propelled by the operation of a seesaw board mounted thereon, a further object is to provide a toy which can be propelled by the efforts of two children, and controlled as to direction by one.

The invention consists essentially of a wheeled platform upon which is mounted a seesaw having operable connection with the wheels of the platform, and means for steering the platform.

The drawing is a general view of my invention.

The numeral 1 indicates a platform supported upon a pair of driving wheels 2 mounted upon an axle 3 cranked as at 4, which is journalled at opposite ends in brackets 5 secured to the underside of the platform, and also upon a pair of front wheels 6 mounted upon an axle 7, which is pivotally connected to a turntable bracket 8.

The numeral 9 indicates a pair of standards secured upon the platform in the apices of which a shaft 10 is journalled, to this shaft is secured a board 11 having adjacent each end a back rest 12. The back rests are provided with clips 13 at opposite sides, which are adapted to embrace the board 11 to prevent the back rest from being raised therefrom, and are also provided with an angle plate 14 having an aperture in its horizontal member for the purpose of receiving a pin 15 which is adapted for insertion into any of a plurality of apertures 16 in the board 11, so that the position of the back rests may be adjusted lengthwise of the board so that when children of different weights are using the toy, their weight may be disposed upon the board at suitable distances from the fulcrum to effect a balance.

The numeral 17 indicates a pitman which is connected at its upper end to a bearing 18 secured to the underside of the board 1, and at the other end to the crank 4 of the driving wheel shaft 3, so that, as the board is oscillated about its bearings rotary motion is imparted to the driving wheels 2.

Numeral 19 designates a suitably journaled steering column equipped with an upper transverse head 20 and a lower transverse head 21. The head 20 is formed with end apertures 20′ in which are loosely secured terminal portions of a pair of handle bars 22. These handle bars extend from the head 20 toward the seat 12 and are supported intermediate their length by a bracket 23 equipped with terminal eyes 24 loosely receiving the handle bars therethrough and made large enough to permit longitudinal and lateral movement of the handle bars therein. The ends of the lower transverse head 21 are connected to the front axle 7 by radius rods 25 so that by moving the handle bars longitudinally, in opposite directions corresponding turning movement is imparted to both the steering column 19 and the axle 7 whereby steering of the toy is effected.

Having thus described the several parts of my invention, I will now explain its operation.

The position of the back rests is first adjusted to suit the weight of the two children using the toy, the children then seat themselves adjacent opposite ends of the board and by alternately exerting foot pressure upon the platform 1 cause the board or seesaw to oscillate, thereby imparting rotary motion to the wheels and propulsion to the toy.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A toy of the character described comprising a platform equipped with axles carrying suitable supporting wheels, the front axle being pivoted to swing about an intermediate vertical pivot for steering the platform, a rigid steering shaft passing upwardly through the central portion of the platform, a cross bar fixed to the lower end of said steering shaft, links connected between the ends of said cross bar and the ends of the pivoted axle to swing the latter laterally in response to turning movement of the shaft, an elevated transverse shaft carried by the platform above the central portion thereof, a board having its intermediate portion pivotally secured upon said shaft and provided with a slot receiving the upper portion of the steering shaft therethrough, a cross bar fixed to the upper end of the steering shaft, handle members attached to the ends of said last named cross bar, bracket members carried by said board and serving to slidably support said handle members, and a drive mechanism between the board and the rear axle functioning to rotate said axle in response to rocking movement of the board.

2. A toy of the character described comprising a platform mounted on front and rear axles carrying suitable supporting

wheels, a transverse shaft carried by the platform above the intermediate portion thereof, a board having its intermediate portion pivotally supported on said shaft and back rests positioned on the board at opposite sides of said shaft and adjustable longitudinally of the board to enable the position of either or both operators to be varied to compensate for differences in the respective weights of the operators, the relative length and arrangement of the platform and board being such that both operators are afforded convenient footing on the platform irrespective of their position on the board as determined by adjustment of the back rest, means for steering the front supporting wheels and means for driving the rear supporting wheels in response to rocking movement of said board.

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