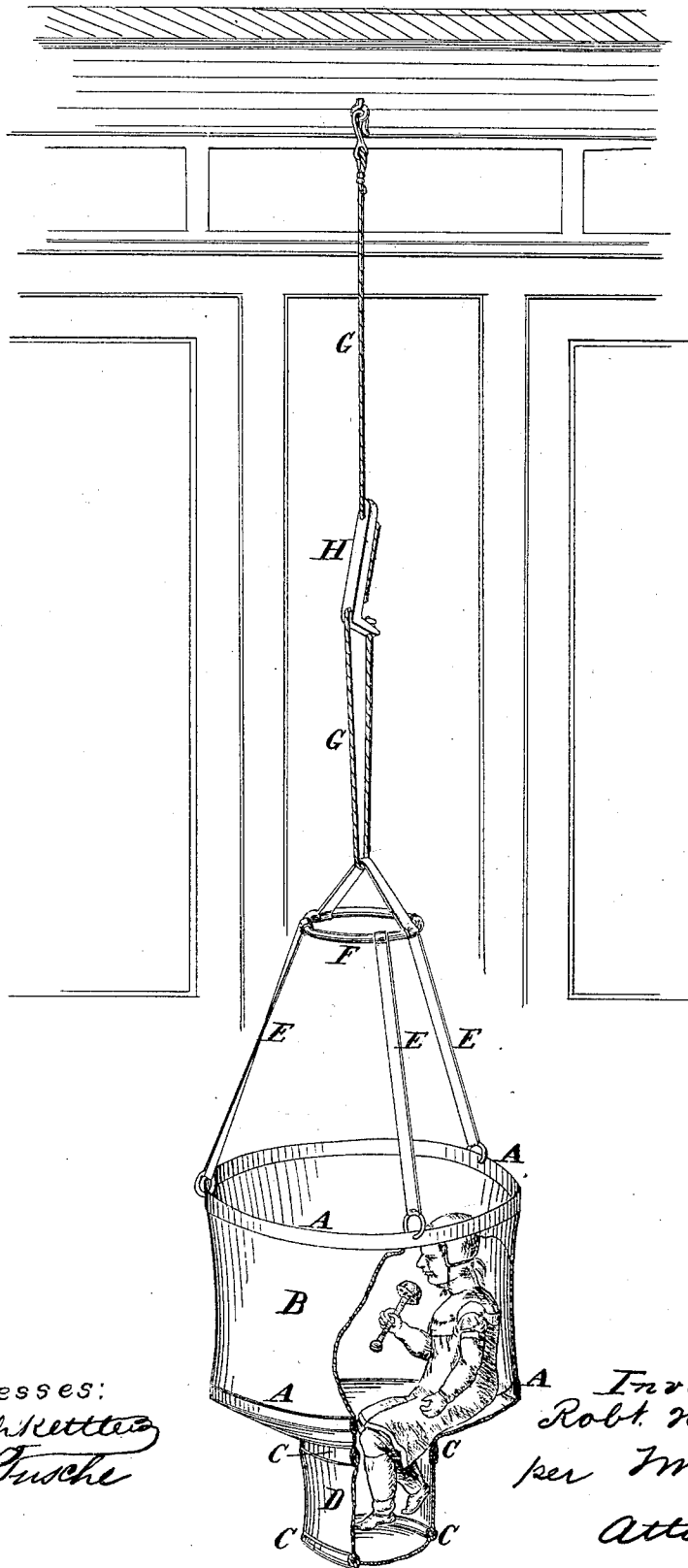


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IMPROVED BABY-HOLDER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, ROBERT HALE, of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and improved Baby-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The figure is a perspective view of my improved baby-holder, part being broken away to show the construction.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish a simple, cheap, and convenient device for holding a baby when left alone in a room, or at other times, or when travelling, so that the child may be protected from danger when left alone, and so that the mother may be relieved from the labor of constantly holding the child when present with it, or when travelling; and it consists of the improved baby-holder constructed and arranged as hereinafter more fully described.

The body of the baby-holder consists of two rings or hoops A, of suitable size, weight, and strength, which are covered and connected to each other by a covering, B, made of cloth or other suitable material; said covering also extending inward from the lower hoop to form the bottom of the said body. The body should be formed of sufficient size to conveniently contain the child and prevent it from getting out. In the centre of the bottom of the body of the holder is formed an opening, from which is suspended a compartment of sufficient size to contain the child's feet and legs, and which is formed by covering and connecting two smaller rings or hoops C with a cloth or equivalent covering, D. If desired, the opening in the bottom of the larger compartment may be formed close to one side, instead of in the centre of said bottom, so as to bring the weight of the child, when sitting therein, more nearly in the centre of said holder. To the upper hoop or ring A of the larger compartment are attached the lower ends of three or more straps or cords E, at equal distances apart. The upper ends of the cords or straps E are attached to a ring, F, to which, or to a loop attached thereto, is attached an adjustable cord or strap, G, one end of which is attached to a buckle or slide, H, through two or more holes in which the other end of said cord is passed, so that the said holder may be raised or lowered to hang at any desired height. The holder may be suspended by attaching the cord G to an eye-bolt or hook driven or screwed into the ceiling of the room, or the roof of a car.

The holder may be used with great advantage, while travelling, by being suspended in such a way that the child may be in but not resting upon the mother's lap, so that the proximity of the mother may keep the child quiet, while, at the same time, the mother is relieved from the labor of holding the child. So, also, at home, the child may be placed in the holder, and can amuse itself with its playthings, both when the mother is present and when left alone, without danger of injuring itself in any way.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

An improved suspended baby-holder, formed by the combination of the two larger hoops or rings A, the two smaller hoops or rings C, the cloth or equivalent coverings B and D, the three or more supporting-straps or cords E, and the slide or buckle H, with each other, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 2d day of December, 1867.

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