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PORTABLE BABY CARRIER.

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Fig. 1.

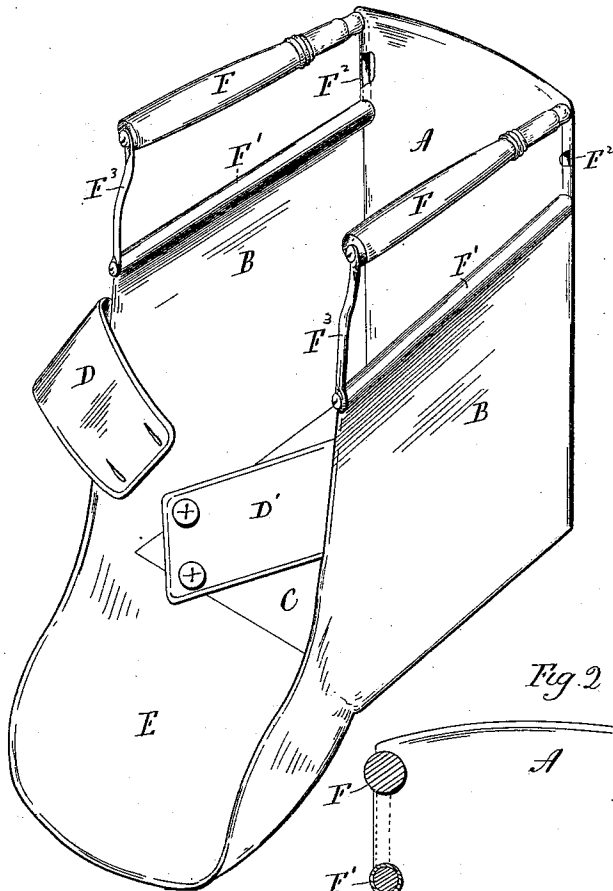
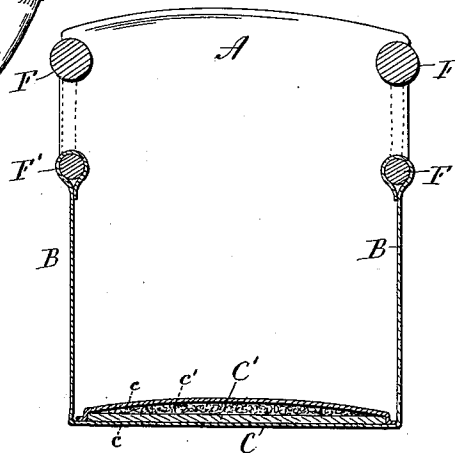


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT W. WEBSTER, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Portable Baby-Carriers; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of one form which a portable baby-carrier constructed in accordance with my invention may assume; Fig. 2, a view thereof in vertical transverse section.

My invention relates to an improvement in portable baby carriers or packages for infants, the object being to produce a simple, compact, and durable article adapted to be folded into small compass when not in use, permitting the weight of the child to be distributed between two persons—as, for instance, both of its parents—and affording a comfortable and agreeable mode of carriage for the child.

With these ends in view my invention consists in a baby-carrier having a chair-like body, comprising a flexible back and sides and a seat adapted to be closed in front, and provided at the upper ends of its sides with handles.

My invention further consists in certain details of construction, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

As herein shown, the chair-like body of my improved baby-carrier comprises a flexible back A, flexible sides B B, a reinforced seat C, straps or tabs D and D', a flap E, handles F F', handle-bars F' F', and handle-links F² F² and F³ F³ connecting the handles and handle-bars. By preference the back A, sides B B, and the straps or tabs D D' are formed of some heavy fabric, such as coarse linen or canvas, but they may be formed of any flexible material having the required strength. They may be made in one piece or in several pieces secured together.

The flap E, by preference, will form an extension of the sides B B, but if preferred it may be formed independently thereof, and,

furthermore, if desired, it may be dispensed with altogether.

As herein shown, the seat C is reinforced by a sheet C' of some stiffening material, such as wood or paper, but that is not strictly necessary. When, however, it is reinforced, the seat will generally comprise two layers c of fabric, and preferably there will be a little stuffing c' between the upper layer of fabric and the reinforce.

The handles located at the upper ends of the sides of the chair-like body may assume a variety of forms, but the form herein shown has been found to be very convenient. In the said form shown the upper edges of the sides B B are folded over the handle-bars F' F' and stitched down, while the handle-links F² and F³ are applied to the opposite ends of the bars and to the opposite ends of the handles. By preference, also, the back A of the body is carried upward and attached to the handle-links F², giving additional height to the back, and hence increasing the comfort of the device for the child.

In the use of the device the child is placed in the chair-like body and securely buttoned in by means of the two tabs in front. Then the child is carried by two persons, who take hold of the two handles on opposite sides of the carrier, which swings with pleasing movement between the persons. The child is not only thus carried with safety but with comfort and pleasure to itself. This device has been found much more convenient in use than a baby-carriage, because it can be used in many places where a baby-carriage will not go, and it has been found advantageous in hill climbing. Its portability, too, is an advantage, for when it is not in use it may, on account of its frameless character, be folded into small compass and carried in a bag or in a trunk. I may add that it is especially convenient in traveling, because it may be readily taken into and out of a railway-carriage, and because it avoids the portage of an ordinary baby-carriage.

It is apparent that in details of construction my improved carrier may be widely varied without departing from my invention, and I would, therefore, have it understood that I do not limit myself to the exact con-

struction herein shown, but hold myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

- 5 I am aware, however, that seats made partly of flexible material and adapted to be attached to bicycles for the carriage of infants are old.

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

1. A frameless, portable baby-carrier, comprising a flexible back, two flexible sides, and a seat with which the said sides and back
15 have flexible connection, provided at the upper ends of its sides with handles, furnished at the forward ends of its sides with means for securing the child in place, and having at the forward edge of its seat a depending flap,

substantially as set forth, and whereby the carrier may be folded into compact form when not in use, on account of its frameless character.

2. A frameless, portable baby-carrier consisting of a chair-like body having a flexible back, flexible sides and a seat, handle bars secured to the upper ends of the said sides, handle links secured to the ends of the said bars, and handles secured to the upper ends of the said links, substantially as described.

30 In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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