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Fig: 1.

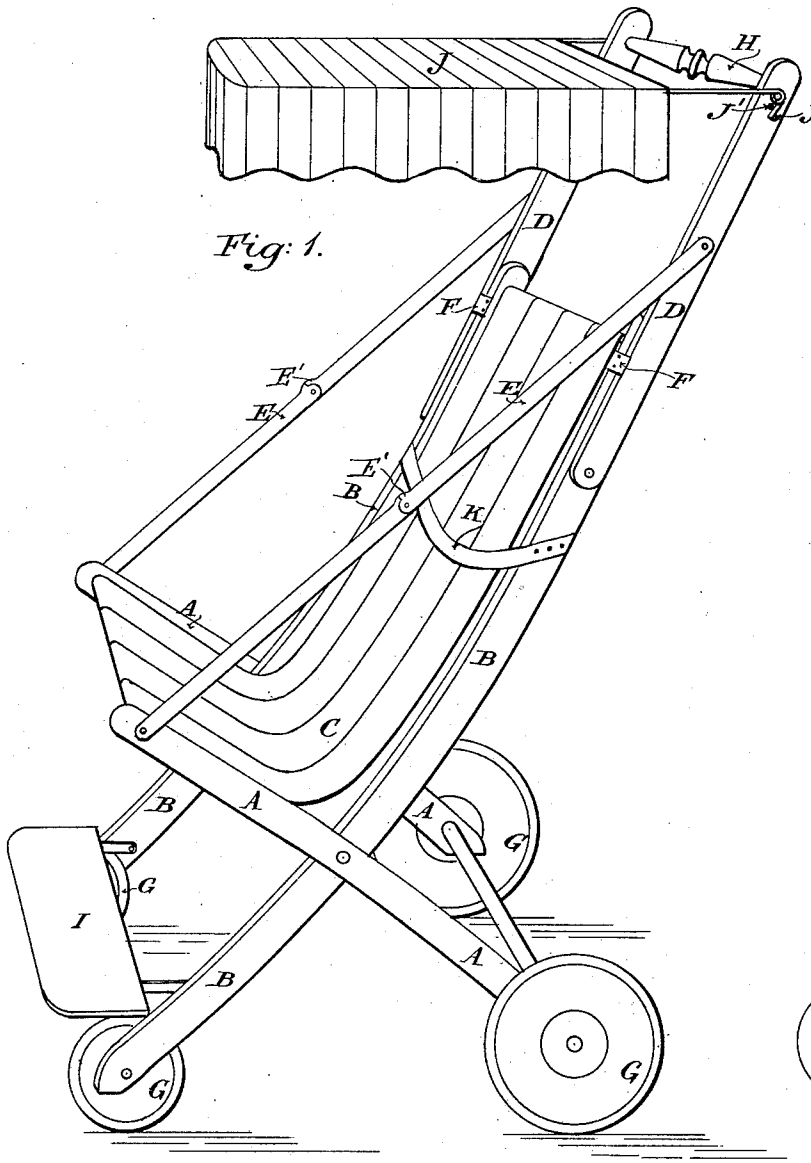
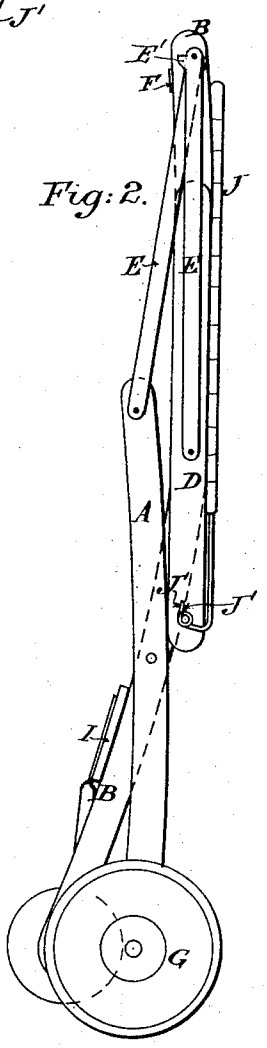


Fig: 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN PIERCE, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at 129 Railton Road, Herne Hill, in the county of Surrey, England, carpenter and joiner, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

The improved chair is shown in the drawings hereto annexed.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the chair when open, and Fig. 2 a side view of the chair when closed.

The chair is, as heretofore, formed of two frames, A B, jointed to one another midway of their length. The side bars of one frame, A, form the back legs and side bars of the seat, while the side bars of the other frame, B, form the front legs and the side bars of the back.

C is a loose piece of fabric secured at one end to a cross-bar at the top of the frame A, and at the other end to a cross-bar at the top of the frame B, so that it forms both the seat and back, as in other folding chairs heretofore constructed.

To the upper part of the bars B are jointed other bars, D, which, when the chair is open, form prolongations which may be made to carry a hood. They are connected by jointed stays E, which pass from a point intermediate of their length to the front ends of the bars A, which form the side bars of the seat. The joints E′ at the center of the stays are knuckle-joints, which have to be moved upward before the chair can be closed.

F are stops carried by the upper ends of the bars B to prevent the bars D from turning forward beyond the position in which they are shown in the perspective view, Fig. 1. They are prevented from turning backward by the stays E, and the weight of the person sitting in the chair keeps the joints E′ of the stays from moving upward.

The lower ends of the legs of the chair are, as shown, provided with wheels G, so that it may be wheeled about and used as a perambulator for children.

The upper ends of the bars D are connected by a cross-bar, H, which serves as a handle by which the chair may be pushed along.

I is a foot-board jointed to the front legs. J is a hood jointed to the upper ends of the arms D. It can be turned back so as to hang out of the way if not required to be used, or can readily be removed altogether.

A strap, K, may be provided for strapping a child into the chair when the chair is being used as a perambulator.

To close the chair the joints E′ of the stays E are raised. The bars D can then turn downbackward, and the frames A B are free to close together and can be brought into the position shown in Fig. 2. The hood also is set free to turn down into the position shown in this figure by springing its wire arms outward to free them from the stop-pins J′ which previously held it in a horizontal position.

Having now described my invention and the manner of performing the same, I declare that what I claim is—

1. The combination of the frame-bars A, the frame-bars B, jointed intermediate their ends to the bars A midway their length, the backwardly-folding bars D, jointed to the upper parts of the frame-bars B, the stops F, secured to these frame-bars for limiting forward movement of the bars D, and the knuckle-jointed stays E, extending from the bars D to the upper ends of the frame-bars A, and serving when the chair is open to hold the bars D in contact with their stops, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the jointed folding frame-bars A B, the backwardly-folding bars D, jointed to the upper parts of the frame-bars B, the stops F, secured to these frame-bars for limiting forward movement of the bars D, the knuckle-jointed stays E, extending from the bars D to the upper ends of the frame-bars A, the wheels G, the folding hood jointed to the arms D, and the jointed foot-board, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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