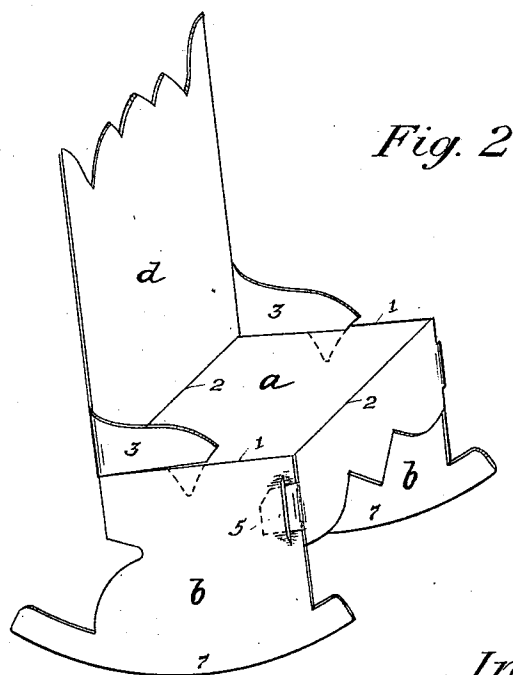
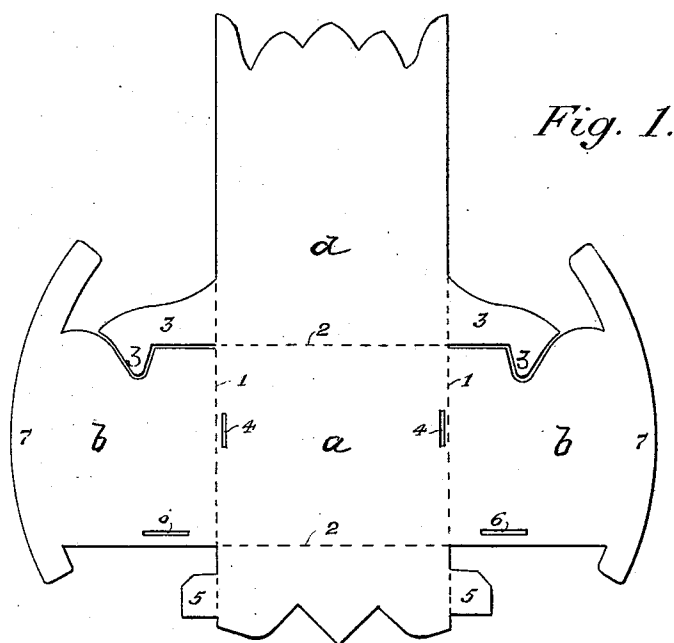


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES EDWARD WILTON, of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Toy Furniture, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in the class of toy furniture—such as chairs, bedsteads, &c.—which is constructed of blanks cut from flat sheets of thin cardboard or sheet metal, and adapted to be folded into the required form or shape.

In carrying out my invention I provide certain portions of the furniture-blank with slots and tenons, which are adapted to engage or lock, so as to hold the different parts of the article in due position.

In the accompanying drawings I illustrate my invention as applied in the construction of a rocking-chair.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the cardboard blank from which such chair is formed, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the rocking-chair formed from the blank.

The seat, sides, front, and back of the chair are indicated, respectively, by the letters *a b c d*. The sides *b*, provided with rockers 7, as shown, fold on the seat along the dotted lines 1 1, (shown in Fig. 1,) while the front *c* and back *d* fold on the dotted lines 2 2. The seat *a* has slots or slits 4 parallel and adjacent to the lines 1 1, and the sides *b* have similar slots 6 parallel and adjacent to their front edges. The back *d* has lateral projections or arms 3, provided with points or tenons that are adapted to enter the slots 4, as shown in Fig. 2, and the front *c* has

also lateral projections or arms 5, which enter the slots 6 when the arms 5 are folded upon the sides *b*, as also shown in Fig. 2. Thus the back *d*, front *c*, and sides *b* are folded and locked at right angles to the seat *a* by the arms 3 and 5 engaging slots 4 and 6, respectively, as shown. It is apparent that the parts 3 3 constitute the arms proper of the chair when folded and locked, as shown in Fig. 2.

What I claim is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, the toy-furniture blank herein described, the same being composed of a thin, semirigid, but foldable material, and including a central portion, a back portion adapted to stand vertical, side portions adapted to fold downward and serve as supports, and folding arms attached to the back and having tenons or points adapted to enter the slots in the central portion, as shown and described.

2. The improved cardboard blank for a toy chair, composed of the seat portion *a*, and slots 4, the back *d*, having folding arms with tenons adapted to enter said slots, the sides *b*, having slots 6, and the front *c*, having folding arms or tenons 5, adapted to enter the slots 6, whereby, when the back, sides, and front are folded at right angles to the seat, on lines 1 and 2, the arms 3 and 5 lock the parts in folded position, as shown and described.

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