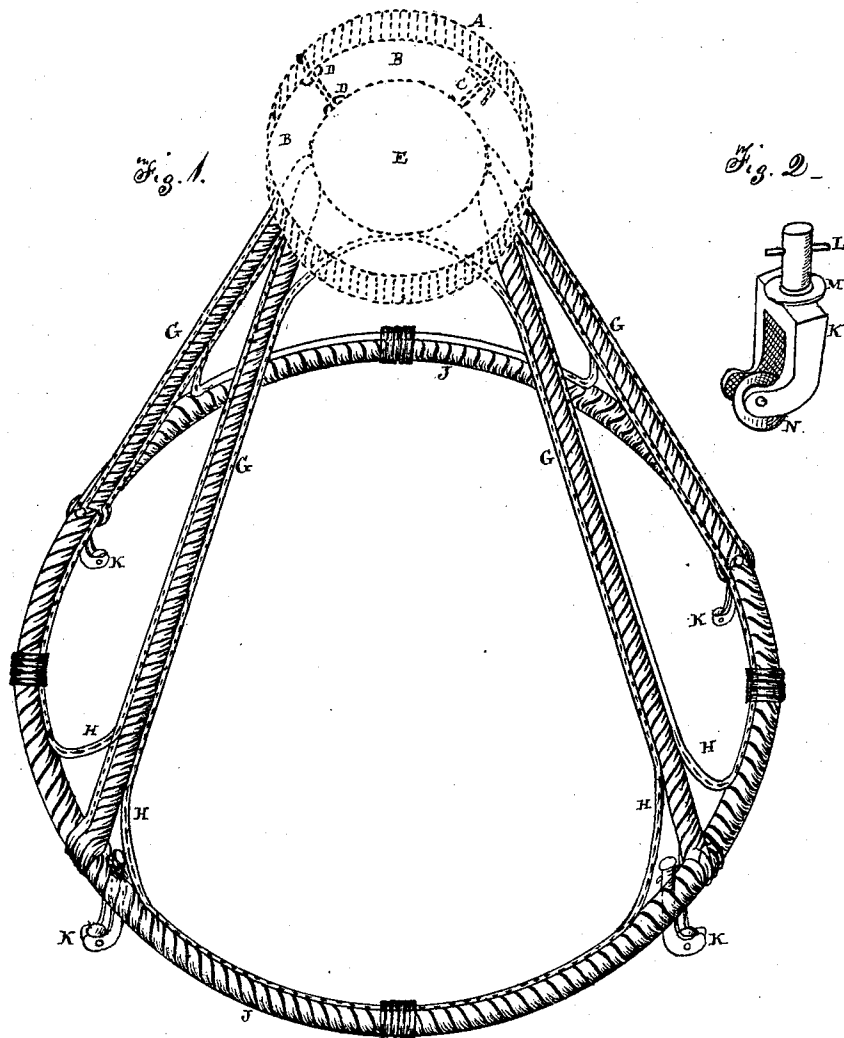


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB E. KAUFFMAN, of Osborn, Greene county, State of Ohio, have invented a "Wicker or Willow Baby-Walker;" and I do hereby declare the following to be an exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon making a part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents the frame; Fig. 2, the caster.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of the circular willow walking-frame and casters. The object of my invention is to enable the child to walk freely and uninterruptedly over the carpet or obstacles found in a room, as the casters, operating as pivots or swivels, turn always in the direction the child moves, and pass freely over any obstructions. The whole of the frame, being made of willow, has its advantages—superior to the wooden ones—easily managed by the child, and so light that, in case it might be upset, it does not hurt the child; not liable to be broken, as wooden ones, and more easily transported; no nails or screws to work loose; and much cheaper than wooden frames. The top and bottom are circular, made of plaited willow, with an

opening into the center, (to admit the child,) fastened by a clasp. The top is made in such a manner as to afford a place for toys.

A represents the rim at top, made of plaited willow, with a circular table, B, for toys, the one side at C opening as a door, with hinges D D, to admit the child so as to stand erect in the center opening E. G G G G are the four upright willow supports that hold the top and bottom firmly together, the bottom being a willow ring or rim, J, braced by the willow braces H H H H. In this lower ring J four independent casters, K, are inserted, with keys L at top, and loose washers M upon the shoulders of the caster, for the ring J to rest upon and allow the caster to turn freely in any direction. N represents the roller in the caster, instead of a wheel, to allow the caster to move freely over any obstructions.

I claim—

The combination of the "wicker baby-walker," with its opening A at top and ball-casters B below, constructed and combined as herein described, and for the purposes set forth.

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