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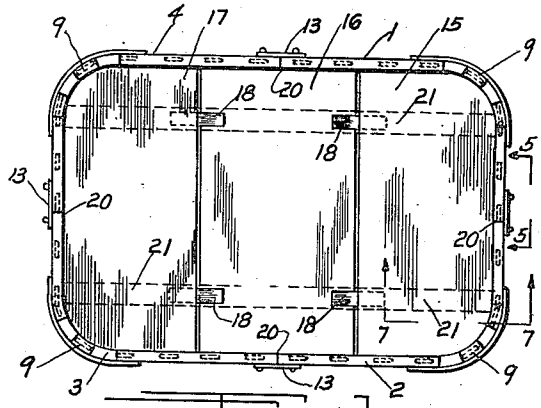


FIG. 1.

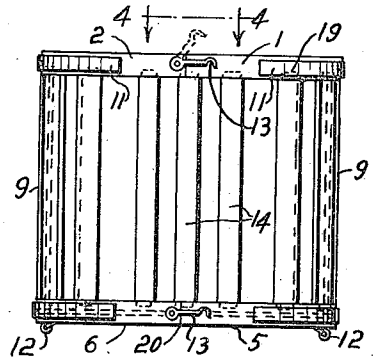


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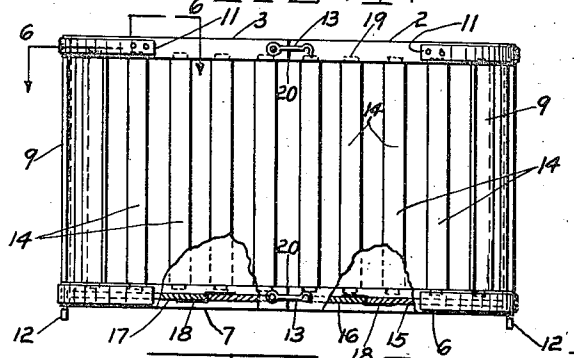


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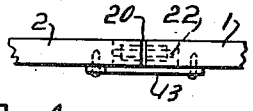


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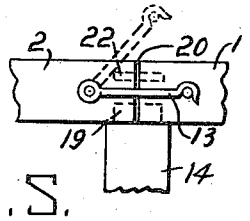


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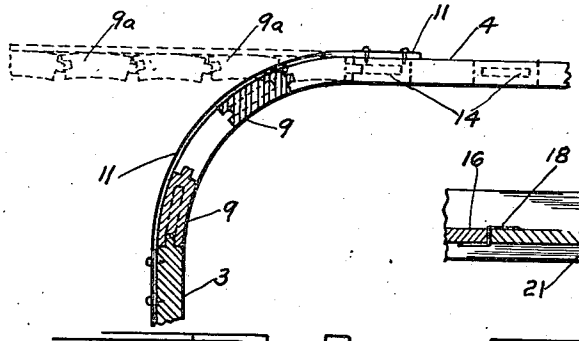


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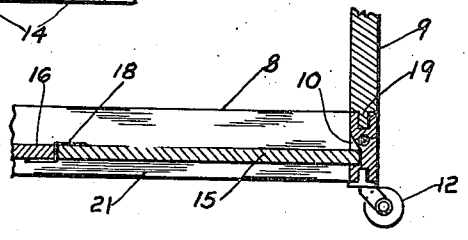


FIG. 7.

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This invention relates to a piece of furniture generally known as baby play pen, and has for its main objects to provide such a pen that will be attractive, durable and highly satisfactory for the purpose intended. The regular type of baby play pen now in general use has square corners that are objectionable because sometimes a small child is injured by falling into or upon a square corner. The present invention is provided with a novel type of round corners, and is foldable so that it will be in better shape for moving around the home or for traveling.

Other advantages and objects will appear from the description.

By referring to the drawing, part of this application, it will be observed that Fig. 1 is a plan view of the assembled pen; Fig. 2 is an end elevational view; Fig. 3 is a side elevational view; Fig. 4 is a detail view of a top joint on line 4—4 of Fig. 2; Fig. 5 is a detail view of a joint on line 5—5 of Fig. 1; Fig. 6 is an enlarged view of top rail round corner showing set for use, and open or straight for folding or packing, on 6—6 of Fig. 3; Fig. 7 is a detail view of bottom rail at corner on line 7—7 of Fig. 1.

Similar reference numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Again referring to the drawing in detail it will be seen that the top rail is made in four sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the bottom rail is also made in four sections 5, 6, 7 and 8. The top and bottom rails are joined to vertical posts 9 positioned in the four corners by tongue and slot means, and also vertical panels 14 with tongue ends 19 adapted to fit into grooves in the top and bottom rails. The top and bottom rail corners are provided with tongue and groove curved pieces attached to a flexible member 11 that may be leather or any other flexible material suitable for the purpose. The straight portions have dowel joints 22 with hooks 13 adapted to hold the joint shoulders 20 together. The floor is made in sections or boards 15, 16, 17

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and joined and held by hinges 18 and supported on cross pieces with cleats 21 or any other suitable support; also the pen may be set up without any floor when it is used on a lawn with short soft grass often the case. The corners are provided with bevel slots 10 to accommodate the floor boards. A regular type foot roller 12 is attached to each corner. The non-use shape of the round corner member is shown by the dotted lines 9a.

The pen may be made of any material best suited for the purpose but I prefer to use wood with the necessary metal attachments or fasteners. Also the pen may be made oblong or square or entirely round.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, I do not wish to limit same to the exact and precise details of structure, but reserve the right to make all modifications and changes so long as I remain within the spirit and scope of the following claim.

Having described my invention I claim:

A baby play pen comprising a top rail in a plurality of sections with posts and panel slots therein, a bottom rail in a plurality of sections with posts and panel slots therein, each corner portion of said sections being substantially shaped as a quarter circle and made up of segments held together by a piece of flexible material attached to their outer faces; posts with tongue ends adapted to fit into said rail slots, panels with tongue ends adapted to fit into slots in said rail-sections, said posts and panels serving as means to hold said top and bottom rail-sections in parallel position together; dowel joints and hooks adapted to hold the abutting ends of said rail-sections together; a floor having a plurality of boards hinged together, said floor supported by cross members positioned within the bottom assembled rail.

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