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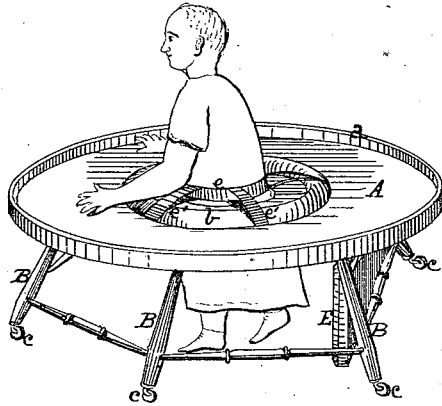


Fig. 1.

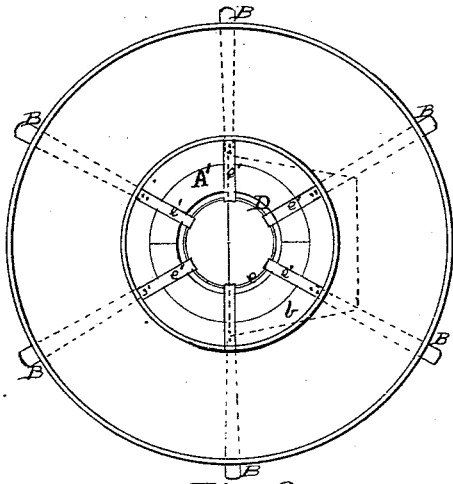


Fig. 2.

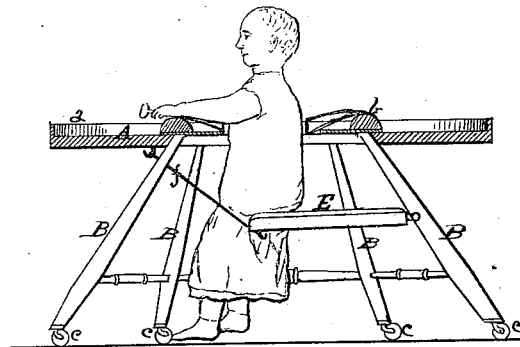


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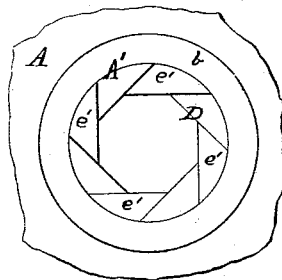


Fig. 4.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BABY-WALKERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRVING D. CLARK, of Gloversville, Fulton county, State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Walking-Table; and I do hereby declare that the following is a description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation of the same. Fig. 4 is a plan view of a form of modification of the elastic band employed.

My invention relates to a device denominated child's walking-table, intended to be used by children learning to walk; and consists in the several parts and their combinations hereinafter described, and so arranged that a child learning to walk may be supported and aided in walking in a room and be permitted to engage in play with its toys preserved within reach, and, when tired, to rest by sitting on a proper seat, while the device is so constructed as to be readily moved in any direction from place to place without liability of upsetting.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it in reference to the drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, the same letters indicating like parts.

In the drawings, A represents a circular platform, made with a central opening, A', supported by the several legs B. The outer edge of the said platform is provided with a projecting guard-rim, a, which is intended to prevent any toys placed on the platform from falling off. The inner edge surrounding the central opening is also guarded by the projecting guard b, as shown. The said inner guard is made convex in its surface, to prevent the child being injured in the least by reason of any sharp corners or angles. The number of legs B employed in this invention are five or more, so that the feet in no case may form a square, as in the case where four legs are used, and the table may be prevented from being set against an obstacle by reason of the contact of the legs with the same. Each of the said legs is provided with a castor-wheel, c, on which the said table may be

moved over the floor. To prevent the table from upsetting, the feet of the legs are extended in their lower ends out to a vertical range with the outer edge of the table, or past the same, while the upper ends are drawn in to near the inner edge surrounding the central opening. The central opening is provided with a flexible waist-holder, D, consisting of any yielding substance so arranged within the said opening as to intervene between the person of the child and the wood of the platform. The said waist-holder is made with a strap, e, supported by loops or braces e' from the platform A, in which the child is to be placed when it is desired that it should operate with this device. If desired, the said waist-holder may be made of several strips of webbing or equivalent pieces, e'', arranged as in Fig. 4, which would operate substantially the same for effecting the same purpose. A seat, E, is also provided for the support of the child when tired. The said seat is swung from some one or more of the legs B, and is capable of being turned down, as in Fig. 1, or in a horizontal position, as in Fig. 3, and secured by a strap, f. When the child is to move about the floor the said seat will be dropped down, while when it is to be used as a chair it is to be secured up, as shown.

The advantages to be had by reason of the improvements in this invention over the various walking devices heretofore employed are these: The platform is made to serve as a table for the support of playthings or toys, and at the same time prevents, by its extension, the child being hurt. The feet extending out to a vertical range with the outer edge of the platform gives to the device an extensive base for support from the floor without liability of upsetting. The increased number of feet prevents the device from becoming set by the engagement of two feet with an obstacle, in which a wide spread of the same in other walking devices is prevented, and the child is rendered capable of moving the device in several directions. The waist-holder operates to prevent the child from approaching the edge of the central opening, and also holds it centrally in the device. The seat enables the child to sit when tired, with its toys on the platform within easy reach, and also permits

it to turn in any direction within the central opening when the seat is down.

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

The walking-table consisting of the platform A, supported on five or more legs, B, having casters *c*, and provided with the central opening A' and the inner and outer guards or

rims *a* and *b*, in combination with the flexible waist-holder D and the swinging seat E, constructed and arranged to operate substantially as shown and described.

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