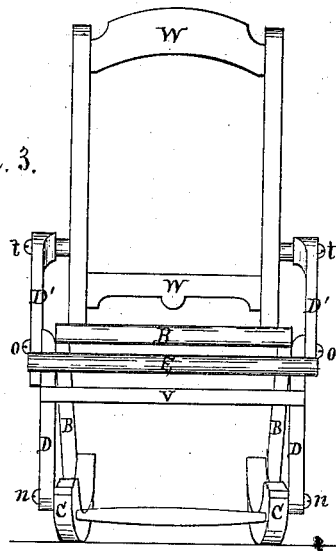
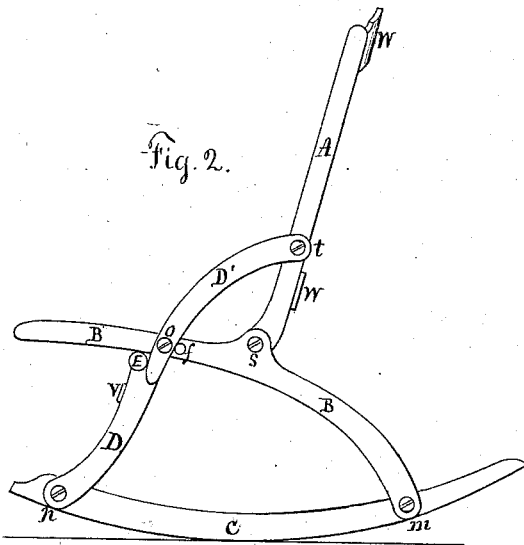
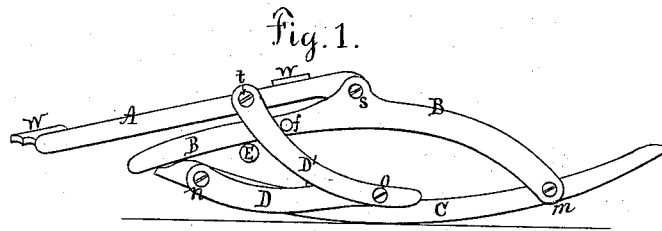


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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING ROCKING-CHAIRS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER W. STEWART, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in the Construction of Folding Rocking-Chairs, whereby they can be easily folded or doubled into a small compact article for transportation without taking them apart in any manner; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the method of making and using the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 shows the chair folded or doubled together. Fig. 2 shows a side view, open ready for use; Fig. 3, a front view, open.

The same letters refer to the same parts in all the drawings.

The purpose of this invention is to make a cheap folding rocking-chair, which can be quickly folded together, so as to admit of its being closely packed for transportation, and which, when opened, is ready for use.

To enable those acquainted with the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the construction and use thereof.

The rockers C are framed together at front and rear by bars or rungs. The pieces B form the seat and back legs, and are connected to the rockers C by pivots, on which they move easily, at M. The standards A and rails W are formed together, making the back frame, which is pivoted at S to back legs B, and to the braces D' at t. The front legs D are connected together by bar V, and pivoted to rockers C at n, and are provided with a notch or stop to receive bar E, and support it in the desired position. The braces D' are pivoted to front legs D at O, and to back frame at t, and, with the front legs D, connect

the rockers C to the back frame, which they support in the position required when the chair is in use, and fold together, as shown in Fig. 1, when it is folded. The bar E, attached to seat B in such manner as shall allow it to pass over the front of braces D', and guide it when the chair is folding, and fitting into the rest or notch in legs D, will support the seat in position when open for use. The pins f, projecting from sides of B, keep the legs D and braces D' in position when the chair is open for use, and guide the braces D' into position when the chair is unfolding.

To fold my chair for packing, I have only to press the back forward onto the seat, when it will drop into position shown at Fig. 1, and to open or unfold it again when wanted for use, I have only to lift the top of back, and the pieces will come into position, as shown in Fig. 2. I have omitted the upholstering as unnecessary.

Having described my invention, I will set forth my claims.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. The front legs D and braces D', in combination with the rockers, seat, and back of a rocking-chair, when said legs D are pivoted to the rockers C and to braces D', and the braces D' are connected to the back, substantially as described.

2. The bar E and pins f, when said bar and pins are arranged to guide the movements of pieces D and D', and to hold them in position, substantially as described.

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