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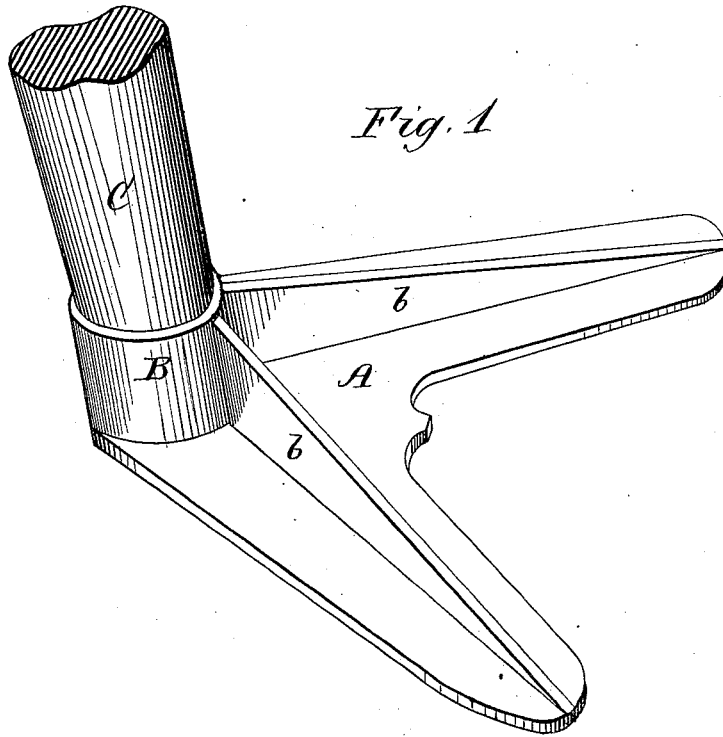


Fig. 1

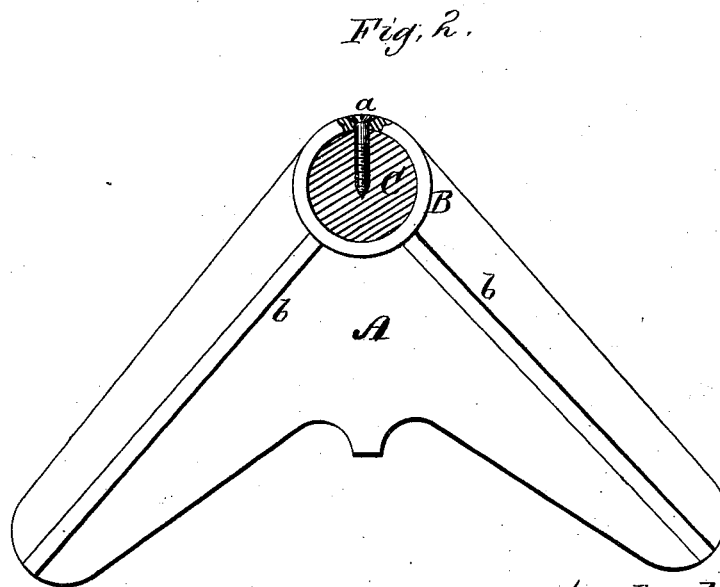


Fig. 2.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN SAFEGUARDS FOR CHAIRS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SHUBAEL K. LUCE, of Attleborough, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Safeguards for Chairs; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a representation of a perspective view of my invention, and Fig. 2 a plan view of the same.

The object of this invention is to provide a means whereby chairs may be prevented from tipping over, and thereby throwing out their occupants; and the invention is more especially designed for chairs commonly known as "children's dining-chairs," to prevent the same from tipping over in case of the child bracing its feet against the table or anything near which the chair may be placed, thus saving the child from death or accident, it being a well-known fact that children have been killed or seriously injured by their being thrown to the floor by the tipping over of the chair when left alone at table.

The invention therefore consists in securing to the legs of chairs a broad base or foot by means of a socket formed thereon, and into which the leg is inserted, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawing, A represents a base or foot, having a flat under surface, and formed of any suitable material, cast-iron being deemed preferable. The base A is formed with a socket, B, into which the leg C of a

chair may be placed and held by a screw, *a*, or other suitable means, said socket being made at an angle to correspond with the angle of the chair-leg, and strengthened by means of webs *b*, thus giving to the chair-leg a firm and broad base or foot, and thereby making it nearly impossible to incline the chair far enough in any direction to cause it to tip over or upset.

Though having described the invention as being more especially designed for infants' and children's chairs, yet the device is equally applicable to chairs for hotels, halls, and other public places, to prevent the occupants from tipping back, and thereby marring or defacing the walls.

I am aware that a guard having a socket midway its length, and a pin or projection on the under side of the outer end of the guard to prevent the chair from turning over when rocked or tilted is old. I therefore do not wish to be understood as claiming such a device; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The base or foot A, formed with a broad, flat under surface, and a socket, B, for attaching it to the rear legs of a chair, so that said chair may assume its usual vertical position, and at the same time prevent it from accidentally tipping over, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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