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Baby-Walker.

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Fig. 1.

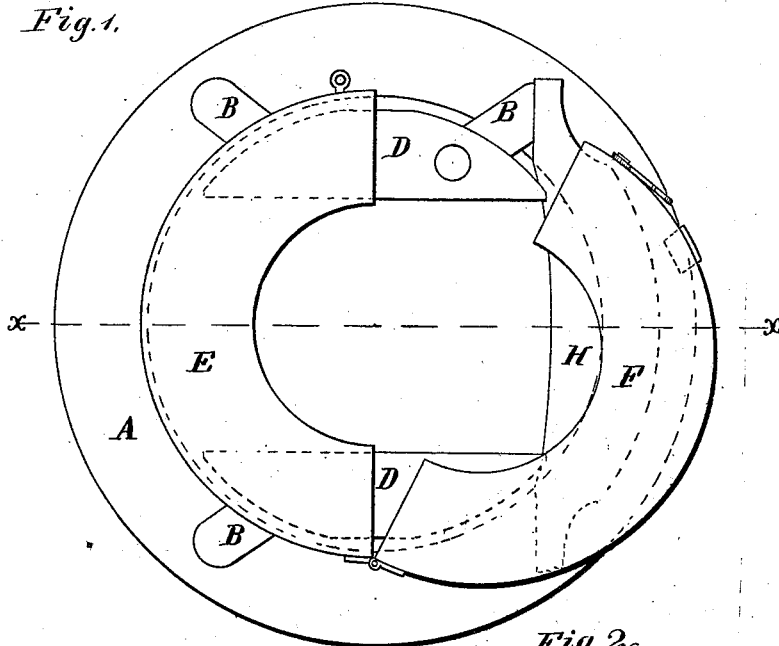
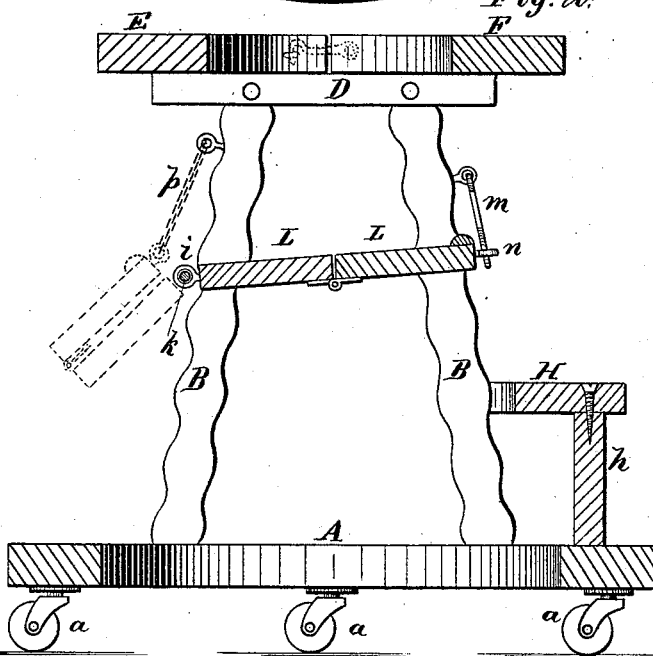


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BABY-WALKERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS WANT, of Golden, in the county of Jefferson and State of Colorado, have invented a new and Improved Baby-Walker, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists in a novel construction of the frame-work of a baby-walker, whereby facility is afforded for readily placing a child in position in the apparatus and removing it therefrom.

The accompanying drawing represents in Figure 1 a top view, and Fig. 2 a central vertical section, of an article embodying my improvements.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The frame-work consists of a lower ring, four posts, two upper braces, and an upper ring. The lower ring, A, is large enough to form a firm foundation for the frame and allow ample space for the motions of the child's feet, and is provided with caster-wheels *a*. From the ring A four posts, B, extend upward, inclining slightly toward each other. The lower ends of the posts rest in the ring A, and their upper ends are firmly secured to two bars or braces, D D, which may be of segmental form. On the top of the braces D D rests the upper ring, which is made in two parts, E F. The part E is rigidly attached to the braces D D transversely of their length, and the part F is hinged to the part E, so that it may swing open, and is provided with a hook for securing it when closed. By this means the child may be placed in and removed from the frame with more facility than in baby-walkers as heretofore constructed.

The hinged part F may swing outward to afford passage for the child, and when closed and fastened by the hook it serves as a bar and prevents the child from falling outward,

and, with the rigid part E, forms a continuous ring and supports the child while standing and walking.

To the lower ring, A, and two of the posts B is attached a foot-rest, consisting of a board, H, attached horizontally to the posts and supported by a pedestal, *h*, resting on the ring. To the two opposite posts a seat is attached by means of a rod, *k*, passing through eyes *i* on the posts and similar eyes on the seat, so that it may swing on said rod. The seat is composed of two boards, L L, connected together by hinges on their lower sides. When in use, the seat is placed in a nearly horizontal position in the space between the four posts and the upper and lower rings, and is held by means of hook *m* and eye *n*, as shown in Fig. 2 in full lines. When not in use it is folded together and allowed to hang outside of the frame, as shown in dotted lines, being held in position by a chain, *p*. When the seat is used, the child is placed therein in a sitting position, with the feet resting on the foot-rest, and with the hinged part of the upper ring securely fastened to prevent the child from falling. The article may then be used as a chair and carriage.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with the lower ring, A, posts B, and braces D, of the upper ring, consisting of the part E, rigidly secured, and the part F, hinged thereto, so as to swing open, and provided with means for fastening it when closed, substantially as and for the purpose shown and described.

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