

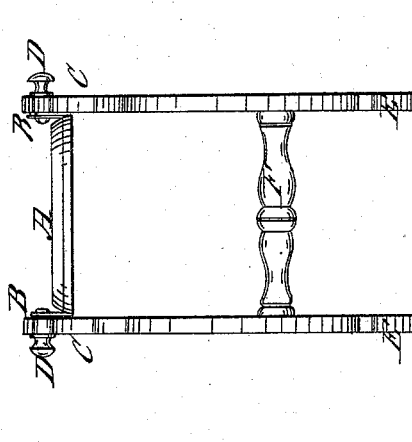
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*Leg Supporter.*

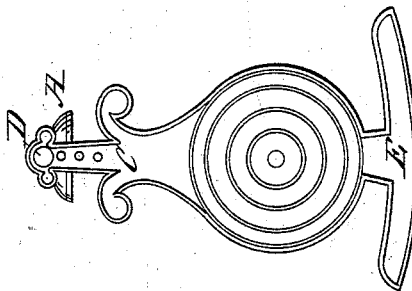
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*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 1*



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## ROCKING-CHAIR.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 3,371, dated December 5, 1843.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. BALLARD, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new or improved apparatus to be used in connection with ordinary rocking-chairs, the object of the said apparatus being to form an agreeable support to the legs of an individual while in the act of rocking, and that the following description and accompanying drawings taken together constitute a full and exact specification of the construction and operation of my said invention.

Of the drawings above mentioned Figure 1, represents an end elevation of my apparatus, and Fig. 2, a side view of the same.

It consists of an elongated or other proper shaped cushion A, suspended at its ends to the tops of two standards C, C, by two rods or pieces of metal B, B, and so that it will swing back and forth or have a pendular motion upon pins D, D or other contrivances of like character, or instead thereof the said cushion may have journals attached to its ends, which may rest and play in suitable bearings in the tops of the standards C, C. The standards C, C, are mounted upon rockers E, E of suitable length and dimensions, and in order to secure the standards in their respective positions they may be connected together by one or more cross bars

F, Fig. 2. The cushion A should be arranged so that it can readily be raised or lowered to adapt it to the height required by different individuals.

In order to use this apparatus the person (seated in a rocking chair) places it in front of him and resting the calves of the legs upon the cushion A thereof, during the operation of rocking the rockers E, E will permit the cushion to be moved to and fro in accordance with the motion of the rocking chair, thereby rendering the exertion of rocking much easier and more agreeable than in the ordinary method of using and actuating a rocking chair by resting the feet upon the floor.

Having thus set forth the nature and principle of my invention and believing it to be a new article of furniture, I shall claim—

The same constructed substantially in the manner and for the purpose as described.

In testimony that the above is a correct specification of my invention I have hereto set my signature this twenty eighth day of September of the year eighteen hundred and forty three.

CHARLES A. BALLARD.

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