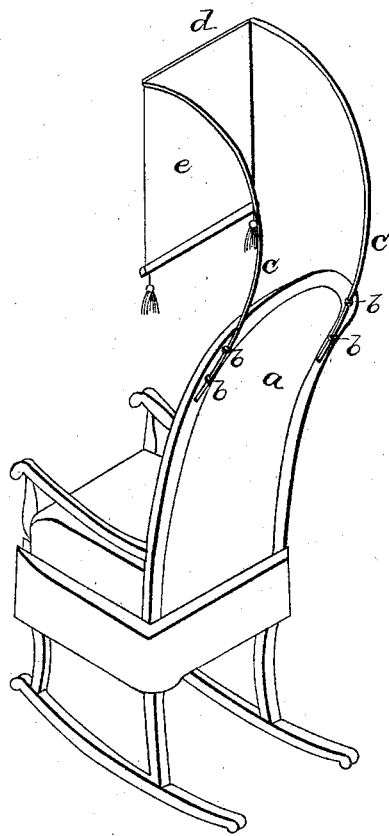


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Rocking-Chair Fan Attachment

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FAN-ROCKING CHAIR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY ANN WOODWARD, of Palmyra, in the county of Wayne and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Attachment to a Rocking-Chair for Causing a Circulation of Air, which I denominate an "Aeolian," and that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the principle or character which distinguishes it from all other things before known and of the usual manner of making, modifying, and using the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this description, in which the improvement is shown in perspective.

Several complicated pieces of apparatus have been heretofore attached to rocking chairs for the purpose of fanning the occupant, but they were all somewhat expensive and liable to get out of order, while my improvement is perfectly simple, performing all the necessary functions without any machinery to move it, except the chair on which it is affixed, and it can be readily attached to any rocking chair. It can be made highly ornamental, or perfectly plain, so as to come within the compass of all classes of person.

The construction is as follows:—To each side of the back of any rocking chair (*a*) two or more staples (*b*) are affixed, into which the two ends of a frame (*c*,) fit; this frame is made of wire, or other suitable ma-

terial, and consists of two side pieces and a connecting bar (*d*) which joins their upper ends; the side bars may be of any fanciful or ornamental material or form; but in the drawing they are represented of plain wire, curved sufficiently to bring the top bar (*d*) into the proper position. To this top bar (*d*) a curtain (*e*) is hung, which can be made of any suitable material and size; its lower edge is weighted either with an iron wire or with a lead or other heavy bar, by which the swinging motion is produced, and it may be ornamented with tassels at the corners, as shown in the drawing. This simple fixture, when the chair is put in motion by the occupant, is caused to vibrate back and forth, so as to cause a circulation of air without any other exertion; the heavy weight at the bottom of curtain serves as a pendulum to produce the swinging motion thereof, sufficient to give the required effect without other machinery.

Having thus fully described my improved attachment, what I claim therein as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Combining with a rocking chair a curtain suspended upon a frame affixed to the back of the rocking chair and having a weight or weights attached to its lower edges, in the manner and for the purpose above described.

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