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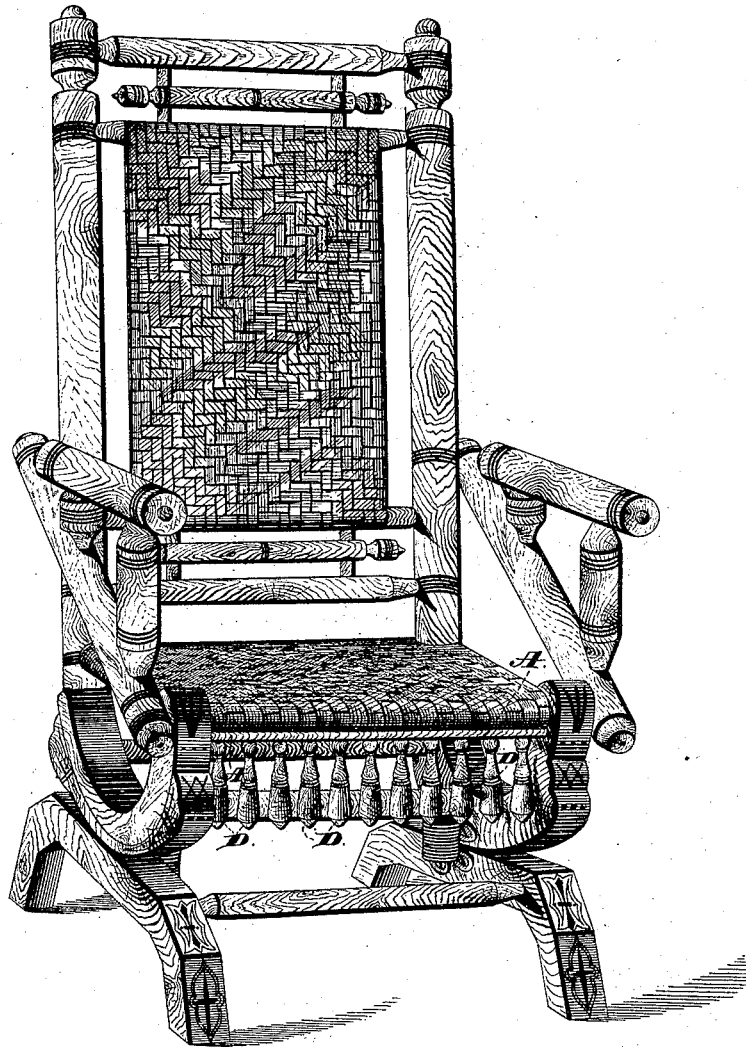
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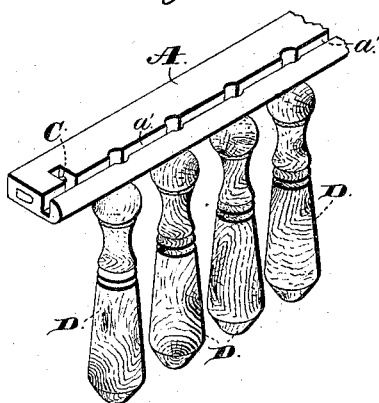


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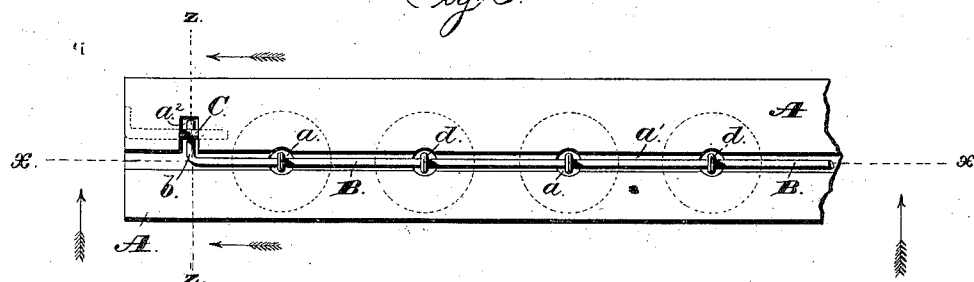


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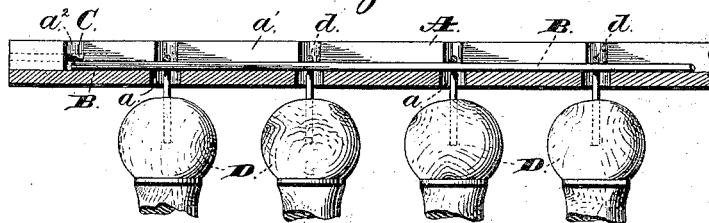
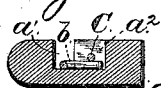


Fig. 5.



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## WOODEN FRINGE FOR FURNITURE.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRED. P. BROOKS, of Norwich, in the county of Chenango, and in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wooden Fringe for Chairs, Sofas, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chair provided with my improved fringe. Fig. 2 is a like view (enlarged) of said fringe separated from a chair. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the upper side of the supporting bar or rail; and Figs. 4 and 5 are sections of the same upon lines *xx* and *zz*, respectively, of Fig. 3.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The design of my invention is to enable a chair, sofa, or other like article of furniture to be ornamented by more substantial and durable means than has heretofore been practicable; to which end said invention consists, principally, in a fringe composed of wooden pendants suspended by means of pivoted connections from a rigid rail, which is adapted to be attached to an article of furniture, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

It consists, further, as a new article of manufacture, in a fringe composed of a wooden or metal rail, which is adapted to be attached to an article of furniture, a series of tassels or pendants, each of which is provided at its upper end with a metal eye or loop, and a wire that is contained within a groove in the upper side of said rail and passes through said eyes or loops and operates to combine said tassels or pendants with said rail, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter set forth.

It consists, finally, in the construction and combination of the parts of the fringe, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter shown and described.

In the annexed drawings, A represents a flat bar or rail, which is preferably constructed from wood, but may be made from metal or any material used for the construction of furniture. At suitable intervals said bar is

provided with small vertical openings *a*, and within its upper side is formed a longitudinal groove, *a'*, which intersects said openings and receives and contains a wire, B, that has at one or both ends a short laterally-extending arm, *b*. Said arm is contained within a corresponding groove, *a''*, and over the same is placed a locking-pin, C, that is driven horizontally into the end of said rail. Below the rail A are a series of pendants or tassels, D, which are preferably constructed from the same material as said rail, and are each provided at the upper end with a metal eye or loop, *d*, that passes upward into one of the openings *a* and around the wire B, and operates to suspend said pendant from and pivot it to the latter. The article is now complete, and in use is attached to a chair or sofa by screwing, tacking, or gluing the rail A upon the lower side of the seat-rail, so as to cause the fringe to occupy the usual position.

The use of my fringe in connection with splint or wooden bottoms renders the article to which it is applied far more complete than would be possible by use of fringe constructed from fibrous material, as each portion of the article of furniture may be made from the same or from contrasting woods, and have not only the same appearance, but have equal strength and durability.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a fringe composed of wooden pendants suspended by means of pivotal connections from a rigid rail, which is adapted to be attached to an article of furniture, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a fringe composed of a wooden or metal rail, which is adapted to be attached to an article of furniture, a series of tassels or pendants, each of which is provided at its upper end with a metal eye or loop, and a wire that is contained within a groove in the upper side of said rail, and passes through said eyes or loops and operates to combine said tassels or pendants with said rail, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The hereinbefore-described fringe, com-

posed of the rail A, provided with the openings *a* and grooves *a'* and *a''*, the wire B, having the lateral arm *b*, the locking-pin C, and the pendants D, each provided with an eye or  
5 loop, *d*, said parts being combined substantially as and for the purpose shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I

have hereunto set my hand this 22d day of December, 1884.

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