

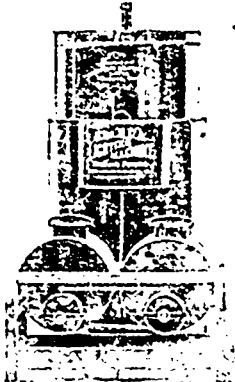
MR. O. P. LETCHWORTH.

The Cleveland, Ohio, Iron Trade Review publishes a portrait and short sketch of the life of Mr. O. P. Letchworth, of the Pratt & Letchworth Co., of Buffalo, N.Y., a gentleman in whom Canada is interested in that his company is now establishing a large branch works at Brantford, Ont., soon to go into operation in the manufacture of steel and malleable castings, etc. In fact Mr. Letchworth will soon be one of our most prominent captains of Canadian industry. Speaking of him the Iron Trade Review says:—His career is, in some respects, typical of the achievement of a number of the industrial leaders of to-day—a never-halting advance from a level on which there was company in plenty to positions in which the number of competitors became fewer and fewer, and there was less jostling to grasp the next round. Mr. Letchworth's business experience dates from the later sixties when he was office boy in a saddlery manufacturing establishment in Auburn, N.Y. By successive advances he became a partner in the firm of Heydon, Letchworth & Smith. In 1876 he went to Buffalo and became connected with the firm of Pratt & Letchworth, manufacturers of steel and malleable castings, his father being the junior partner. As salesman, stockkeeper, corresponding clerk, purchasing agent and general manager, he continued in the employ of the firm until 1886, when, on the death of his father, he was admitted to partnership. The partnership expired by limitation in 1896, and a stock company, the Pratt & Letchworth Co., was formed, headed by Mr. Letchworth, who is still president. In addition to the expanding operations at Buffalo, the company has an extensive plant under way in Canada, and its success gives evidence that strong organization and directing forces have been linked with courage and foresight.

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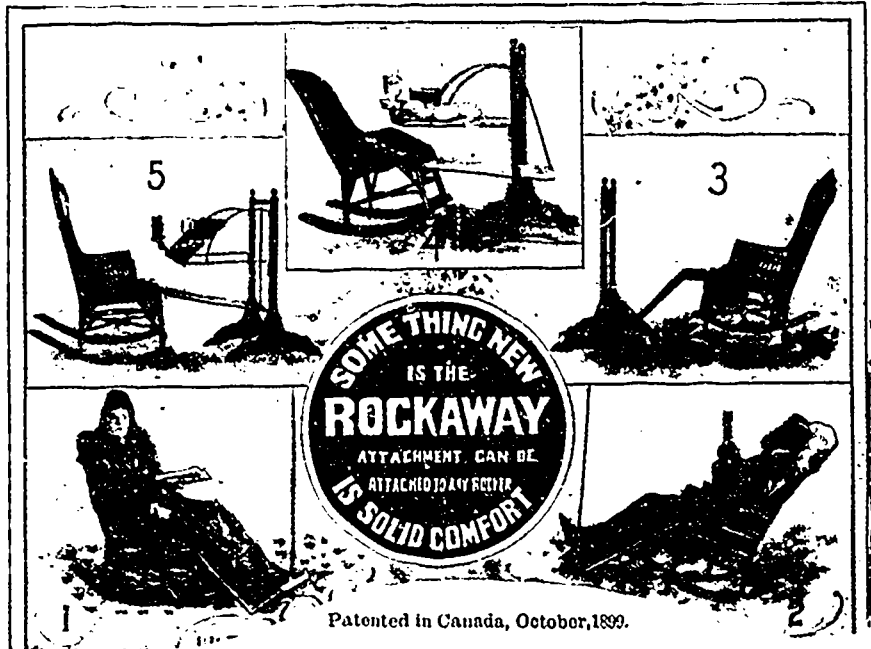
The accompanying illustrations are of an attachment for rocking chairs, manufactured by Otto Clausen, Davenport, Iowa. It was patented in Canada in October, 1899.

With the "Rockaway" attachment, as shown, the comforts of the rocking chair will be still more appreciated, for by the use of the attachment, the rocker becomes a most comfortable rocking chair and foot rest, and not only a stationary but a rocking reclining chair.

over the centre of gravity, and the spring assists in rocking the occupant back and forth without hardly any exertion.

Figure 3 shows the attachment as in Figs. 1 and 2, fastened to rocking chair, but here the spring that holds the foot-rest up is fastened to the crosspiece of a stand instead of coiling as in Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 4 shows same as described in Figure 3, with the addition of two nickel-plated brackets, which are hooked on to stand upon which a tray-holder or table is fastened,



Figures 1 and 2 show lady and gentleman seated in their rocking chairs, to which the "Rockaway" attachment is fastened by means of screw eyes, two fastened in rocker and two in foot-rest, a rod passing through them.

At Figure 1 the bonded foot-rest is attached. At Figure 2 the straight foot-rest. At the outer end of foot-rest a cord is fastened to which a strong coiled steel spring is attached and fastened on a hook in ceiling.

The least movement of the feet brings it

upon which may be placed a meal or dainties for an invalid or convalescent. The outer ends of brackets have cups fastened to them to hold a glass of water, cigars, matches, etc.

Figure 5 shows stand with attachment, as described in Figures 3 and 4, but now by reversing, the tray holder is changed into a book-rest or holder for large books, papers, etc., for the occupant.

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