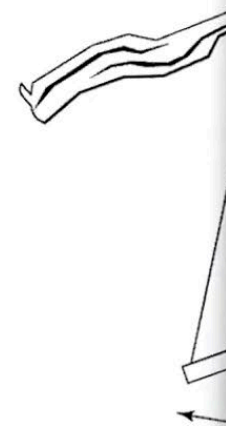




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(54) **METHOD OF SWINGING ON A SWING**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

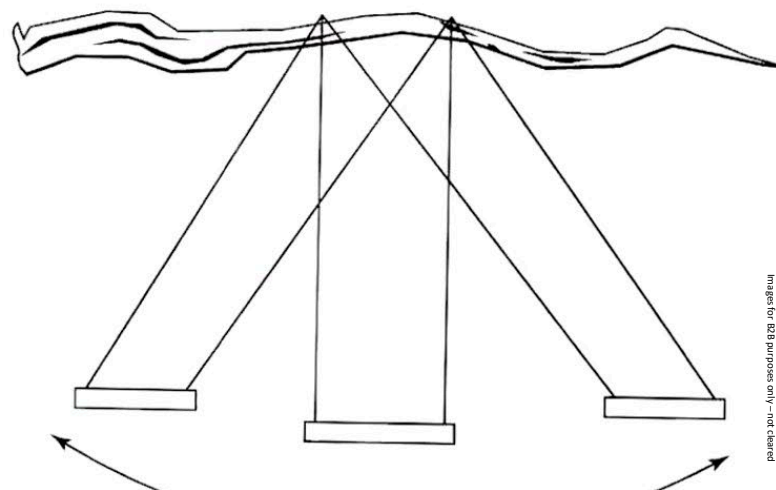
A method of swing on a swing is disclosed, in which a user positioned on a standard swing suspended by two chains from a substantially horizontal tree branch induces side to side motion by pulling alternately on one chain and then the other.

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