This invention relates to new and useful improvements in braces for the legs of chairs and has for its primary object to provide devices of this character that may be readily adjustable so as to be employed in conjunction with chairs of various sizes and designs.

A further and important object is to provide a brace of this character that may be readily applied to the various legs of a chair and wherein the brace may be tightened to the desired degree to prevent the spreading of the legs.

A further and important object is to provide a brace of this character that is extremely simple of construction, inexpensive of manufacture, and one that may be installed easily and quickly and this without requiring the services of one skilled in the art.

With the foregoing and other objects in view as the nature of the invention will be better understood, the same comprises the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings and claimed.

In the drawing wherein like numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a view in top plan of a chair leg brace constructed in accordance with the present invention, the same being shown as actually associated with the four legs of a chair, which legs are disclosed in section.

Figure 2 is an enlarged top view of one end of one of the brace members prior to the securing the end of the member around the leg of the chair, and

Figure 3 is a perspective of a brace member attaching unit.

Now having particular reference to the drawing, the four legs of a chair are designated by the reference character A, while the device in its entirety is designated by the reference character B. The brace consists of four similarly constructed leg attaching members, each of which is designated by the reference character 5. Each member is in the form of an elongated strip of flat-like material reduced at its inner end and is provided with an eye 6. At the opposite end of each member, said strip is twisted upon itself, a one-quarter turn, and this end is adapted for engagement around the chair leg as clearly disclosed in Figures 1 and 2.

The extreme outer end of the strip is formed with a hook 7, while one edge of the strip 5 in back of the twisted portion thereof is formed with spaced notches 8, within a predetermined one of which the hook 7 is adapted to be engaged after the twisted end of the member has been properly bent around the chair legs.

An eye bolt 9 interconnects two of the members 5 at their eye ends, while the eye ends of the remaining two members are arranged within openings in the outwardly converging ends 10—10 of a plate member 11 formed centrally with an opening 12 through which the threaded shank of the 70 bolt 9 is to be disposed as in Figure 1. After the bolt has been disposed through the opening in the plate a wing nut 13 is threaded thereon. Obviously after the ends of all the members 5 have been arranged properly around the legs A of the chair by turning inwardly upon the nut 13 said members are drawn together toward the center of the chair so that the hooked ends 7 of said members will tightly bind within the proper openings of the members. Obviously when the device is tightened to the desired degree, it will be impossible for the legs A to spread outwardly or in any manner become loosely associated with the chair proper.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a highly novel, simple, and efficient chair leg brace that is well adapted for all the purposes heretofore designated even though I have herein shown and described the invention as consisting of certain detail structural elements, it is nevertheless to be understood that minor changes may be made therein without affecting the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. In a chair leg brace of the class described, a member complementary to each leg of the chair and consisting of a flat strip of metal, the outer end thereof being bent around the respective chair leg, means for adjustably and detachably securing the outer free end of each strip to the intermediate portion of the strip, and additional means for adjustably connecting the members together at their inner ends, the first mentioned means comprising a hook formed on the outer free end of the strip, the inter-
mediate portion of each strip being formed with a series of spaced notches in one edge thereof with which the hook is adapted to engage.

2. In a chair leg brace of the class described, a plurality of elongated flat strips of metal, means for adjustably interconnecting the strips at the center of the chair, the outer ends of the strips being bent around the respective chair legs, a hook formed on the outer free end of each strip, the intermediate portion of each strip having a series of spaced notches formed in the end thereof with which the respective hooks are selectively detachably engaged.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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