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Fig. 1.

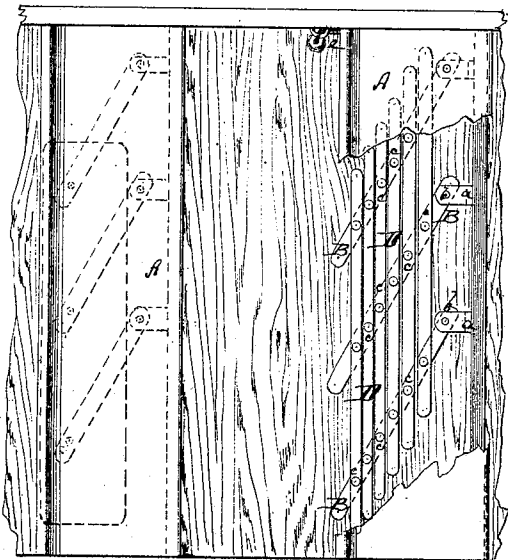


Fig. 3.

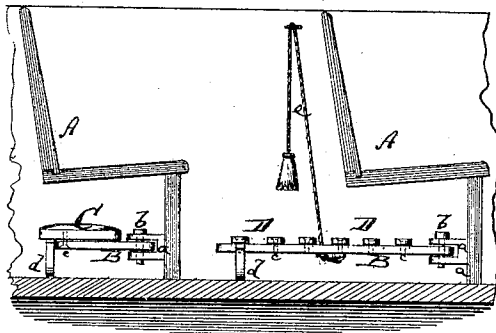
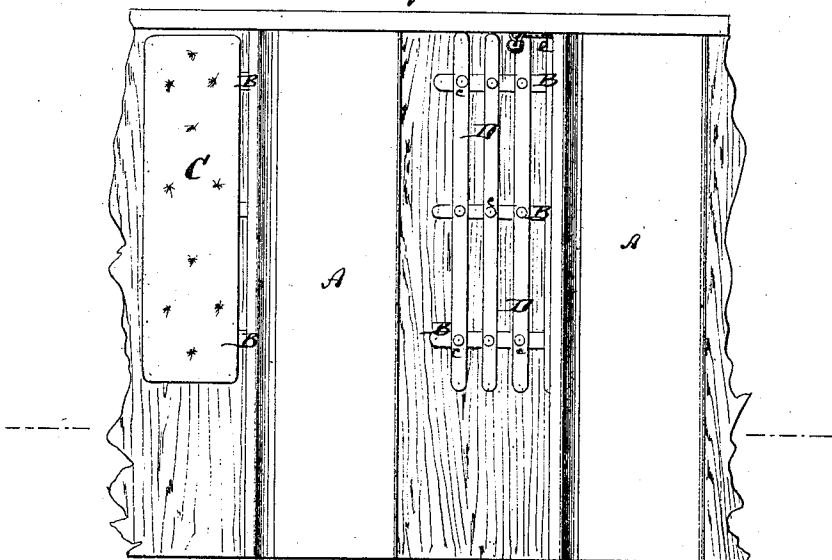


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED FOOTSTOOL FOR CHURCHES, &c.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. BROWN, of Monmouth, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, have invented a new and improved Footstool for Churches, Lecture Rooms, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents a plan or top view of my improved foot-stool, showing it contracted.

Figure 2 is a plan or top view of the same, showing it extended for use.

Figure 3 is a vertical transverse section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to construct a footstool which may be applied to the seats and pews of lecture-rooms, churches, &c., and which cannot be upset, and which can be brought forward and moved out of the way without noise and difficulty.

The invention consists chiefly in securing the footstools upon bars that are pivoted under the seats, or to other stationary devices, and that can be swung in or out at will. These bars constitute at all times a firm support of the foot-stool, and make it impossible for the same to be upset.

A A, in the drawing, are a pair of church pews.

Under each are pivoted to backward-projecting ears

a a, or to other firm supports, the front ends of two or more bars or plates B B, which can freely swing on their respective pivots *b b*.

The first stool, which is either in form of a cushion, C, or a series of slats, D D, or of other suitable form, is supported upon the back ends of the said bars or plates B, being pivoted thereto by a suitable number of pins *c c*. By being thus connected, the bars B are always held parallel to each other.

The outer ends of the bars B may have downward-projecting legs or supports *d*.

When the bars B project at right angles from the back of the seat, as in fig. 2, the footstool will be extended, ready for use. When, however, the bars are swung forward as in fig. 1, the footstool will be carried out of the way.

By means of a chord, *e*, attached to one of the bars, the footstool can be readily and noiselessly extended for use. A slight motion of the foot will serve to carry it out of the way.

Having thus described my invention,

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The footstool, supported upon two or more parallel bars B B, which are pivoted to fixed supports so that they can be extended or contracted, as set forth.

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