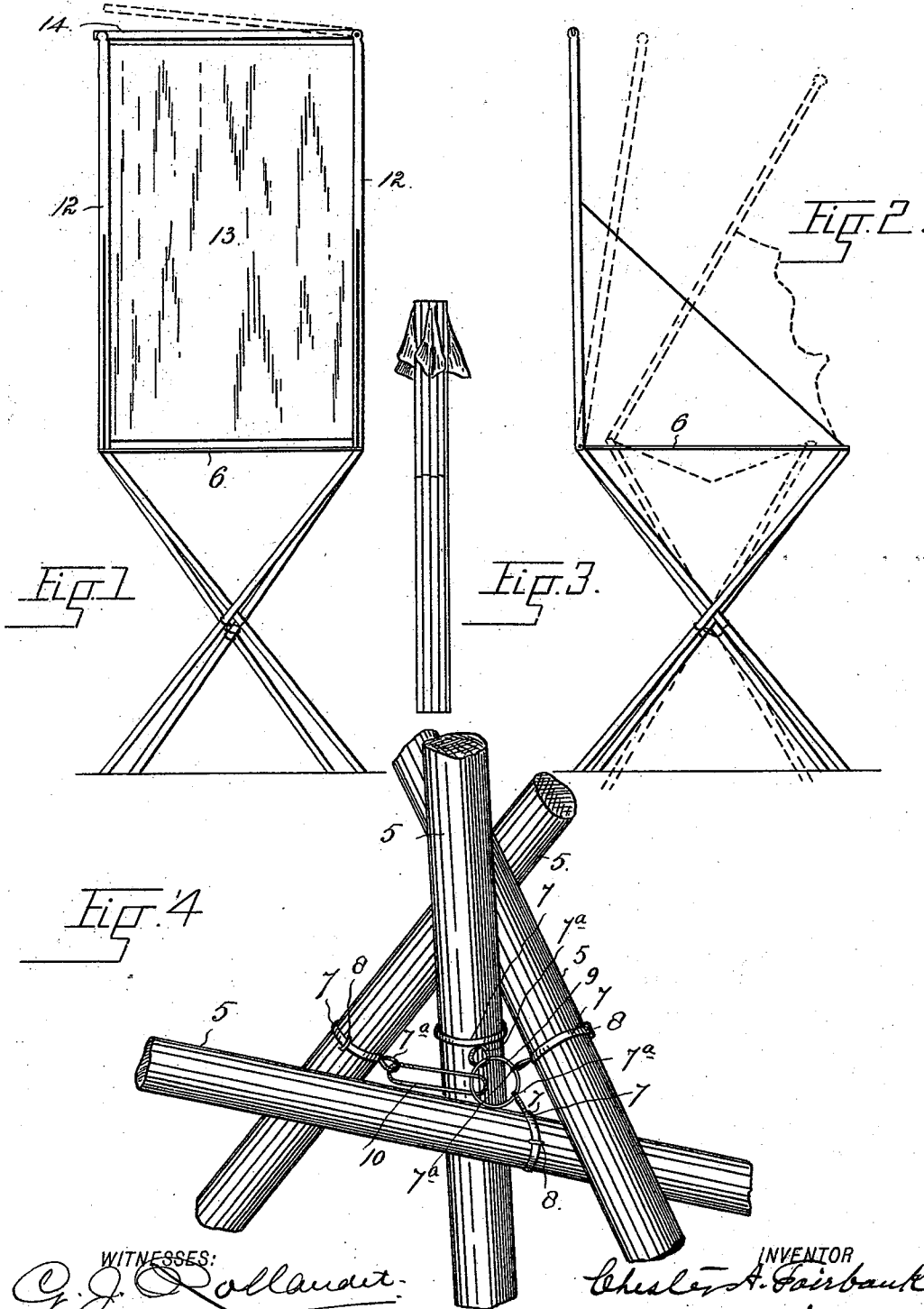


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHESTER A. FAIRBANKS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Camp-Chairs; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in folding camp chairs and stools, and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this class which may be folded into a neat, compact package, approximately cylindrical in shape, and to this end the improvement consists of the features hereinafter described and claimed, all of which will be fully understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved folding chair. Fig. 2 is a side view thereof. Fig. 3 illustrates the device when folded. Fig. 4 is a perspective view on a large scale, illustrating the manner of forming the connection between the legs of the stool or chair. One of the legs is dropped below its normal position when the device is in use, in order to better illustrate the connecting mechanism.

Similar reference characters indicating corresponding parts or elements of the mechanism in the several views, let the numeral 5 designate the four legs of the stool or chair, which are attached at their upper extremities to the respective corners of a suitable flexible seat 6. The legs 5 are provided about midway between their extremities with rings 7 suitably fastened thereto, as by the use of staples 8. These rings 7 are provided with smaller rings or eyes 7^a, three of which are shown connected directly with a larger ring 9, while the other ring 7^a is attached to the ring 9 through the medium of a link 10. To two of the legs 5 are

respectively hinged or pivoted, two upright rods 12 which are connected by the flexible back 13. The rods 12 are connected at the top by a transverse bar 14, pivoted to one rod 12 and suitably attached to the other when the chair is in use. As shown in the drawings the upper extremity of the rod is slotted to receive the bar extremity which may be raised out of the slot when it is desired to fold the chair.

To fold the chair it is only necessary to raise bar 14 out of its slot in the rod 12 and then press the legs together and turn the rods 12 down against the folded legs.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a folding camp stool, the combination with the four legs crossed together and attached respectively to the corners of the seat, each leg being provided with a ring, and all the rings suitably connected together in such a manner that the legs may be folded up approximately parallel with one another, substantially as described.

2. In a folding camp stool, the combination with the flexible seat, of the four crossed legs attached to the seat and provided with rings located in proximity to the point of crossing, each ring having an eye, and another ring connecting the eyes of all the leg-rings, whereby the legs are loosely connected and adapted to fold up approximately parallel with one another, substantially as described.

3. In a folding camp chair, the combination with the flexible seat, of the four crossed legs attached to the seat and provided with rings, another ring connecting the rings of all the legs, two rods hinged or pivoted to two of the legs, a flexible back connecting said rods, and a transverse bar pivoted to one of the rods and detachably connected with the other rods, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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