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Fig. 1.

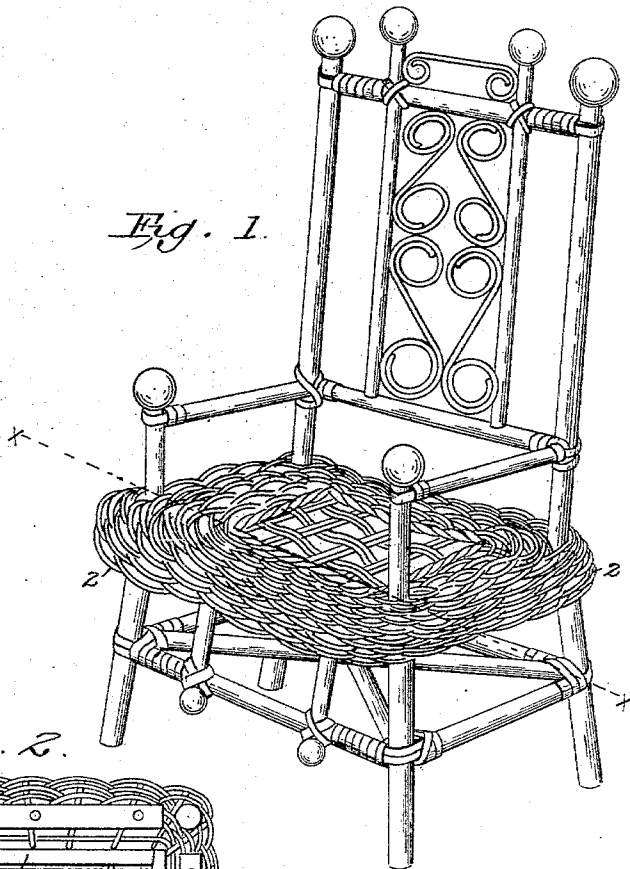


Fig. 2.

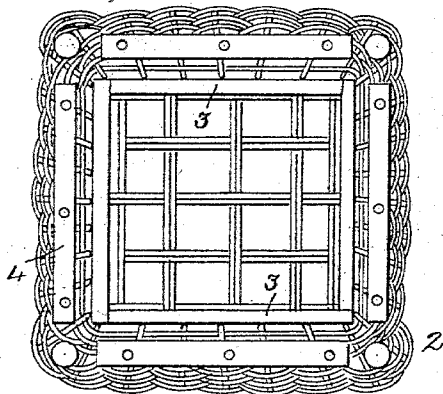
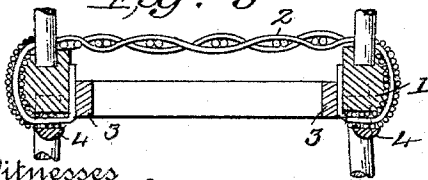


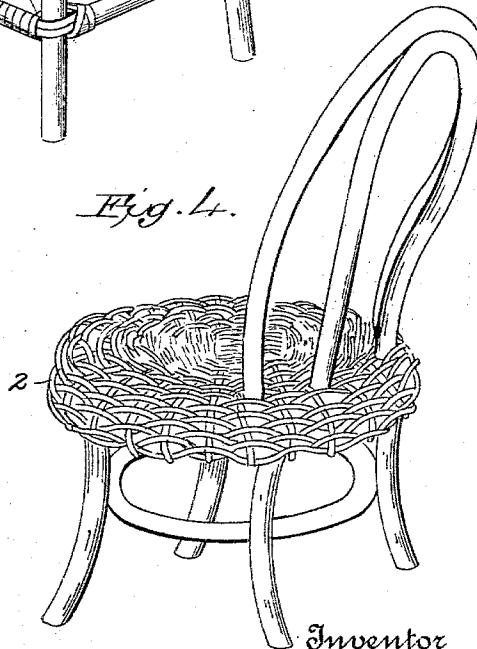
Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLAUS FRIEDRICH JURGEN BEHR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wakefield, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Chairs, &c.; 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 consists in certain new and valuable improvements in that class of chairs, lounges, divans, &c., in which the seat-covering is formed of woven material such as reed, rattan, willow or the like; and my invention will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings; Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chair in which my invention is shown embodied; Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the same; Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line $x-x$, Fig. 1; Fig. 4 shows a chair of different shape, but constructed on the same principle.

The same numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

In carrying out my invention, whether the article to be constructed is a chair, lounge, divan, or other like piece of furniture it is constructed in substantially the same manner.

A wooden seat-frame, 1, of the desired shape, is employed; and the seat-covering, 2, may be woven of any desired pattern, being constructed of reed, rattan, willow, rushes, or any other similar suitable material. This covering is formed or cut large enough to cover the entire wooden frame 1 and to extend over, around, and under the sides, corners, and edges of said frame; the ends or edges of the woven seat-covering being secured preferably against the under or inner sides of the wooden frame 1 by retaining-strips, 3. Additional retaining strips 4 may be employed, when desired; or these latter strips 4 alone may be used. The seat is formed and completed in

this way before or after the legs, back, or arm-rest posts are connected with or to the seat-frame 1. The holes which are required for the legs, back- or arm-posts can be formed in the wooden frame 1 either before or after the covering 2 is secured thereon. The legs, back- and arm-posts can then be secured in position, passing through the woven seat-cover 2 into the holes in the wooden seat-frame; and it will be seen that by this construction the solid legs and posts of the back and arm-rests passing through the body of the material of the woven covering into the wooden seat-frame 1, will brace, hold, and secure the covering of woven material in such a manner that it will be impossible for the woven seat-covering to "give" or sag from continued use; taking a great part of the strain from the edge fastenings of the seat-cover; and at the same time greatly adding to the appearance and ornamental finish of the entire chair, as the bare wooden seat-frame 1 is entirely covered from view; and the chair presents the appearance of its entire seat and seat-frame being woven of the rushes, reeds, willows, or other material employed for the covering.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and advantages of my invention will be readily understood.

I do not confine my invention to chairs alone, as lounges, divans, tête-à-têtes, &c., can be constructed in the same manner, as will be clearly seen.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A chair, divan, or like article of furniture consisting of a seat-frame formed with suitable openings, a woven seat-covering of cane, reeds, or like material extending and secured beneath said frame, and supporting legs extending through the woven seat-covering into the inclosed seat-frame thereby assisting in holding the seat-covering stretched over the seat-frame; substantially as set forth.

2. A chair, divan, or like article of furniture consisting of a seat-frame formed with suitable openings, a woven seat-covering of

cane, reeds, or suitable material extending in one integral piece over the entire seat-frame and down around and beneath the said frame and secured beneath said frame, thereby assisting in holding the seat-covering stretched over the seat frame, supporting legs extending through the woven seat-covering into the inclosed seat-frame, and a back and arm rests having their posts extended through the

woven seat-covering into the seat-frame for the same purpose; substantially as set forth.

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

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