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Fig. 1.

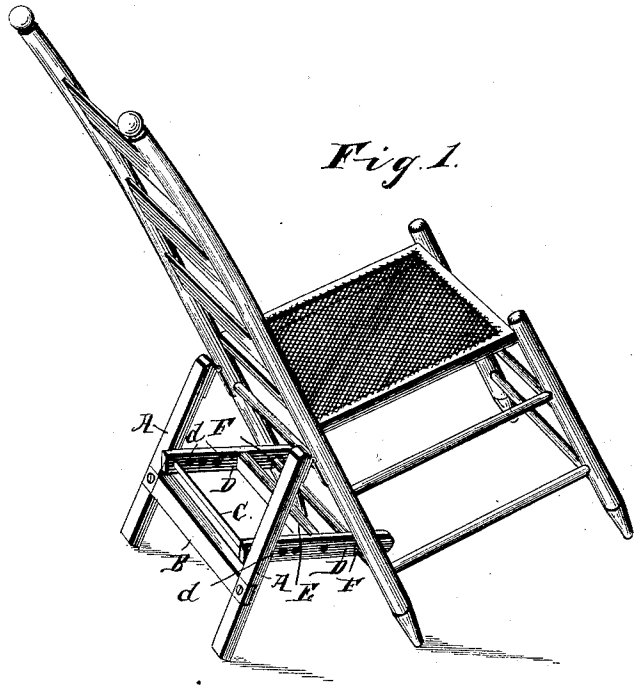


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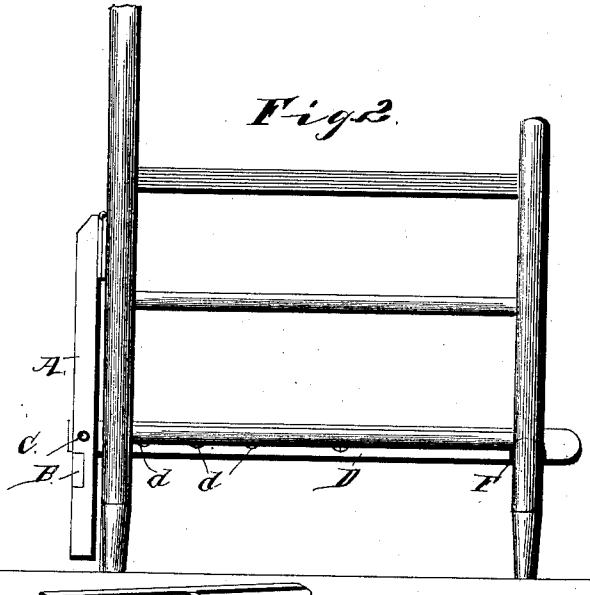
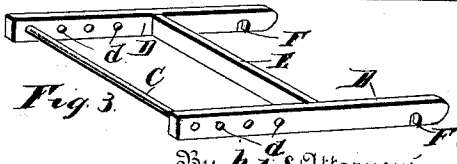


Fig 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES IRTON STOCKTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hartsell's, in the county of Morgan and State of Alabama, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Reclining Attachments for Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a reclining attachment for chairs; and it consists in a certain novel device to be attached to the back of any ordinary chair, which, when not in use, may be swung under the same and out of the way; but when it is desired to recline in the chair the attachment is swung out and the chair may be tilted back at any desired angle with perfect safety to the occupant.

The invention consists, further, in certain details of construction, more fully set forth hereinafter, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a chair having one of my recliners attached thereto in operative position. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the device in its folded position, the top of the chair being broken off. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the latch-bars.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates the swinging legs, which are hinged at the upper ends to the rear standards of the chair, about on a level with the seat thereof, and the lower ends thereof are joined by a round or cross-bar, B.

C designates a bar which is secured at the ends to the legs A A, a short distance above the cross-bar, and on the said bar C are journaled the outer ends of the latch-bars D, which are connected about midway of their length by the cross-bar E, and provided at the inner ends, on the under side, with the notches F F, to engage the round of the chair to which the device is attached. A series of perforations, *d d*, are formed in the outer ends of the latch-bars, through which to pass the bar C, to journal the latches to the legs A, thus enabling the degree of inclination of the chair to be varied at will.

It will be seen that when the recliner is not in use the legs A hang down at the back of the same, with the lower ends thereof held above the floor and the latch disposed under the seat of the chair out of the way. When it is desired to use the device, the legs are swung out (or rearwardly) until the notches in the under sides of the latches engage over the lower round of the chair. The occupant may now lean or tilt the chair back and the lower ends of the legs will rest on the floor and maintain the chair at the desired inclination.

It will be readily seen that this device is very simple in construction and will avoid the danger of scratching the chairs and other furniture, as when this is used there is no necessity of leaning back against another article of furniture or the wall.

Other means of adjusting the degree of inclination may be had—as, for instance, a series of notches, F, may be cut in the under side of the latch-bars, thus enabling the lower ends of the legs to be held at a greater or less distance from the lower ends of the legs of the chair.

I do not limit myself strictly to the precise construction herein shown and described, as slight changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A chair-recliner comprising the legs A A, hinged at their upper ends to the rear side of the chair and shorter than the distance from the hinges to the ends of the chair-legs, so as to fold against the chair, the pivot-bar C, secured between the legs A A, and the adjustable latch-bars D, pivoted on said bar C and engaging the rear round of the chair, substantially as described.

2. The chair-recliner comprising the legs A A, hinged at the upper ends to the rear side of the chair and shorter than the distance from the hinges to the ends of the chair-legs, so as to fold against the chair, brace or cross-bar B, secured thereto at the lower ends, pivot-bar C, secured at the ends in the said legs, and the adjustable latch-bars D D, pivoted at the outer ends on the said pivot-bar C and having the notches F F in the inner ends to engage over the round of the chair, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The herein-described chair-recliner, comprising the legs A A, hinged to the rear side of the chair, the bar C, secured at the ends in

the said legs, and the latch-bars D, having a series of perforations, *d d*, in the outer end of each latch, through any aligned pair of which the bar C is passed, the said latches also having the notches in the inner ends, on the under side, to engage over one of the rounds of the chair, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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