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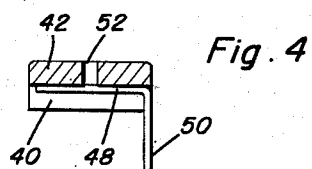
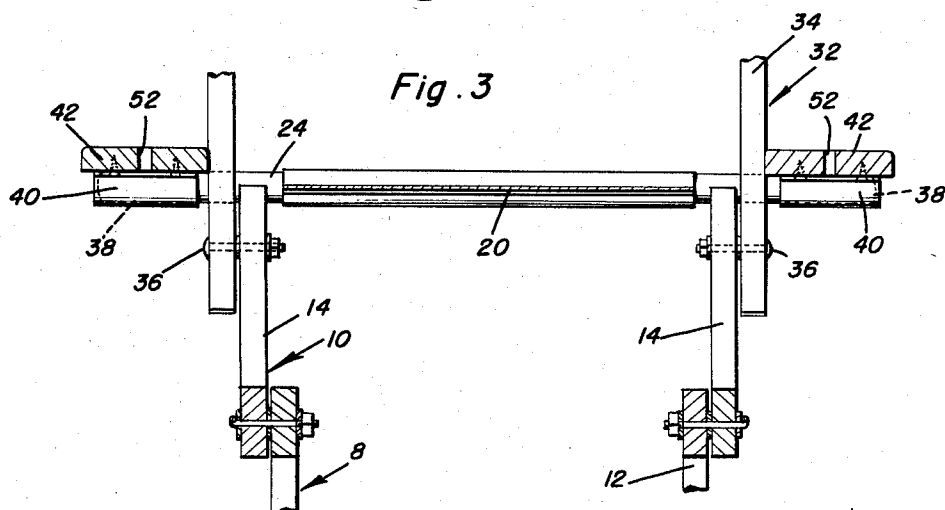
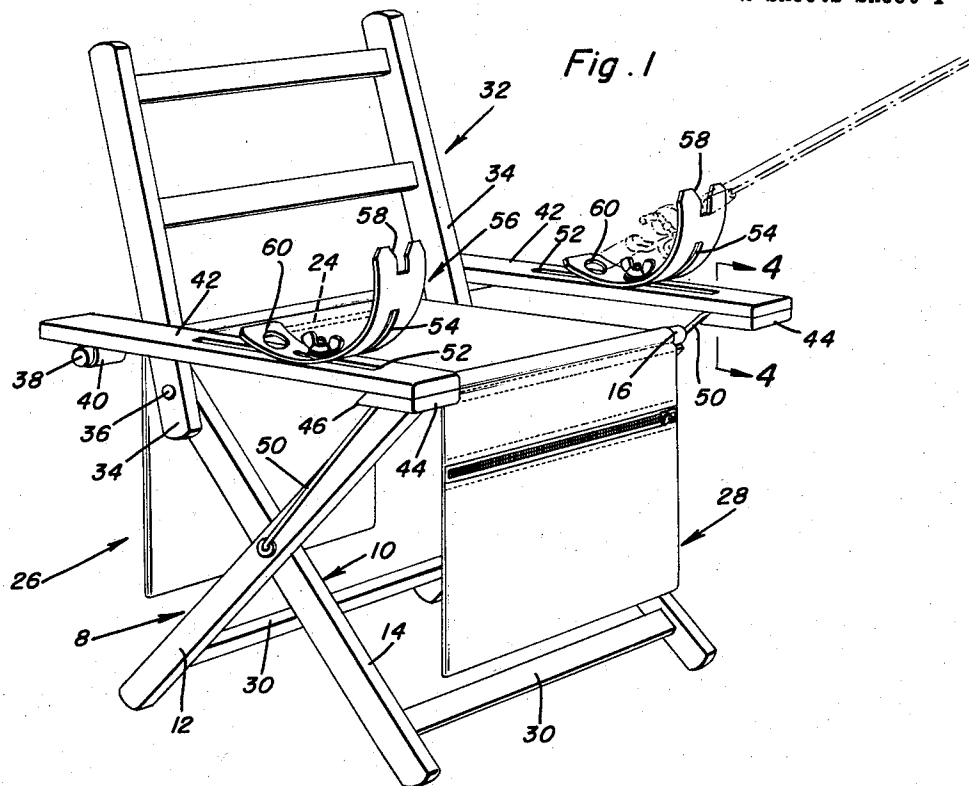
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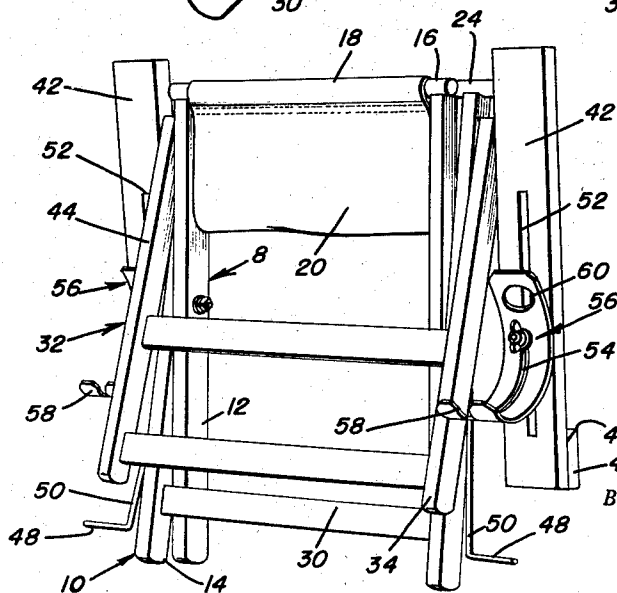
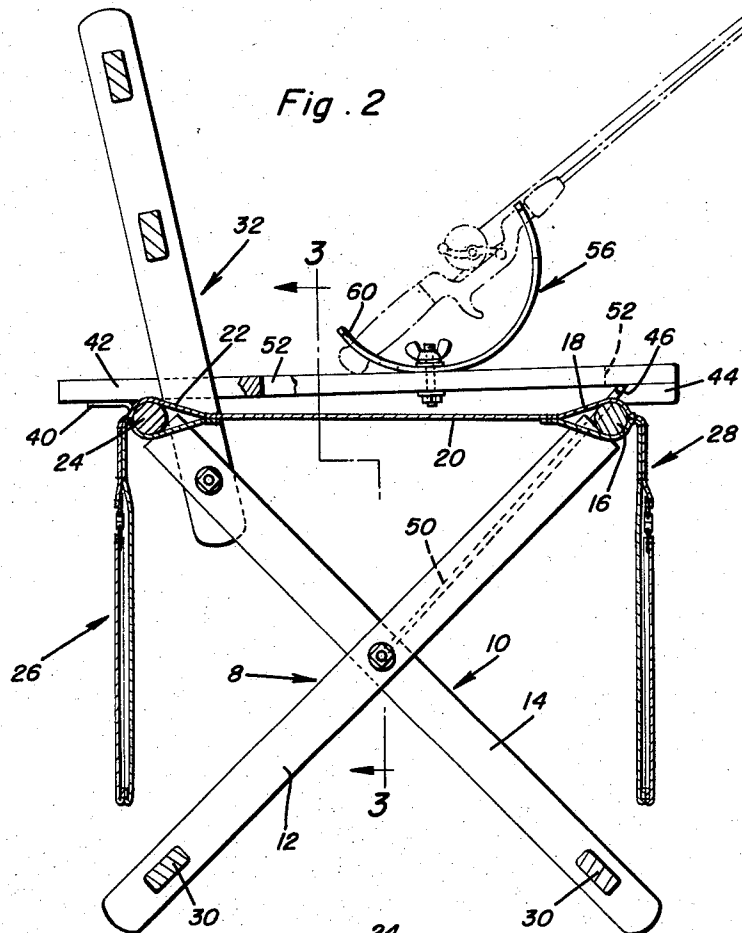
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The present invention relates to a portable folding chair structurally similar to a so-called folding camp chair with a hingedly mounted back rest and has reference in particular to special equipment which is added to and becomes a part of the chair so that it is then practical and suitable to serve the varying needs of outdoor users while picnicking, camping, fishing and for similar pleasure trips.

As will be evident from the preceding general statement of the nature of the invention the chair itself is not unlike similarly constructed and performing so-called camp chairs in which a collapsible canvas or equivalent seat is employed. It follows that it is a primary purpose of the concept to provide the frame of the chair with a round the extended end portions of which serve to accommodate simple metal straps, said straps being carried by readily attachable and detachable arms and said arms, in turn, being provided with adjustable and detachable fishing rod holders.

In carrying out the principles of the invention at least two such added arms are provided. Each arm is formed with a longitudinal slot to cooperate with a longitudinal slot in an arcuately shaped fishing rod holder. The holder and its slot are adjustably and detachably mounted atop the arm and the arm and holder are bolted together with the bolt easily accessible to take care of varying the adjusted positions of the holder.

In addition, the frame of the chair has available stays and the stays are formed with lateral end portions to engage keeper blocks on the outer ends of the arms so that the arms may be suspended rigidly in horizontal usable positions or may be unlatched and swung down to out-of-the-way positions when the overall chair is folded and ready for carrying, transportation or storage as the case may be.

Other objects, features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying sheets of illustrative, but not restrictive drawings.

In the drawings, wherein like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the views:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a folding chair constructed in accordance with the principles of the invention.

Fig. 2 is a central vertical section through the same.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view on the irregular line 3-3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a detail section on the line 4-4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the chair folded.

The folding camp chair, as already mentioned, resembles similarly constructed and performing camp chairs in that it embodies a pair of similar leg frames 8 and 10 each having legs. The leg 12 of the front frame 8 are crossed and hingedly connected with the legs 14 of the rear leg frame. A round 16 is connected with the upper ends of the front legs 12 to accommodate a hem or pocket 18 on the forward edge of the canvas or equivalent seat 20. There is a similar pocket or hem 22 at the rear attached to the top round 24 which serves to connect the

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upper ends of the legs 14 of the rear frame. If desired the hems may have stitched or otherwise connected thereto freely depending front and rear pocket-equipped bags 26 and 28. These bags have zipper-equipped pockets and are made of waterproof canvas and are adapted to accommodate miscellaneous articles such as canned goods, beverage bottles, packed lunches, ice, fishing equipment and so on. The chair may be provided with or without the bags 26 and 28 as is obvious. The numerals 30 designate the cross braces at the lower ends of the respective legs 12 and 14. The back rest is denoted at 32 and the side members 34 thereof are hingedly connected at 36 to the upper ends of the legs 14 so that the back rest when not in use may be folded to an out-of-the-way position as seen in Fig. 5. In this position the chair proper has been collapsed or folded and therefore the leg frames are close together and the canvas seat is folded and the back rest drops down forwardly over the leg frames to an out-of-the-way position.

It will be noticed that the end portions 38 of the rear round are extended for a purpose. That is to say each extended end portion serves to accommodate a substantially U-shaped metal strap 40 on the rear bottom side of one of the attachable arms 42. There is a block of wood or the like 44 on the underneath side of the forward end and this has a beveled edge 46 to accommodate the laterally directed upper end 48 of the hinged stay 50. As shown in the drawing there are two of these fishing rod accommodating arms and they are each the same in construction and the same reference numerals apply thereto. Each arm is provided intermediate its ends with an elongated slot 52 which cooperates with a slot 54 formed lengthwise in the arcuately bent fishing rod holder 56. This holder is provided with a keeper notch 58 at one end to accommodate the shaft of the rod. There is an enlarged retaining hole 60 at the other end through which the butt of the handle or handgrip of the rod extends in the manner shown in phantom lines in Figs. 1 and 2. The stays 50 serve to engage the keeper blocks and when in use constitute props and serve to hold the arms up in the position shown in full lines in the drawings. These stays may however be swung down to out-of-the-way positions as shown in the folded relationship of the parts seen in Fig. 5. Also the arms may be swung down to an out-of-the-way position. In fact the U-shaped straps 40 are sufficiently loose on the extended end portions 38 of the round 24 that the entire arm may be slipped off. Therefore the arms may be thought of as being detachable and hingedly mounted.

In actual practice the chairs constructed as herein disclosed have been made of clear grade oak lumber using two rounds made of hickory. As shown the arms with the fishing rod holders are attached to the extended end portions of the rear round by U-shaped steel straps allowing the arms to be removed or dropped downward or backward. The cloth used is water repellent heavy duck. The pocket-equipped bags are intended as briefly mentioned for lunch, fishing tackle or miscellaneous items that are generally carried for fishing trips. The pockets can be made airtight and will carry up to five average size beverage bottles or cans and can be used to retain ice for several hours for keeping ice cold drinks or preserving sandwiches. It is believed that this chair will fulfill the needs of any pleasure bound fisherman as it has many uses and has been thoroughly tested and serves to carry weights up to 350 lbs. proving its durability.

It is believed that a careful consideration of the description of the details, the statement of the objects of the invention and description of the figures in conjunction with the figures of the drawings will enable the reader to clearly understand the construction, its purposes and

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its diversified usefulness. In these circumstances a more extended description is believed to be unnecessary.

Changes in shape, size, materials and rearrangement of parts which come within the purview of the invention may be resorted to in actual practice without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the sub-joined claims.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. In a folding chair having pairs of crossed pivotally connected folding legs, one of said pairs having upper ends, a cross round connecting said upper ends of said one pair of legs and having ends extending outwardly beyond said one pair of legs, a pair of side arms, means on one end of said arms swingably mounting said arms on the extending ends of said cross round for folding of said arms downwardly, coacting means on the pivots of said legs and on said arms for supporting and holding said arms against downward folding, and a back rest pivoted to said one pair of legs in front of and below said cross round for folding downwardly and unfolding upwardly against said cross round into inclined back rest position, said back rest being foldable downwardly independently of folding of said legs and arms.

2. In a folding chair having pairs of crossed pivotally connected folding legs, one of said pairs of legs having

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upper ends, a cross round connecting said upper ends of said one pair of legs and extending outwardly beyond said one pair of legs, a pair of side arms, means on one end of the side arms swingably mounting said arms on said extended ends of said cross round for folding of said arms downwardly, a pair of bottom blocks on the other ends of said arms, and a pair of stay rods for holding said arms against downward folding pivoted on the pivots of said pairs of legs for swinging into upwardly and forwardly inclined position behind said blocks and beneath said arms in supporting engagement therewith.

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