

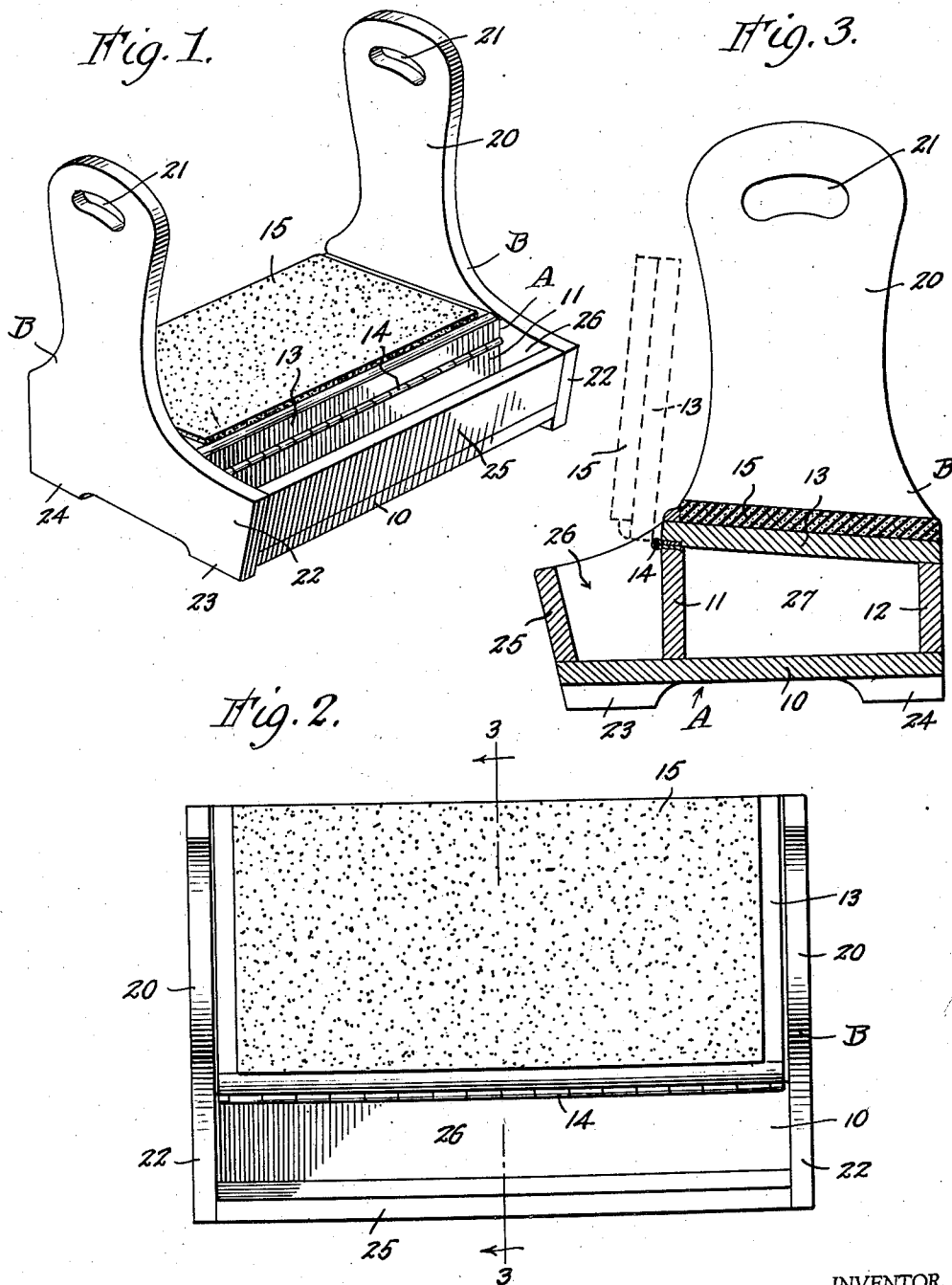
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This invention relates to accessories for household or garden use and comprehends an improved kneeling stool by means of which work required to be done in a kneeling position may be more comfortably and efficiently accomplished, while providing means for aiding the person using the same in assuming the kneeling position and arising therefrom.

The invention broadly resides in the provision of a relatively low stool or dais having a padded upper kneeling surface and provided with upstanding handles at opposite sides thereof which are adapted to be grasped for assisting a person in assuming the kneeling position thereon and in arising therefrom.

As a further feature the invention embodies in a device of the indicated character a kneeling stool which is so constructed and arranged as to provide a forwardly projecting stabilizing portion which precludes any possibility of accidental upsetting of the device when in use and which projecting portion also defines a receptacle for small garden tools, scrub brushes or other implements to be employed while in the kneeling position.

With the above enumerated and other objects in view, the invention is set forth in greater detail in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a kneeling stool constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view thereof on an enlarged scale.

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view thereof through taken approximately on the line 3-3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference, A designates generally the body of the stool or dais which, while not necessarily limited thereto, is preferably constructed of wood and includes a rectangular bottom wall 10 having upstanding front and rear walls 11 and 12 and a top wall 13 which is swingably connected at its forward edge to the upper edge of the front wall 11 by means of a hinge 14.

The rear wall 12 is of lesser height than the front wall 11 so that when the rear portion of the top wall 13 is normally resting on the upper edge of the rear wall 12, the top wall 13 is disposed in a rearwardly and downwardly sloping position.

The top wall 13 has secured on the upper surface thereof in covering relation thereto, a pad 15 of sponge rubber or any equivalent material to provide a comfortable kneeling surface. The body A has secured to the opposite sides thereof

angulated or L-shaped side members designated generally by the reference character B, the stems of which provide upstanding handle portions 20 having hand holds 21 adjacent the upper ends to permit of the grasping thereof so as to assist a person in assuming a kneeling position on the platform which is defined by the padded upper wall 13 of the body A and to aid the person in arising therefrom. The base portions of said side members B also provide forwardly projecting portions 22 and depending forward and rear feet 23 and 24 are formed on said base portions.

As illustrated, the bottom wall 10 extends forwardly beyond the front wall 11 of the body A and terminates flush with the forward surfaces of the extensions 22. A front strip 25 extends upwardly from the forward edge of the bottom wall 10 and defines between itself, the front wall 11 of the body, the extensions 22 and the forward portion of the wall 10, an implement tray 26 which is readily accessible to a person kneeling on the platform. It will likewise be observed that a storage compartment 27 for tools or implements is afforded within the body A which is defined between the front and rear walls 11 and 12, the side members B and the bottom wall 10, which compartment is normally closed by the top wall 13. Access to said storage compartment 27 may be gained by swinging the platform upwardly and forwardly to the dotted line position illustrated in Fig. 3.

In use it will be apparent that when work is to be accomplished in a kneeling position, a person standing in rear of the rear wall 12 grasps the upper ends of the handles 20 to assist him in assuming a kneeling position with the knees resting upon the padded upper surface of the top wall 13 of the body A. Due to the fact that the extensions 22 protrude forwardly from the body A while the platform defined by the padded upper wall 13 declines rearwardly, it is impossible to accidentally upset the device when assuming the kneeling position, in kneeling position thereon or when arising from the kneeling position. Obviously, when a person is in a kneeling position on the stool, he may comfortably accomplish his work in a less fatiguing manner than if kneeling directly on the ground or supporting surface, while the tool tray 26 is conveniently located directly in front of him. It will also be apparent that by grasping the upper ends of the handles 20, means is afforded for aiding a person in arising from the kneeling position.

What is claimed is:

1. In a kneeling stool, laterally spaced L-shaped side members, the upright stem portions of which members constitute handles and the lower base portions of which members are adapted to rest
 5 upon a supporting surface, a body section connected to and located between said members having a surface providing an elevated platform located between the stem portions with the base portions protruding forwardly beyond the forward edge of the platform to stabilize the stool
 10 against forward upsetting.

2. A kneeling stool including a body having an upper surface defining an elevated declining platform, members each having an upstanding handle
 15 secured to opposite sides of the body and adapted to rest upon a supporting surface, and a stabilizing extension secured to and projecting forwardly from each member and engaging the supporting surface to prevent upsetting of the stool when
 20 kneeling thereon or arising from the kneeling position.

3. In a kneeling stool, a body including rearwardly declining platform, substantially L-shaped side members secured to opposite sides of the
 25 body, said members each providing handle portions protruding upwardly from opposite sides of the platform, the forward portions of the lower ends of said members extending beyond the forward

edge of the platform to stabilize the stool against forward upsetting.

4. In a kneeling stool, a rearwardly declining platform, a support for said platform including angulated side members secured to the opposite
 5 sides thereof, each side member having a horizontal portion projecting forward beyond said platform for engagement forwardly of the platform with the supporting surface so as to prevent
 10 forward upsetting of the stool, and the vertical portion of each side member defining a handle projecting above the platform and disposed at opposite sides of the platform.

5. A kneeling stool including a platform having a padded upper surface, means secured to the opposite sides of and depending from the platform
 15 to rest upon a supporting surface so as to elevate the platform thereabove, handle elements protruding upwardly from the opposite sides of the platform and adapted to be grasped for aiding a
 20 person in assuming a kneeling position on the platform and in arising therefrom, and an extension on each of said depending means protruding forwardly therefrom and from the platform to engage the supporting surface in advance of
 25 the platform to prevent forward upsetting of the stool.

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