

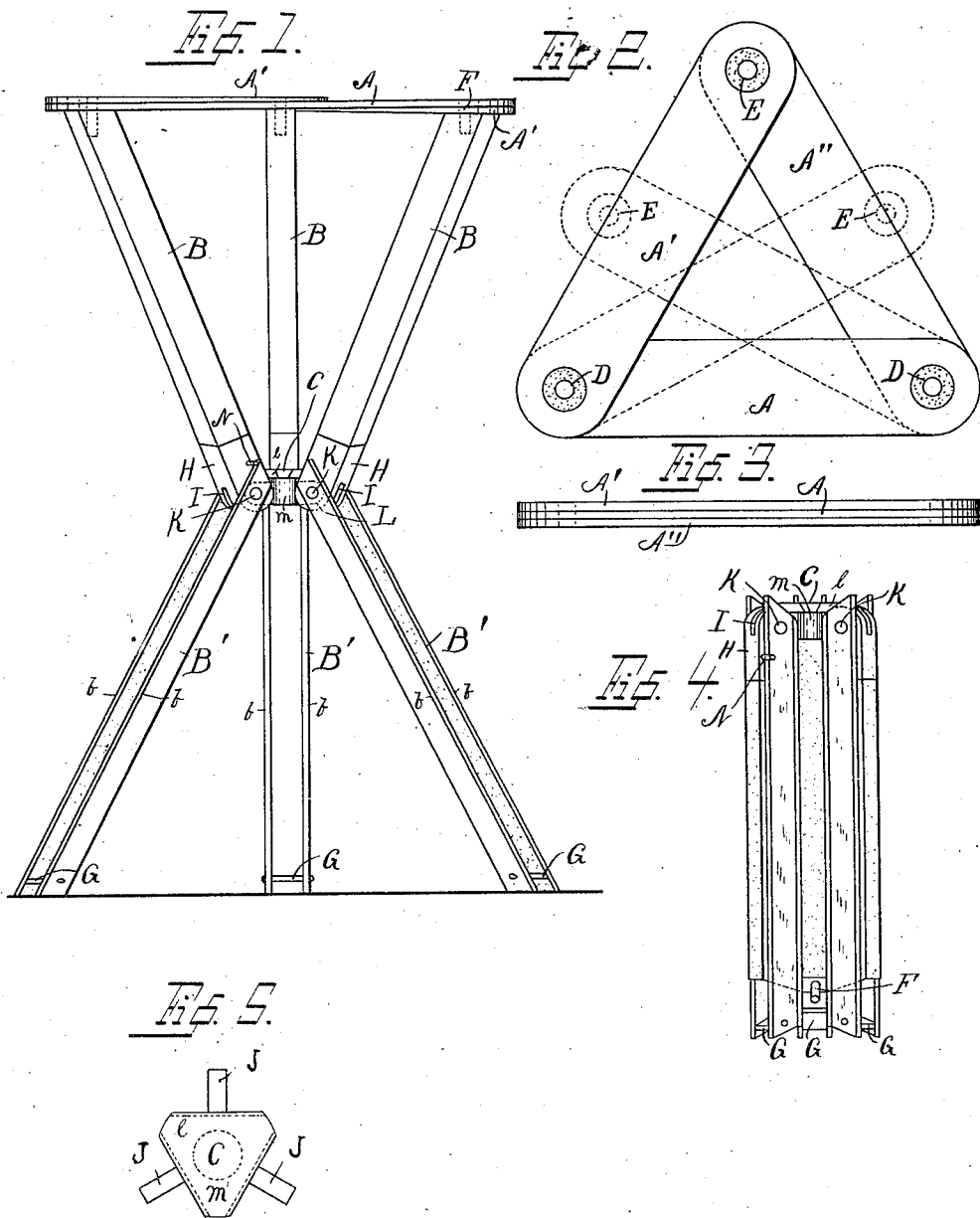
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT P. CLARK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Milwaukee, county of Milwaukee, and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Folding Stands or Stools, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in folding stands or stools.

The object of my invention is to provide a portable stand or stool which is simple in its construction and capable of being carried in a very small compass.

In the following description reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of my invention as it is when ready for use. Fig. 2 is a top view of the seat. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the seat when folded. Fig. 4 is a view of the legs when folded. Fig. 5 is a top view of the center piece.

Like parts are identified by the same reference-letters throughout the several views.

The seat is composed of three folding bars or plates A, A', and A''. The legs are preferably three in number and are constructed in two sections B and B', hinged together at the center and supported by the center pieces C. The legs and seat are detached and folded separately.

More particularly, my invention is described as follows: The seat-bars A' and A'' are respectively secured at one end to opposite ends of the bar A by tubular metallic pivot-pins D, and the free ends of the bars A' and A'' are provided with tubular metallic pins or rivets E, the openings of which register with each other when the seat is unfolded and the bars arranged to form a triangle, as shown in Fig. 2. Solid pins F, projecting vertically from the upper ends of the legs, are adapted to fit into the tubular openings of the pivot-pins D and rivets E, thus uniting the ends of the bars A' and A'' and holding the seat upon the legs.

The lower leg-sections B' are composed of the two parallel bars b b, provided with a base-plate or foot G at their lower ends to prevent them from penetrating the ground. The upper leg-sections are covered on each side by metallic plates H at their lower ends and are adapted to fit between the upper end

of the bars b b of the lower leg-sections. They are also provided with an open-ended slot I, into which an arm J of the center piece C is adapted to fit. The lower and upper leg-sections are secured to the center piece by a hinge-pin K, passing through the interlocked ends and through the arm J.

The center piece C comprises a top board l with edges beveled downwardly and inwardly to form a bearing for the upper leg-section B when the latter is in its open position, as shown in Fig. 1, and a lower and preferably cylindrical portion m, from which the leg-supporting arms J project. I have also provided the plates H with a lug N on one side, adapted to engage with the upper ends of the lower leg-section above the point of its pivotal support and throwing the lower section outwardly as the upper section is unfolded to receive the seat.

When not in use, the seat is removed from the pins F and folded, as shown in Fig. 3. The upper leg-sections are turned downwardly and folded between the bars b b of the lower sections, as shown in Fig. 4, thus leaving the device in two parts, but folded in a very small compass.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a folding stool, comprising a center piece having a top board l with edges beveled downwardly and inwardly to form a bearing for the upper leg-section, with leg-supporting arms J projecting laterally from said center piece; upper leg-sections slotted at their lower ends and adapted to fit over the arms projecting from the center piece; lower double-barred leg-sections, within which the upper leg-sections are adapted to fold; and a hinge-pin uniting the interlocking ends to an arm of the center piece; together with a removable, folding-bar seat, adapted, when folded, to engage the upper ends of the upper leg-sections, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a folding stool, comprising a center piece having a top board l with edges beveled downwardly and inwardly to form a bearing for the upper leg-sections; leg-supporting arms J projecting laterally from said center piece; upper

leg-sections slotted at their lower ends and adapted to fit over the arms projecting from the center piece; lower double-barred leg-sections, within which the upper leg-sections are adapted to fold; a hinge-pin uniting the interlocking ends to an arm of the center piece; and a lug attached to the upper section, adapted to engage the projecting end of the lower section above the hinge-pin, to throw out the lower sections when the bars

are unfolded; together with a removable folding-bar seat, adapted, when unfolded, to engage the upper ends of the upper leg-sections, substantially as described.

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

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