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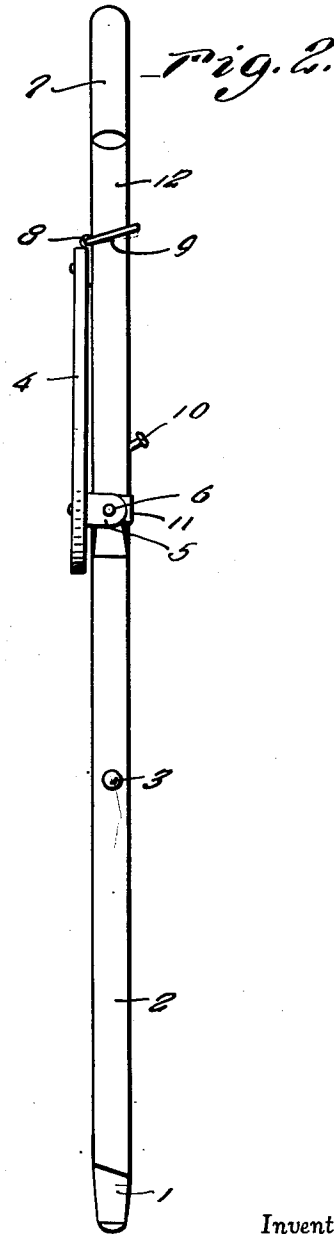
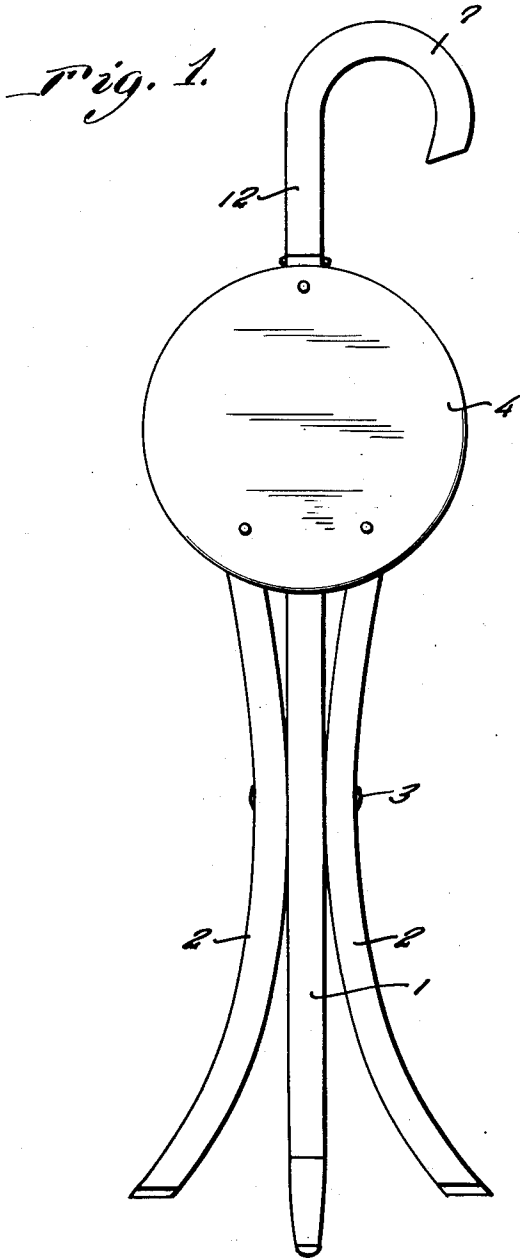
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Fig. 3.

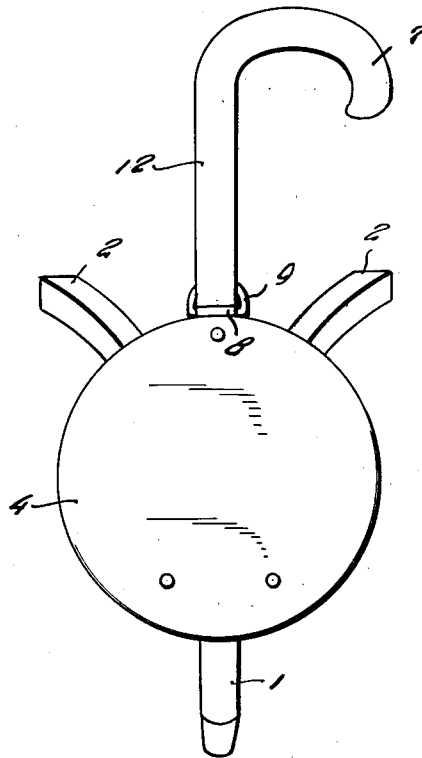
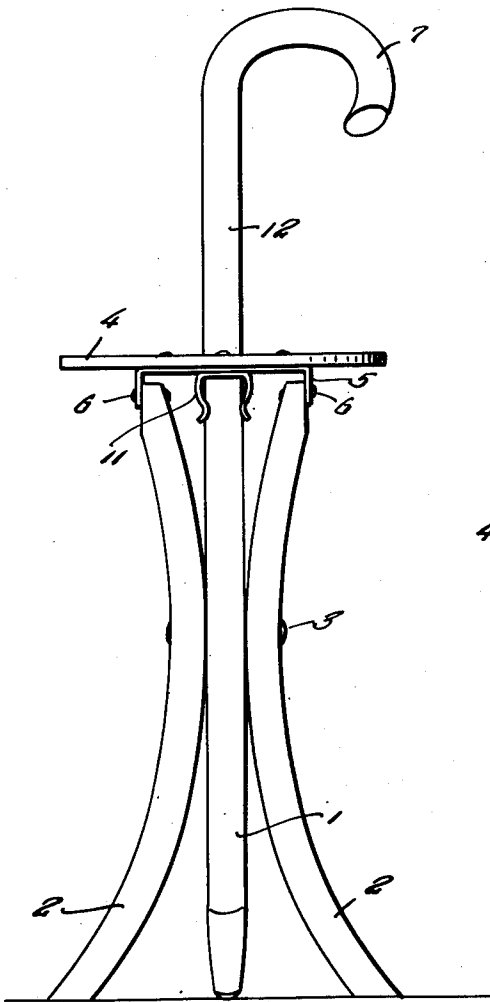


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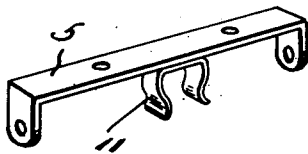


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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in chairs for use particularly when viewing parades, sporting events, etc., and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a chair embodying a novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts through the medium of which said chair may be conveniently folded and carried as a walking cane when desired.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a chair of the aforementioned character which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, efficient and reliable in use, compact, light in weight, attractive in appearance, and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of a chair constructed in accordance with the present invention, showing said chair folded.

Figure 2 is a view in side elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is a view in front elevation, showing the chair unfolded.

Figure 4 is a top plan view, showing the chair unfolded.

Figure 5 is a detail view in perspective of the bracket and spring clip thereon.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises crossed legs 1 and 2 which are pivotally connected with each other at an intermediate point, as at 3. As illustrated to advantage in Figure 4 of the drawings, the legs 2 are oppositely curved or bowed and are mounted on opposite sides of the leg 1.

The reference numeral 4 designates a seat which is substantially in the form of a disk and which may be of any suitable material, preferably wood. Secured beneath the seat 4, adjacent the front thereof, is a substantially U-shaped bracket 5 to which the upper end portions of the legs 2 are pivotally secured, as at 6.

The leg 1 extends above the seat 4 and terminates, at its upper end, in a handle 7. Secured beneath the rear portion of the seat 4 and projecting rearwardly therefrom is an eye member 8 in which a loop 9 is pivotally mounted, said loop 9 slidably encircling the upper portion of the leg 1. The reference numeral 10 designates a stop in the form of a pin which is mounted on the leg 1 for limiting downward movement of the loop 9 thereon, thus supporting the seat

4 in a substantially horizontal position when the chair is unfolded. A spring clip 11 is mounted on the bracket 5 for engagement with the leg 1 for releasably securing the chair in folded position.

It is believed that the manner of using the invention will be readily apparent. When in folded position, the leg 1 is engaged in the spring clip 11 and in this manner the elements 1, 2, and 4 are secured in the position shown to advantage in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings, thus permitting the device to be conveniently carried as a walking cane by simply grasping the handle 7. When it is desired to use the device as a chair, the upper ends of the legs 2 are swung forwardly, carrying the seat 4 also forwardly thus disengaging the clip 11 from the leg 1. During this operation, the loop 9 slides downwardly on the upper portion of the leg 1 until arrested by the stop 10 and the opening or unfolding operation has been completed. When unfolded, the upper portion 12 of the leg 1, in conjunction with the handle 7, may be used as a support or back by the person occupying the chair.

It is believed that the many advantages of a chair constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood and although a preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

A folding chair of the class described comprising a straight leg, a pair of oppositely bowed legs pivotally mounted at an intermediate point on opposite sides of the first named leg, a circular seat, a substantially U-shaped bracket having the bight portion thereof anchored beneath the forward section of the circular seat, the second named legs being pivotally connected at their upper ends to the depending legs of the bracket, the first named leg extending above the seat and terminating at its upper end in a handle, a loop pivotally mounted on the rear of the seat and slidably encircling the upper portion of the first named straight leg, a stop on said first named leg engageable with the loop for supporting the seat in a substantially horizontal position when the chair is unfolded, and a spring clip mounted on the bracket intermediate the legs thereof and engageable with the first named leg for releasably securing the chair in folded position.

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