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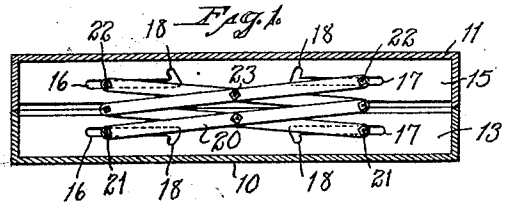
Fig. 1.



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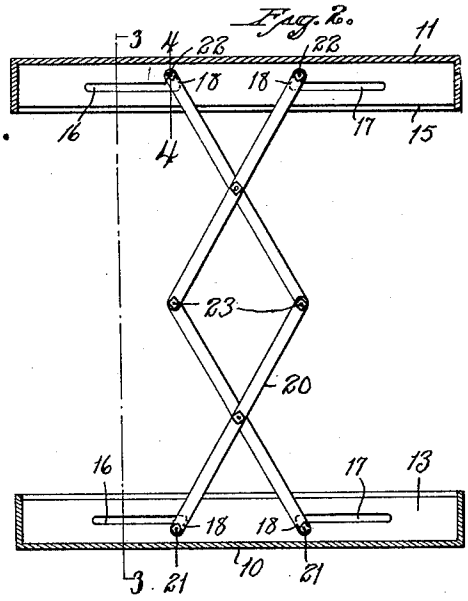

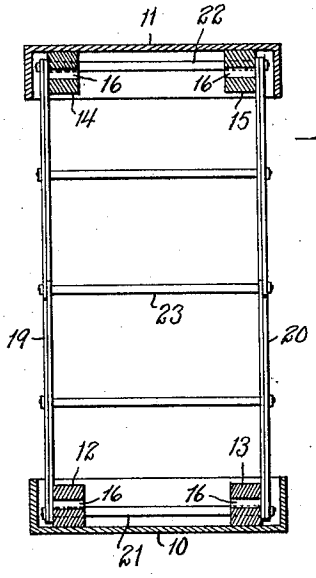

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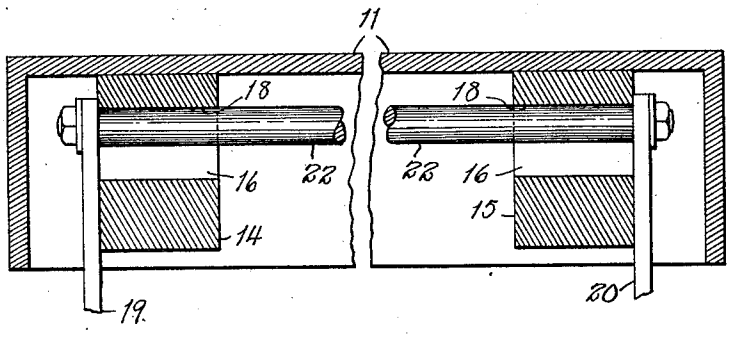

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This invention relates to an improvement in folding stools of the lazy tong type in which one member is supported above another member by means of lazy tongs, the object of the invention being a simple construction which permits the device to be readily folded so as to provide a convenient package for transportation, and the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described and particularly recited in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a transverse sectional view of a folding stool constructed in accordance with my invention and shown in the folded position;

Fig. 2 is a similar view with the parts in the open position;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2, enlarged.

In carrying out my invention, I employ a base 10 and a top or seat 11. These are duplicates of each other and of open box-like type.

In the base, near opposite sides, are located blocks 12 and 13 and in the top are located similar blocks 14 and 15. These blocks are each formed with slots 16 and 17, which slots terminate in offset notches 18. Lazy tongs 19 and 20 are connected with these blocks by rods or bolts 21 and 22, the links of the tongs being also connected by stays 23.

The bolts or stays 21 and 22 extend through the slots 16 and 17 so as to ride therein and enter the notches 18, and when the seat is separated from the base, these rods travel through the slots 16 and enter the notches 18, whereby the seat is firmly held in its raised position.

To fold the stool, it is only necessary to lift the seat so as to disengage the bolts 21 and 22 from their respective notches, and the tongs will then fold and be enclosed between the base and seat. Suitable locking-mechanism may be provided for locking the seat to the base when in the folded position.

I thus provide a folding stool or seat which will be sufficiently strong to sustain the weight of an ordinary person and which can be readily carried about.

I claim:

A folding stool comprising a base and a seat, blocks mounted in the base and seat, said blocks formed with slots terminating at their adjacent ends with notches, lazy tongs between the base and seat, and provided at their ends with stays passing through said slots and adapted to enter said notches.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification.

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