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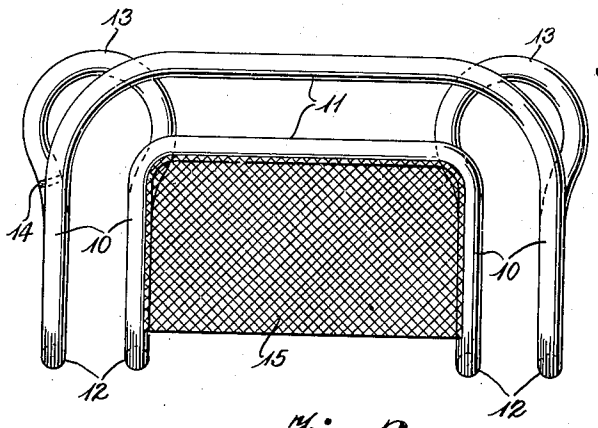


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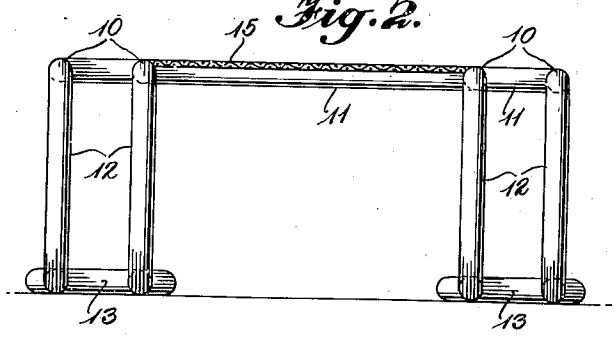


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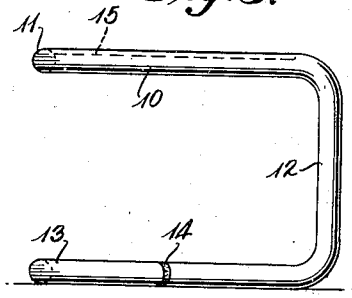


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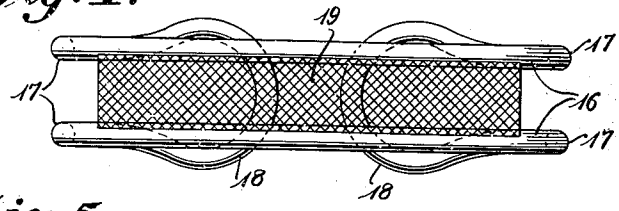


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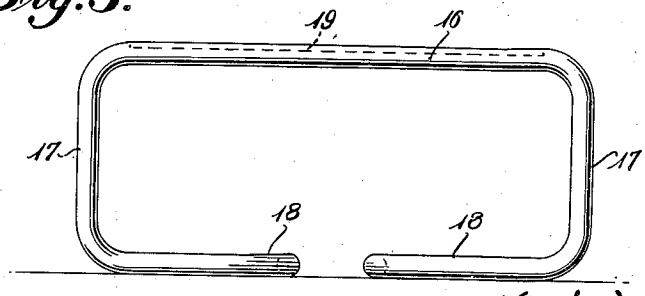


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Persons who are obliged to spend long hours standing at a work bench, or moving about over hard floors and pavements, or sitting at a desk, or riding in automobiles, are well aware of the tired feeling which comes to their feet, and how that tired feeling is relieved when they are able to rest their feet on something higher than the floor. Sitting down is not enough. To enjoy complete rest and relaxation, the feet need to be properly elevated.

This invention relates to foot rests and has, primarily, the following objects in view:

1. To produce a foot rest adaptable for use under a desk in an office, in front of a chair in the parlor or bedroom of any home, in an automobile, or any place where people sit down to rest and relax.

2. To produce a foot rest which can be reversibly or invertibly used with equal efficacy.

3. To produce a foot rest which may also be used as a seat, especially by children, or to accommodate extra persons in a car or other places where and when space is at a premium.

4. To produce a foot rest which will be strong and durable, neat and in good taste, easy to manufacture, and retailed at a reasonable price.

Other useful advantages and attractive features of this invention will become apparent when this specification is read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing which forms an integral part of this application and in which:

Fig. 1 shows a plan view of the invention;

Fig. 2 shows a front or rear elevation;

Fig. 3 shows a side elevation of the device;

Fig. 4 shows a plan view of a modified form of the foot rest; and

Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the modified form.

Referring now more specifically to the drawings wherein like numerals indicate corresponding parts of the invention;

To manufacture the article constituting the subject of this invention, a long resilient strip of metal is taken and bent or doubled on itself substantially as shown at Fig. 1 of the drawings. The metal strip chosen to form the frame of the device shown is tubular from one-quarter (¼) to one-half (½) inch in diameter, but it is obvious that any other shape or form of metal strip may be used, such as a solid rod or flat steel ribbon, or even plastic material can be chosen to make the frame without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Whatever material is used, when the same is bent around to form the complete frame the free ends are united, as shown at 14, so that the whole

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is presented as a single piece without any free or loose ends showing anywhere about it.

The frame of the foot rest, as shown at Fig. 1 of the drawings, has on the topside thereof parallel side bars 10, spaced about two (2) inches apart and running from back to front for about 7 to 8 inches; thence the strip is turned to provide paralleled frontal bars 11 running lengthwise or latitudinally of the frame for about 12 inches; thence to the rear portion of the frame providing each side of the same with upright or vertical parallel bars 12 constituting the leg portions of the foot rest. These two pairs of legs stand about 5 inches high from the floor, and the members of each pair stand about 2 inches apart (same as the side and frontal bars). The legs 12 are then bent forward to form snow-shoe or racket-shaped feet 13 running directly under the parallel sides 10 and extending slightly beyond the frontal bars 11. These feet are 2 inches wide at the "heel" and about 3 inches across the widest part of the "paw."

The space within the boundary of the inner side bars 10 and the inner frontal bar 11 is covered and bridged either by a cloth, such as carpeting, or by some metallic, or plastic material 15.

At Fig. 4 is illustrated one of the many modified forms in which this invention may be expressed and utilized without departing from its fundamental objects and basic principles. In this instance the strip out of which the frame of the foot rest is made is bent to provide 2 parallel bars 16, about 12 inches in length, bent downwardly to form the legs 17, and then inwardly from the ends toward the middle, underneath the bars 16, to form the feet 18.

The space between the parallel bars 16 is covered or bridged by a material 19, which may be either cloth, metal or plastic.

In use, the device shown and described is placed in front of a person seated in a chair or on the seat of a car and the person can rest his feet by placing them on the device, either on the top side, on the bars 10 or 16, or on the covering 15; or, the same may be inverted and the person may rest his feet by placing them on the "feet" 13 or 18 of the devices shown.

The foot rest produced in accordance with the letter and spirit of this specification is adaptable to be used under a desk, in the home, or while travelling.

It is also adaptable to be used as a seat, by utilizing coverings 15 or 19 for that purpose.

The strip out of which the frame of the article is formed is of highly polished and decorative

material; likewise the material of the covering. Thus the finished product makes a very attractive, ornamental, as well as useful piece of furniture.

From the foregoing specification, read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, it will be clearly seen that I have invented an article of furniture which can be used at any time and place for either as a foot rest or as a seat, as conditions and occasions may require.

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

A foot rest comprising a rod of pliable resilient material doubled into an endless loop of parallel counterparts which in turn are bent at certain points from the middle of said loop to form two horizontally disposed U-shaped portions, one of them being within and parallel to the other, the arms of said U-shaped portions being in turn bent at certain points forming two pair of perpendicularly disposed parallel legs,

said legs being in turn bent at certain points in a horizontal direction forming two pair of parallel feet running directly beneath and parallel to the arms of the said U-shaped portions and terminating in a somewhat paw-shaped flared loop; and covering material laid across the open space of the inner one of the said U-shaped portions and securely fastened to the base and arms thereof.

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