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fig. 1.

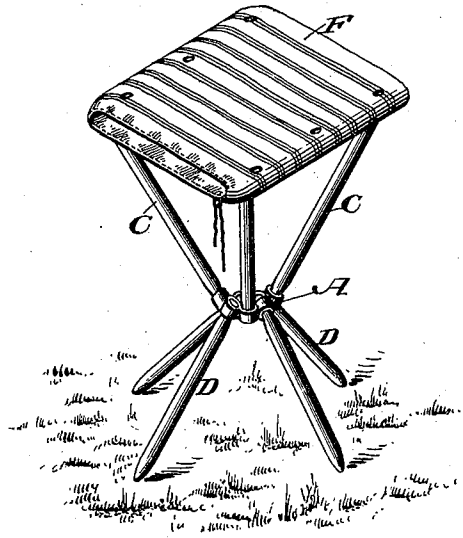


fig. 2.

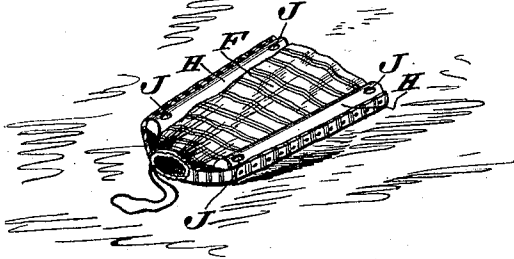


fig. 3.

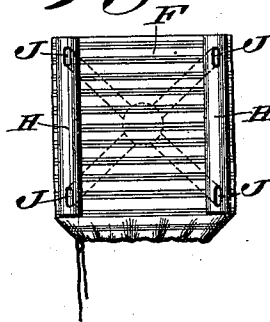
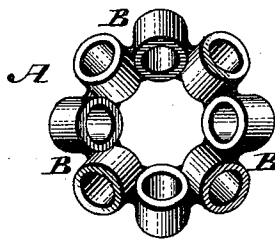


fig. 4.



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FOLDING STOOL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH L. CHAPMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Haddonfield, in the county of Camden, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Stools, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a folding stool which is formed of a socketed head, props and legs adapted to be removably connected with said head, and a part which is adapted to form a receptacle for containing said head, props, and legs and constitute the seat of the stool.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a folding stool embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the stool in folded condition. Fig. 3 represents a bottom plan view of the stool in operative position. Fig. 4 represents a top or plan view of the socketed head on an enlarged scale.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a head which is formed of sockets B, which extend obliquely alternately inward and outward, so as to form two sets, one set for the reception of the props C and the other set for the reception of the legs D, thus forming the support for the seat F of a stool, said seat being of the form of a bag open at one end and having parallel cleats H firmly secured to the under face thereof at opposite sides, said cleats being formed with openings J, which receive the upper ends of the props C when the bag is spread out, thus placing said bag in operative condition as the seat of the stool, the props being somewhat elastic and sprung into the sockets in the cleats, thus preventing dismemberment of the stool.

It will be seen that I produce a stool that is simple, inexpensive, strong and durable, and easily set up, the props and legs being nicely spread, so as to form a broad support for the seat and a broad base to rest on the ground or other place where the article is required.

When the article is to be folded, the seat is removed, and the props and legs withdrawn from the head B. The props C, the legs D, and the head A thereof are placed in the bag F, and the open end or mouth of the latter is closed, so that the several parts may be carried as one, the condition of the same being shown in Fig. 2.

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

1. In a folding stool, a head having a series of sockets arranged in annular form, rigidly connected together at their sides, and alternately inclined in opposite directions, the sockets which are at their upper ends inclined outwardly being adapted to receive props for a seat, and the adjacent sockets which are inclined outwardly at their lower ends being adapted to receive legs substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A folding stool, consisting of a seat formed of a receptacle having cleats secured to the under side thereof and provided with openings, a head having alternately-inclined sockets, props with their ends adapted to be seated in said openings, and in each alternate socket, and legs in the other sockets, said parts being combined substantially as described.

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