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Fig. 3.

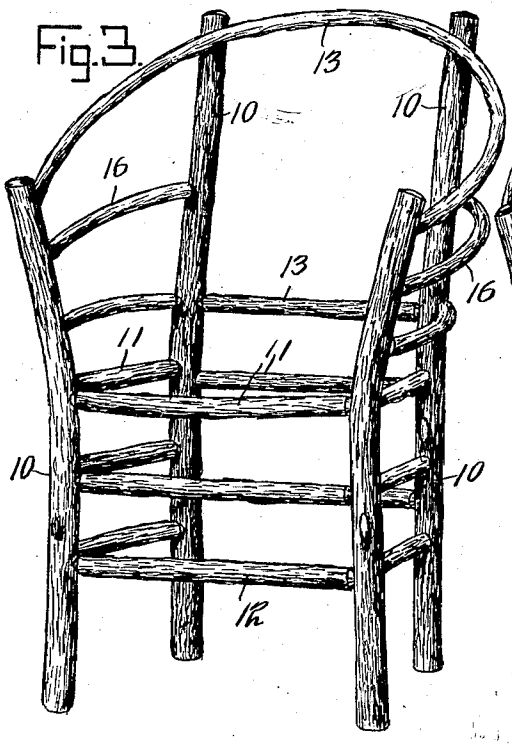


Fig. 2.

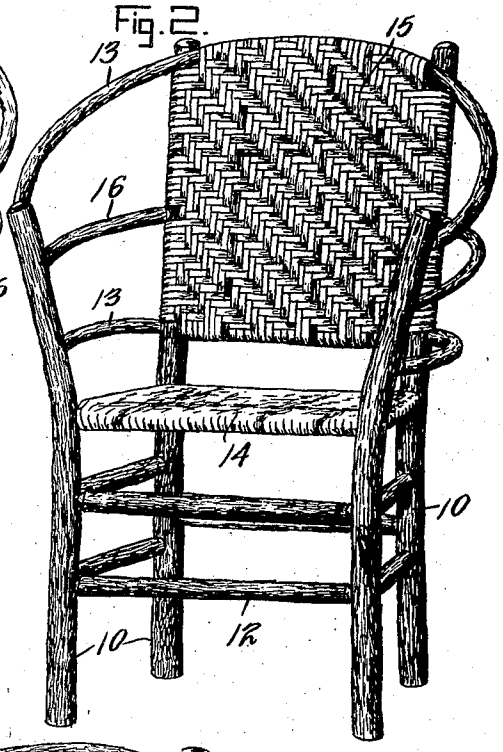
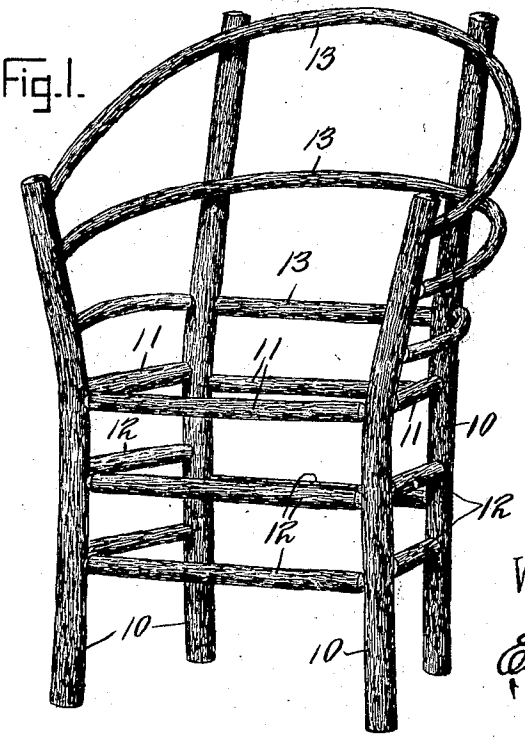


Fig. 1.



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My said invention relates to articles of furniture such as rustic chairs, rustic seats, etc. and it is an object thereof to render such furniture more comfortable in use.

Referring to the accompanying drawings which are made a part hereof and on which similar reference characters indicate similar parts,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the frame of an armchair of a certain type as heretofore made,

Figure 2, a similar view showing my improved construction as completed, and

Figure 3, a perspective of the frame of said improved chair.

In the drawings reference character 10 indicates uprights forming the legs of an armchair of the type commonly known as the "Old Hickory" chair, this being a rustic chair which has long been manufactured by assignee and sold by it under said trade name. The legs are connected by bars 11 which also support the seat. Rounds 12 below the seat and side and back bows 13 above the seat unite the legs in a strong structure. It will be noted in the drawing that side pieces 13 are of approximately semi-circular form and connected at their extremities to the front uprights of the chair and at an intermediate part to the rear uprights. The chair is completed by the addition of a flexible woven seat 14 made of strips of bark which may extend at right angles to one another and be interwoven in any suitable manner to produce a smooth seat. A back for the chair is supplied in similar manner by interweaving strips of bark as indicated in the drawing. It will be noted that the bars 11 support the seat while the rear or intermediate portions of the bows 13 and the upper ends of the rear legs or uprights 10 support the back.

In the old construction, shown in Figure 1, the middle piece 13 renders the chair uncomfortable in that it engages the back of the occupant in such a manner as to exert a pressure which causes discomfort, this being true in spite of any small changes of position of the piece that may be made without altering the design of the chair. To avoid such discomfort I have conceived the idea of dispensing with the part of the middle piece 13 extending between the rear uprights, leaving only a pair of side bars 16 extending from the front uprights to the rear uprights at each side of the chair. I have discovered that the back 15 is amply supported by the rear uprights at the sides and by the upper and lower pieces 13 at the top and bottom, and a flexible back support provided which will readily conform to the position of the occupant thereby overcoming the discomfort caused by engagement of the intermediate piece with the small of the back. The desirability, popularity and salability of the chair is thus greatly increased without diminishing its durability or its attractive appearance.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various changes may be made in my deviece without departing from the spirit of the invention and that while it is illustrated as applied to one type of chair only, yet it may be applied to any type of chair or seat for which it is adapted, and therefore I do not limit myself to what is shown in the drawings and described in the specification, but only as indicated in the appended claim.

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

A rustic chair formed of unsplit tree portions, comprising front and rear uprights forming its legs, arms and back-supports, an upper bow connected at its ends to said front uprights and at intermediate points to said rear uprights adjacent their tops, bars connecting the several uprights at the seat level and forming a rectangular seat support, a seat fabricated of strips of tree bark mounted on the seat support thus formed, other cross bars connecting said several uprights below the seat at the front, rear and sides of the chair, other side bars connecting each front upright with each rear upright a short distance above the seat, a rear bar connecting the two rear uprights

in line with said side bars, other side bars connecting each front upright with each rear upright intermediate said first mentioned side bars and the top bow, and a flexible back woven of strips of tree bark supported about its margin wholly by said lower back bar, the rear uprights and the intermediate portion of said top bow, said back being otherwise flexible and unsupported, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Martinsville, Indiana, this 12th day of December, A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

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