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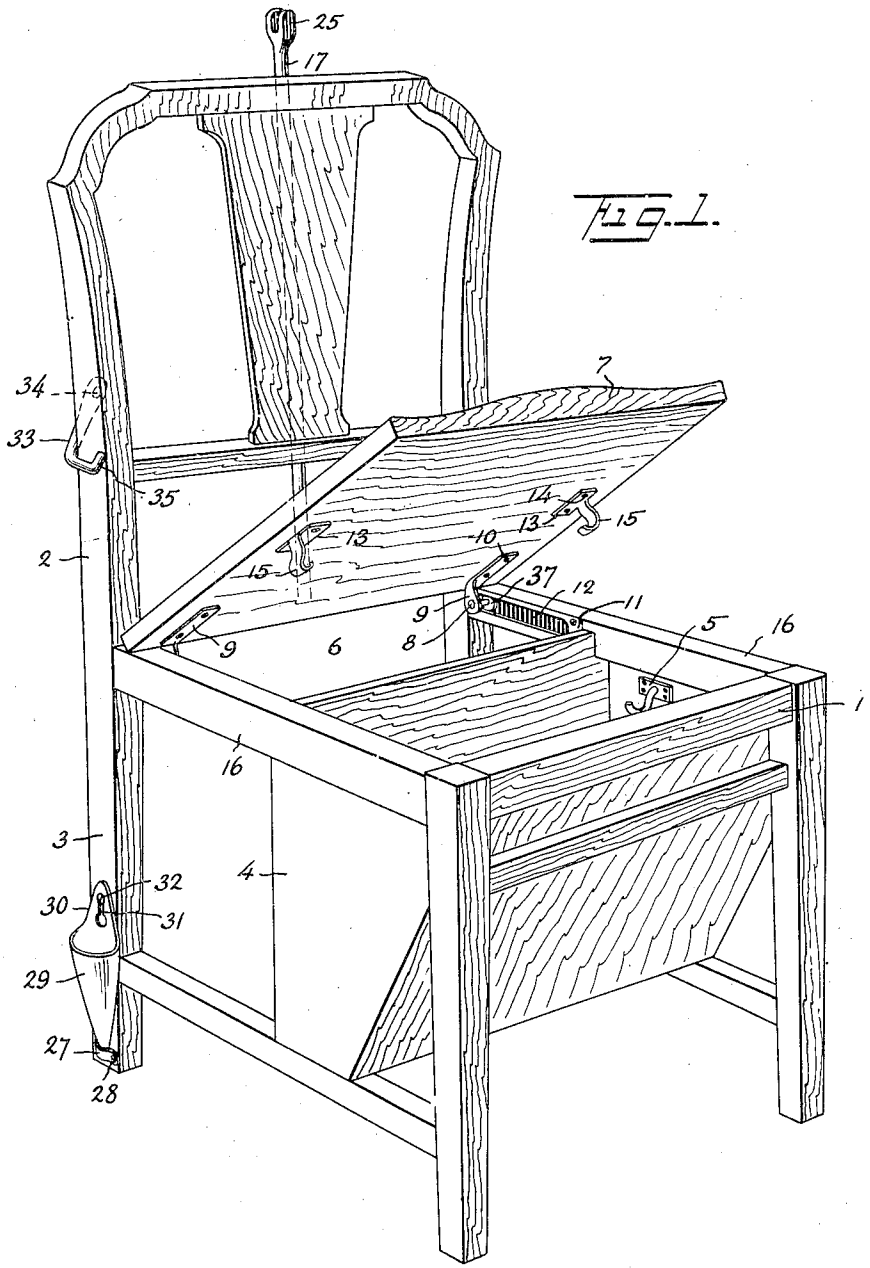


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Fig. 2.

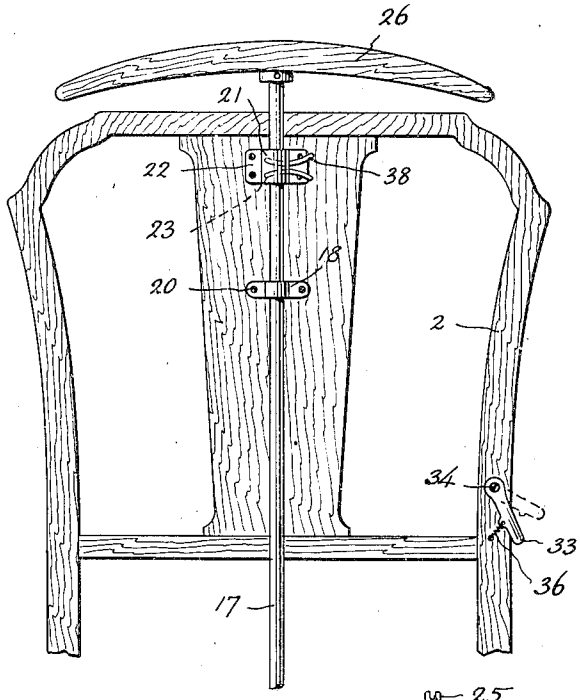


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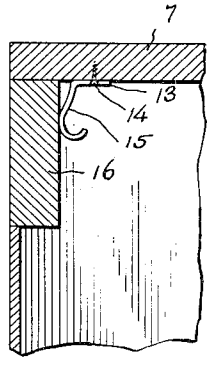
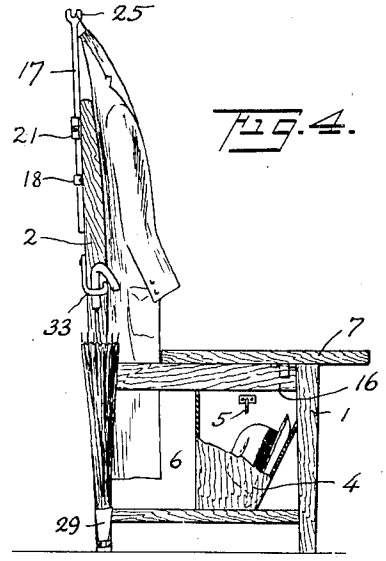


Fig. 4.



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My invention relates to chairs of a type more especially adapted for use in restaurants and other public places where the user may desire to conveniently and readily dispose of coat, hat, parcels or umbrella, or all of them.

In places of this character it has been usual to dispose of such articles either by checking the same with an attendant, or by hanging the articles upon suitable hooks or racks upon the wall or furniture provided for such purpose, in which case the owner assumes the risk of theft and is annoyed by the necessity of watching the same, if possible, or of trusting to luck for their safety.

My invention has for its object the provision of an improved chair in which means are provided for very conveniently and easily receiving hat, small parcels and coat and securely retaining them against any possibility of removal while the chair is occupied, additional means being also provided for receiving and retaining an umbrella in immediate proximity to the occupant of the chair, whereby the chances of an unauthorized removal thereof are minimized.

Reference is hereby made to the accompanying drawings, of which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a chair constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of a portion of the chair, showing a modified construction of garment holder.

Fig. 3 is a detail section of a portion of the frame and seat; and

Fig. 4 is a side elevation showing the manner in which the various articles may be received by the chair.

In the construction shown, the chair comprises a frame 1, which includes a back 2, preferably having a pair of legs 3 integral therewith. Within this frame is a receptacle 4, having four enclosing walls, a bottom and an open top, as shown. This receptacle is preferably of suitable size for receiving a hat and various small parcels or handbags which may be carried by the user, and means such as a hook 5 may be provided for supporting articles placed in the receptacle. Directly back of the receptacle 4 and between the side members 16 of the frame 1 is an open space 6, the purpose of which will appear later.

The seat 7 is provided with horizontal pivot pins 8 supported by downwardly extending brackets 9 which are secured to the bottom of the seat by any suitable means, such as wood screws 10. The side members 16 of the frame 1 are provided with guide plates 11, each of which is formed with a slot 12 for receiving the pivot pin 8 and slidably supporting the same. The ends 37 of the pins 8 are enlarged to prevent disengagement of the pins from the slots 12. By this construction, it is evident that the seat 7 is capable of pivotal movement with respect to the frame 1, so that it may be tilted in a vertical direction from its normal horizontal position to that shown in Fig. 1. It is also capable of being moved in a forward direction from the position of Fig. 1 by reason of the sliding of the pivot pins 8 in the slots 12, and it may then be moved downwardly by pivotal movement so as to occupy the position shown in Fig. 4. The seat 7 need not be turned on its pivot in order to be slid in a forward direction, as such movement is possible while the seat is in a horizontal position.

Means are desirably provided for frictionally retaining the seat 7 in horizontal position, and as shown such means consists of a pair of oppositely disposed spring members, each of which comprises a flat portion 13 adapted to be secured to the bottom of the seat 7 by screws or other suitable retaining means 14 and integral, curved spring arms 15 placed in such position as to contact with the side members 16 of the frame 1 and to be forced inwardly thereby during the downward movement of the seat so as to engage said member with any desired degree of friction. The spring members are so placed as not to interfere with the forward movement of the seat 7 when in horizontal position.

The back 2 is provided with suitable garment supporting means, which as shown comprises a vertical rod 17, the upper end of which passes through a guide 18 secured to said back by any desired means, such as screws 20. The rod 17 also passes through

and is supported by a clamp 21 which comprises a base 22 secured to the back, and a pair of resilient curved plates 23, one end of each of which is integral with said base, the opposite ends being extended to form finger pieces 38. Each of the plates 23 is formed with an aperture through which the rod 17 extends, and the contacting of the edges of said apertures with said rod normally provides a frictional support for the rod. By bending said plates 23 toward each other, the rod 17 may be readily raised or lowered. Upon releasing the plates 23, their spring action causes them to grip the rod 17.

The upper end of the rod 17 may be formed with a fork 25 on which a garment may be hung in the manner shown in Fig. 4, or if desired a curved strip 26 may be secured to the upper end of the rod 17, as shown in Fig. 2, by which the garment may be supported.

At the lower end of one of the legs 3 is a curved plate 27 suitably secured thereto as by screws 28. This plate retains in position the lower end of a holder 29 which is adapted to receive and retain the lower end of an umbrella. The upper end of the holder 29 is provided with an extension 30 formed with a slot 31 the lower end of which is enlarged as shown to permit its passage over the head of a retaining screw 32, after which the holder is moved downward into the position shown and held either by gravity or by the tightening of the screw 32. The holder 29 is preferably water tight and will serve to collect and retain all water running from the umbrella, thus preventing it from collecting on the floor. The holder can readily be removed from the chair for the purpose of pouring out the water which may have collected therein.

Means are provided for retaining the upper or handle end of the umbrella, and such device as shown comprises an L-shaped plate or arm 33, one end of which is pivotally secured to the back 2 by any suitable means, such as the screw 34. The free end 35 of said arm may be bent, as shown, to form a hook. The arm 33 serves to hold the umbrella handle against the side edge of the back 2 and a tension spring 36 is preferably provided for biasing said arm toward said side edge, one end of said spring being secured to the back 2 and the other end to said member 33.

The manner in which the chair may be used is as follows:

It may, of course, be used as an ordinary chair, without making any use of the facilities for the retaining of a coat, hat, parcel or umbrella, or, in case such articles are to be disposed of, the user may first support his umbrella by inserting the point or tip thereof in the holder 29 thereupon moving the retaining member 33 laterally and inserting the handle of the umbrella between said member and the back of the chair, as shown in Fig. 4. Upon releasing the retaining member, the spring 36 retracts the arm 33 and causes it to securely hold the umbrella. The user thereupon moves the seat 7 upwardly by a pivotal movement into the position shown in Fig. 1 and deposits his hat, parcels, etc. in the receptacle 4. He then slides the seat in a forward direction, and lowers it into the position shown in Fig. 4, while he removes his overcoat and hangs it upon the garment supporting rod 17, so that it depends from the upper end thereof in front of the back 2 and with its lower end within the space 6. After the garment has been suitably disposed, the seat 7 will be slid in a rearward direction so as to clamp the garment against the forward surface of the back 2. The seat will be retained in such position by the frictional engagement of the springs 15 with said frame members.

Having now described my invention what I claim is:

1. In a chair, the combination of a frame including a back, a seat, supporting means carried by said frame which permit said seat to slide in a forward direction from a position in which its rear portion is adjacent the back and not above the level of the seat when in normal position, thereby forming an opening between the seat and said back, and garment supporting means carried by said back in such position as to enable the garment to depend therefrom into said opening.

2. In a chair, the combination of a frame including a back, a seat, supporting means carried by said frame which permit said seat to slide horizontally in a forward direction from a position in which its rear portion is adjacent the back and not above the level of the seat when in normal position, thereby forming an opening between the seat and said back, and garment supporting means carried by said back in such position as to enable the garment to depend therefrom into said opening.

3. In a chair, the combination of a frame including a back, a seat, supporting means carried by said frame which permit said seat to slide in a forward direction from a position in which its rear portion is adjacent the back and not above the level of the seat when in normal position, thereby forming an opening between the seat and said back, and vertically adjustable garment supporting means carried by said back in such position as to enable the garment to depend therefrom into said opening.

4. In a chair, the combination of a frame including a receptacle, a seat above and normally forming a closure for said receptacle, and means for supporting said seat and for permitting pivotal movement thereof with respect to said frame sufficient to give access to said receptacle, and for permitting sliding

movement for a substantial distance without uncovering said receptacle.

5. In a chair, the combination of a frame including a receptacle, a seat above and normally forming a closure for said receptacle, and means for supporting said seat and for permitting pivotal movement thereof with respect to said frame sufficient to give access to said receptacle, and for permitting sliding movement for a substantial distance without uncovering said receptacle, and a resilient frictional member for opposing the movement of said seat.

6. In a chair, the combination of a frame, a seat, means for supporting said seat and for permitting pivotal and sliding movement thereof with respect to said frame, and a pair of oppositely disposed spring members depending from said seat in position to frictionally engage said frame.

7. In a chair, the combination of a frame, a seat, means for supporting said seat and for permitting pivotal and sliding movement thereof with respect to said frame, and a pair of oppositely disposed spring members depending from said seat in position to frictionally engage the interior surface of said frame.

8. In a chair, the combination of a frame including a back, a seat, supporting means carried by said frame which permit said seat to slide in a forward direction from a position in which its rear portion is adjacent the back and not above the level of the seat when in normal position, thereby forming an opening between the seat and said back, and garment supporting means carried by said back in such position as to enable the garment to depend therefrom into said opening and comprising a substantially vertical rod and a clamp carried by said back for supporting said rod in various positions of vertical adjustment.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name hereto.

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