

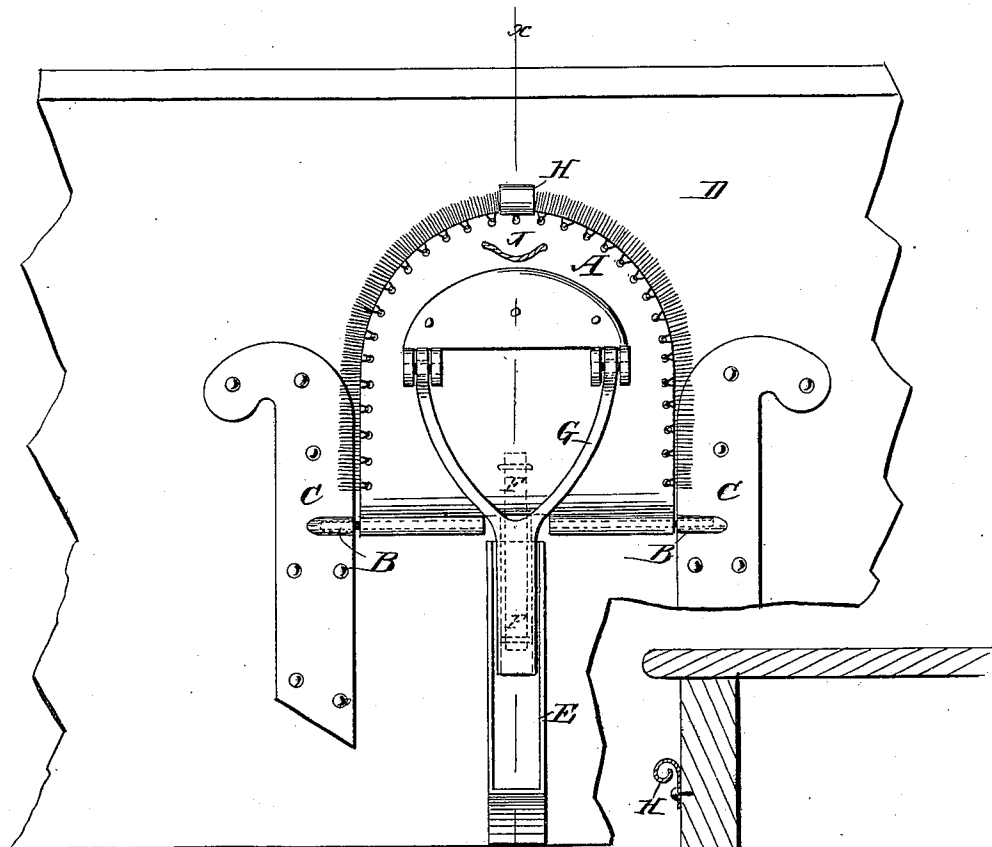
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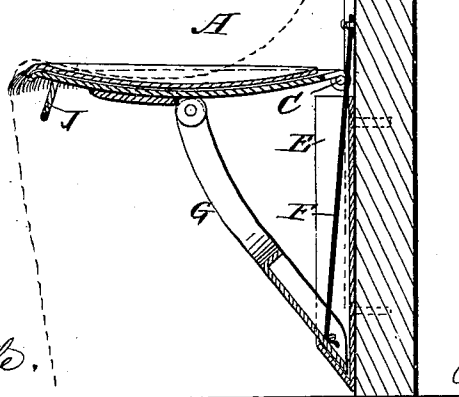
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## FOLDING COUNTER-SEAT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, REUBEN J. SPALDING, of Rosita, Custer county, Colorado, have invented a new and Improved Folding Counter-Seat, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved pivoted counter-seat, which is raised up against the counter or wall automatically as soon as the occupant leaves it.

10 The invention consists in a seat pivoted to the side of a counter or wall, and having a single or forked leg pivoted to its under side, the end of this leg sliding in a grooved vertical guide of the counter and being attached to a spring, the upper end of which is attached to the counter above the seat, so that this seat will be raised against the side of the counter or wall as soon as the occupant leaves the seat.

15 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the counter, showing the seat raised. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same on the line *x x*, showing the seat lowered.

25 Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

30 The seat A, which may be plain or upholstered and of any desired construction, is provided at its straight inner edge with the pivots B B, fitting in sockets C C, attached to the side of a counter or to a wall or any other suitable upright. A single or forked leg, G, is pivoted to the under side of this seat A, and the lower end of this leg slides in a grooved guide, E, attached to the counter, or the end of the leg is grooved and slides on a projecting guide.

35 A spring, F, of rubber or of coiled wire, is attached to the lower end of the leg G, and the other end of this spring is fastened to the sides

of the counter above the pivot of the seat, as shown in Fig. 2.

A catch, H, is fastened to the counter D or wall in such a manner that it will hold the seat when it is raised, and the seat is provided on the under side with a loop or handle, J, for lowering it.

45 The spring F draws the lower end of the leg G upward and holds the seat A against the counter D, as shown in Fig. 1. If a person wishes to occupy the seat the same is drawn down by means of the handle J, the end of the leg G sliding in the guide-groove E and the spring F being extended. As long as the seat is occupied the same is held down by the weight of the person, but as soon as the occupant leaves the seat the spring F draws the same up against the counter.

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

60 1. In a folding counter-seat, the combination, with the pivoted seat A, of the leg G, pivoted thereto, and of the spring F, attached to the end of the leg G and to the counter D, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a folding counter-seat, the combination, with the pivoted seat A, of the leg G, pivoted to the under side of the seat A, of the guide E, attached to the counter D, and of the spring F, attached to the end of the leg G and to the counter D, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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