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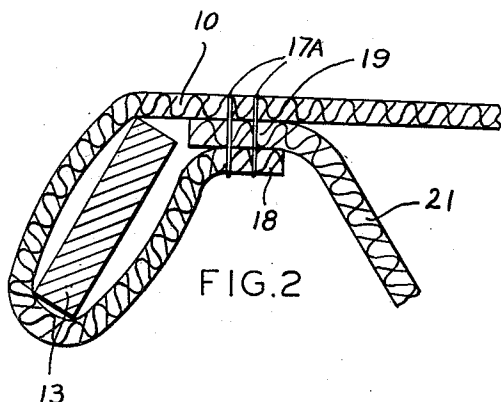


FIG. 2

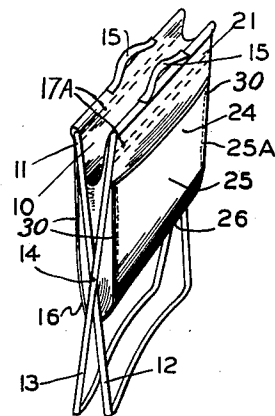


FIG. 3

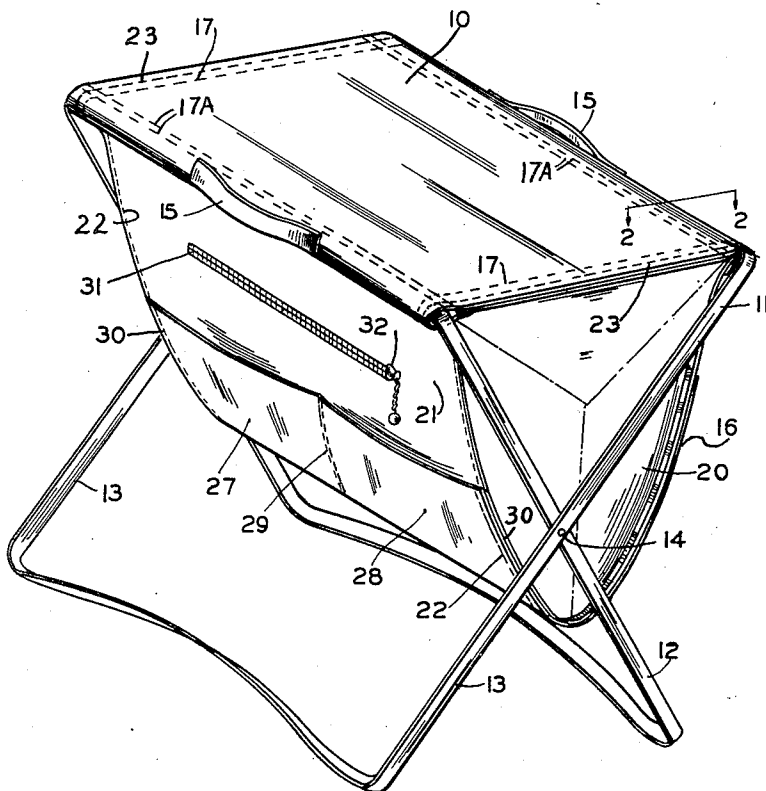


FIG. 1

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My invention relates to a stool and more particularly to an improved utility type of combination stool having a flexible seat portion, and a depending kit portion for holding various articles such as gardening tools, clothes, gun shells, etc.

The stool of my invention is light weight, collapsible, and easily carried by a hunter, gardener or nurse for use as a seat during their occupation or rest periods and is especially useful as a convenient means of holding and carrying the usual articles connected with their work or avocation.

I have found this stool to be of exceptional usefulness when shooting birds such as ducks and doves, that require the hunter to wait long periods of time in one place and to carry a number of shot gun shells. The flexible seat portion of the stool, which may be made of fabric, leather or the like, provides a comfortable seat and the kit portion of the stool contains separate, sizable pockets that will accommodate the shells, dead birds, and other hunter's supplies.

A feature of the kit portion of my stool is that substantially the entire space underneath the seat portion and extending down to the lower part of the stool is made available for housing and carrying the various types of articles mentioned above or other articles. The surface area of this portion may be several times as large as the seat portion but yet is entirely out of the way and does not interfere with the desired comfortable use of the seat portion. The depending, collapsible, kit portion may be made of the same or different material as the seat portion and may be connected therewith by stitching, adhesive, stapling or any other suitable means.

Some of the novel features of my invention are set forth with particularity in the appended claims; the mode of construction and use of my invention will be more clearly understood from the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing that illustrates a typical but non-limiting embodiment of the invention and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the stool shown in seating position;

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view taken along lines 2—2 of Fig. 1, and

Fig. 3 is an isometric view of the stool in collapsed position for ease of carrying.

Referring now to the several figures in the drawing, the stool comprises in this embodiment a seat portion 10 made of fabric such as canvas, duck, or similar strong, wear resisting materials. The seat portion 10 is suitably fastened to the

supporting legs 11 which consist of a pair of rectangular shaped members 12 and 13 made of wood, metal or other suitable materials. The legs are pivotally joined as indicated at 14, at a point located at approximately the center of the members 12 and 13. Handles 15 which may be made of the same material as the seat portion 10 are provided for carrying the stool; and when these handles are pulled together or toward each other the supporting frame portions 12 and 13 approach a single parallel position and the stool thereby collapses into an easily transportable form as indicated in Figure 3.

The depending kit portion of the stool is indicated generally at 16. This kit portion may be made in rectangular, triangular or any other desired general shape so long as it will depend or hang from the seat portion 10 and stay out of the way of the seat portion, and away from the legs of the person sitting on the stool. In practice I have found that the substantially triangular shape indicated in the drawing is very useful and convenient to handle. As suggested, however, this portion may be made more oval or more rectangular if desired.

The kit portion 16 of the stool in the embodiment shown is connected to the seat portion 10 by stitching, indicated at 17, along the edges of the seat portion. The preferred arrangement for connecting the kit portion to the seat portion is shown more in detail in Figure 2 wherein it will be noted that the end of the seat portion 10 extends substantially completely around the cross member of the supporting frame 13 and overlaps, as shown at 18, the connecting edge 19 of the portion 21 which forms one side of the kit 16. By stitching through the edges 18 and 19 and the edge of the seat portion 10 in the arrangement shown at 17A in Figure 2, the seat portion and the kit portion of the stool are securely joined together and anchored around the support 13. The same arrangement is of course employed at the other edge of the seat portion 10 with respect to the supporting member 12.

The kit portion 16 of my stool may, as indicated in the drawing, be made in three main pieces; that is, two sides or end pieces 20 and one continuous piece of material 21 that extends from one top cross member of the support 12 around to the corresponding top cross member of the support 13. This portion 21 is fastened to each end portion 20 by means of stitching as shown at 22. It is also fastened to the seat portion 10 by means of stitching 17A as described above.

The end portions 20 are also fastened to the

seat portion 10 by stitching along the outer edges thereof as indicated at 23.

The depending kit 16 is provided with several sizable pockets for receiving the articles described above. For example, one side of the kit has a pocket 24 shown in Figure 3. This pocket is formed by means of an extra piece of fabric 25 which is stitched to the longer fabric portion 21 along the side edges thereof as indicated at 25A and also along the bottom edge thereof as indicated at 26.

The other side of the kit is provided with two or more pockets 27 and 28 which are formed by an extension of the same piece of fabric 25 referred to above and are separated by means of stitching along the line indicated at 29. This extension is also stitched along the edges 30.

The largest compartment in the kit and which utilizes substantially the entire volume formed by the side and end portions described above is made available by means of an opening shown at 31. This opening may be provided with a zipper shown at 32 or with other closing means. This compartment of the kit is sufficient in size to accommodate articles of clothing for hunters or nurses, or for dead birds.

Various modifications and changes may be made in the above described stool without departing from the scope of my invention, some of the novel features of which are defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A collapsible combination stool and kit bag structure, comprising a pair of crossed pivotally connected frames having top bars, a fabric seat having its end edges fixedly secured to the top bars of the frames, a depending bag secured to said seat, said bag comprising fabric side walls secured at their upper edges to the side edges

of the seat, and an elongated fabric strip forming in continuity the end and bottom walls of the bag, said strip being secured at its upper edges to the end edges of the seat and along its side edges to the adjacent edges of the side walls of the bag, and an access opening in a depending wall portion of the bag.

2. A collapsible combination stool and kit bag structure, comprising a pair of crossed pivotally connected frames having top bars, a fabric seat having its end edges fixedly secured to the top bars of the frames, a depending bag secured to said seat, said bag comprising generally triangular fabric side walls secured at their upper edges to the side edges of the seat, and a fabric strip forming in continuity the end walls and bottom of the bag, said strip being secured at its upper edges to the end edges of the seat and along its side edges to the adjacent edges of the side walls of the bag, and an access opening in a depending wall portion of the bag.

3. A collapsible combination stool and kit bag structure, comprising a foldable supporting structure including a pair of frames each having a top bar and the frames being connected for collapsibility with their top bars spread apart in use, a fabric seat having its end edges fixedly secured to the top bars of the frames, a depending bag secured to said seat, said bag comprising fabric side walls secured at their upper edges to the side edges of the seat, and an elongated fabric strip forming in continuity the end and bottom walls of the bag, said strip being secured at its upper edges to the end edges of the seat and along its side edges to the adjacent edges of the side walls of the bag, and an access opening in a depending wall portion of the bag.

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