

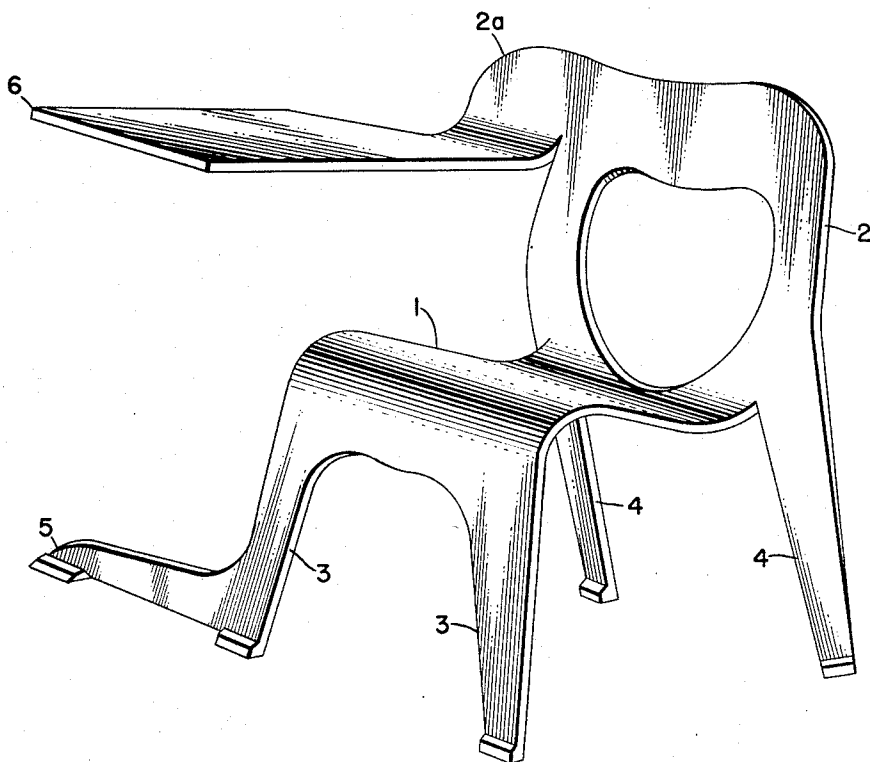
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This invention relates to furniture and more particularly to chairs having a table-arm as a part thereof which can be used for writing, serving refreshments, or for other purposes. This application is a division of Serial No. 129,966, now Patent No. 2,642,118.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a table-arm chair of exceptional strength, stability, light-weight, and which can be mass-produced by modern fabrication methods to assure a high quality and low cost article, and one which is adapted to be constructed as a one-piece article of metal, moulded plywood, or synthetic plastics, although, obviously, other materials and methods can be used in its construction.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a table-arm chair, a plurality of which can be nested or stacked in superimposed relation for shipment, or for storage when not in use.

No novelty is claimed in this invention for a nestable chair. The novel features hereinafter described may, however, constitute a part of any suitable nestable chair, as an additional part thereof, without interfering with the nesting of the parent article.

According to the present invention, there is provided a chair comprising a seat part or frame, a back part or frame, front and rear legs, and a table-arm extending forwardly from one side of the back part, the table-arm supported by the back part, the said table-arm residing in a plane outside the planes of the seat and rear legs, with a foot or supporting member extending outward, transversely of the chair, the foot residing below the table-arm, the object of the said foot being to prevent the chair from overturning sidewise when a heavy weight is placed upon the table arm.

The novel feature of the table-arm, disposed at one side of the chair seat, permits the occupant to rise directly from the chair, and additionally provides a table-arm chair which serves, with equal facility, stout or slender persons, or those of short or tall stature, without the necessity of providing for adjustment of the table-arms, which would complicate the structure and thereby weaken the article or increase the weight and cost. When the table-arm is employed for writing, it provides a more comfortable position since the occupant may recline against the back rest while the forearm reposes naturally

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upon the table-arm. It is therefore apparent that the chair can be shaped to a form-fitting contour, and if desired, constructed as a lounging chair, while retaining the material advantage of the novel features herein described.

When the articles are fabricated of sheet metal, or of synthetic plastics, the table-arm can be formed with beadings, channels, or other suitable configurations around its marginal edges to increase strength and rigidity.

To the end that a clear understanding of my invention may be obtained, reference will now be made to the accompanying drawing illustrating a material disclosure of a nestable table-arm chair according to the said invention and comprising:

A seat part 1, a back part 2, front legs 3, rear legs 4, extended foot 5, and a table-arm 6.

The table arm 6 extends forward from the back 2, at one side thereof as at 2a, and is supported by the said back. The foot extends outward transversely of the chair, from the front legs 3 as indicated by the reference numeral 5. Since the chair is a unitary structure, the foot prevents the chair from overturning sidewise when a heavy object is placed upon the table-arm.

It will be clear from the drawing how a plurality of the chairs illustrated can be stacked. Since the distance between the rear legs exceeds the overall width of the seat 1, and the front legs 3, an upper chair can be placed upon a lower chair, the seat 1, and table-arm 6, superimposed, the back 2, front legs 3, rear legs 4, and extended foot 5 of the upper chair forward of the one immediately beneath it until as the stacking continues, the rear legs 4 of the upper chairs will pass over the extending foot 5 of the lower chairs.

The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as illustrative and descriptive rather than as restrictive and limitative, since obviously a choice of materials or manufacturing techniques may result in a modification of forms without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my present invention, I declare that what I claim is:

A chair comprising a seat part, front and rear legs supporting said seat, a back rest above said seat, a table-arm forwardly extending from one side of said back rest, said table-arm reposing in a horizontal plane and residing in a vertical plane outside the planes of the seat and rear legs, a foot extending outward transversely of the chair, from the front leg adjacent the table-arm, said foot disposed to reside below said table-arm.

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