This invention relates to a new and improved combined child's training seat and step-stool, the same having several different functions, i.e., as a seat or pot吸纳, as a child's seat with a backrest, or as a stool, or as a step-stool wherein the backrest is pivoted down forming a step for the stool in the nature of a miniature kitchen step-ladder.

Other objects of the invention include the provision of a generally enclosed frame comprising side walls forming supporting means, a concealing front wall located between the side walls and secured thereto, a top member formed with the usual training seat aperture, a hinged top cover member which is selectively positionable between a generally upright back-supporting member for use when the device is used as a training seat, and selectively down in horizontal position covering the aforementioned aperture so that the device may be used as an ordinary seat or stool, in combination with a pair of pivoted arm members having a cross member which may be used as a backrest instead of the first backrest described, or selectively the arm member may be pivoted downwardly so that the cross member thereof is supported on the floor in closely spaced relation thereto so as to form a step for the stool, the supporting surface of which is above the step, rendering the device into a two-step stool or step-ladder.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the device as it appears when in use as a chair or seat having a backrest;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the backrest down forming a two-step stool;

Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the device with both backrests in up position for use of the device as a training seat;

Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view, taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view, taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

This invention comprises a combined training seat and step-stool, the construction of which comprises a pair of side walls 10, 12, each of which is continuous from front to back of the device and provided with feet 14 holding the same in substantially raised condition from the floor. Across the front of the device there is provided a solid front wall 18 which extends from the top of the legs or side walls 10, 12 to a point spaced from the floor as clearly seen in Figs. 1 and 3.

The top of the device comprises a member 16 which is provided with an aperture 20 (see Fig. 3) for training seat purposes or the like, and this member may be supported upon the top edge 22 of the front wall member 16. Other supports for the seat 18 may be provided as convenient, but in any case the members thus far described are in fixed relation to each other and in and of themselves form a training seat including a pair of horizontal slides 24 (see Fig. 4) slidingly receiving the rim 26 of a pot 28.

Hingedly mounted at the rear of the device, there is a pivoted member 30 which is adapted to overlie completely the training seat member 18, as in Figs. 1 and 2, thus covering the aperture and rendering the device a conventional seat or stool. However, in its upper position, as in Fig. 3, it is supported in slightly rearwardly inclined position by means of a cross member 32 secured to and supported by a pair of pivoted arms 34 pivoted on pins, as at 36, in the side walls 10 and 12. Each side wall is provided with pins 36 that support the arms 34 selectively in down position (see Fig. 2) or in raised position as in Figs. 1 and 3.

The member 32 forms a step as seen in Fig. 2, and the member 36 then forms the second step or alternately a seat for which member 32 is a footrest. On the other hand, the device is usable as a seat having a backrest (see Fig. 1), or as a training seat with a backrest with members 32 and 36 both in operative condition (see Fig. 3).

A rear door 40 hinged at 42 to the rear edge of the fixed top member 18 may be secured in position by a clip 44, in turn fastened to a fixed bottom member 40 so as to prevent the pot 28 from sliding out when the device is picked up and carried. Of course the door also conceals the pot from the rear aspect of the device.

Having thus described my invention and the advantages thereof, I do not wish to be limited to the details herein disclosed, otherwise than as set forth in the claims, but what I claim is:

1. A combined training seat, seat, and step-stool comprising a hollow base, a fixed top member therefor having an aperture therein, a hinged cover for the top member selectively overlying the latter in horizontal position or in substantially upright position for use as a backrest exposing the aperture, a pivoted backrest member, means to support the backrest member in raised condition, the cover resting against the backrest member in raised condition thereof, a portion of
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the backrest member forming a step for the cover when the backrest member is pivoted down to a generally horizontal position and the cover is used as a seat.

2. The device of claim 1 including rails within the base, a pot slidably on the rails, said base having an open rear, and a door closing the open rear and preventing accidental removal of the pot.

3. A combined training seat, seat, and step-stool comprising a hollow base including sides, a front, an open rear, and an apertured top member, a hinged cover selectively overlying the top member and covering the aperture or raised to substantially upright condition and used as a backrest in exposed condition of the aperture, free-ended arms pivoted at the sides of the base for generally horizontal location below the plane of the top of the base, said arms being selectively movable to a generally upright location, a cross member on the arms adjacent the free ends thereof to support the cover when raised and used as a backrest and to form a step for the device when the arms are down in said generally horizontal location when the cover is horizontal and used as a seat.

4. A combined training seat, seat, and step-stool comprising a hollow base including sides, a front, an open rear, and an apertured top member, a hinged cover selectively overlying the top member and covering the aperture or raised to substantially upright condition and used as a backrest in exposed condition of the aperture, free-ended arms pivoted at the sides of the base for generally horizontal location below the plane of the top of the base, said arms being selectively movable to a generally upright location, a cross member on the arms adjacent the free ends thereof to support the cover when raised and to form a step for the device when the arms are down in said generally horizontal location, said cover being received between the arms and the cross member being located on the arms a distance from the pivots thereof to clear the cover when the latter is down.

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