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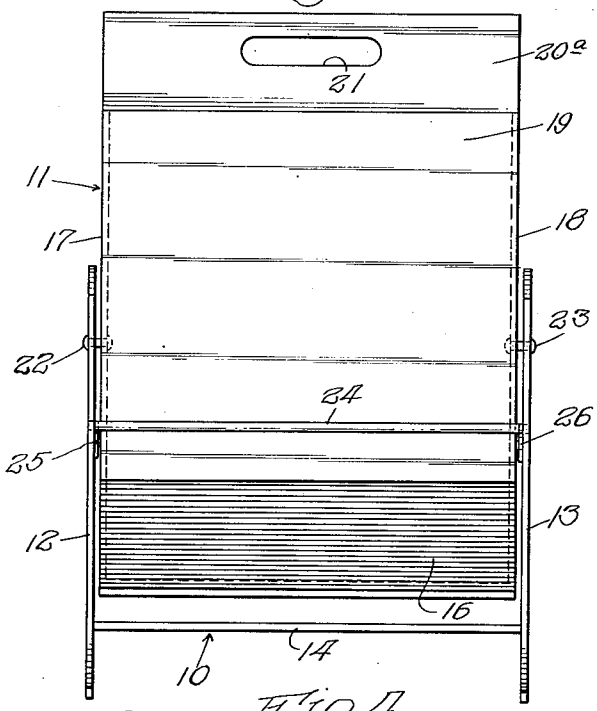


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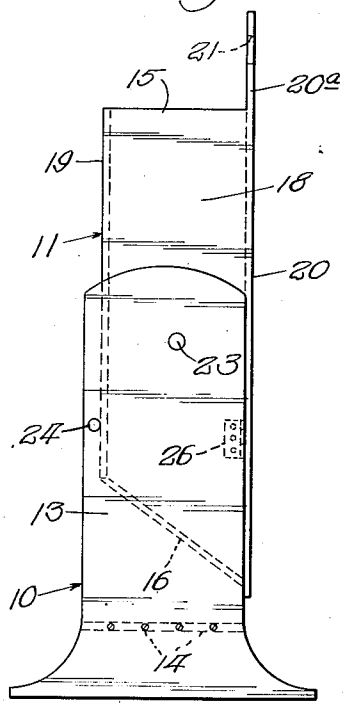


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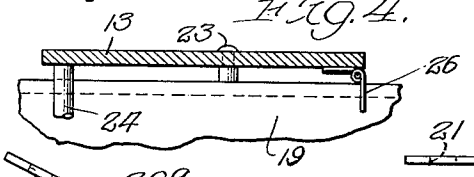


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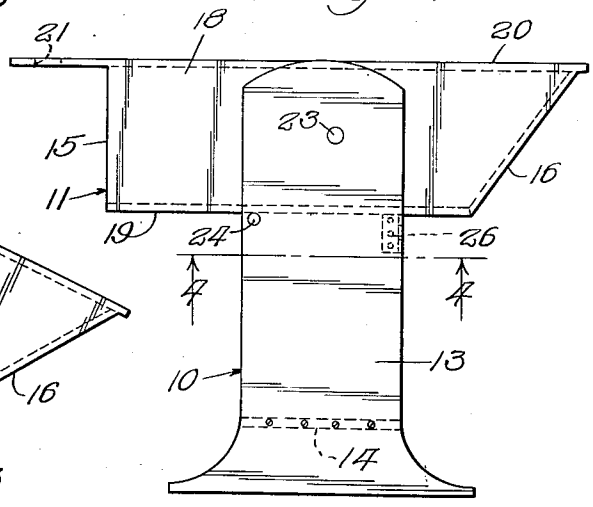
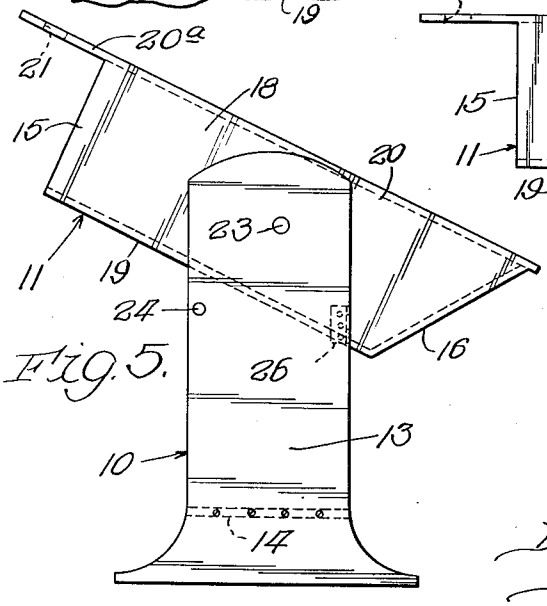


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to an article of furniture, and more particularly to an article of furniture comprising a combination magazine rack, table and leg rest.

The invention will be described as related to the accompanying drawings in which Fig. 1 is a front elevation of an article of furniture constructed in accordance with the invention; Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the apparatus shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the apparatus in a different position; Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary section along the line 4—4 of Fig. 3; and Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the apparatus in still a different position.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the apparatus comprises fundamentally a base member designated generally at 10 and a carrying member designated generally at 11. The base member comprises a pair of spaced vertical supports 12 and 13 held together by a shelf 14. Obviously, if desired, a plurality of spacer rods may be used in place of the shelf 14.

The carrying member 11 comprises a box-like member having an open end 15, a bottom 16, opposite sides 17 and 18, a front side 19 and a back side 20. The back side forms a supporting surface and extends beyond the other three sides in one direction as may be seen at 20*a*. The extension 20*a* has an opening 21 therein to form a handle. The carrying member 11 is adapted to carry magazines, being shaped in the general manner of a conventional magazine rack.

The carrying member 11 is pivotally mounted about a horizontal axis extending between the vertical supports 17 and 18, pins 22 and 23 providing this pivotal mounting. A stop rod 24 extends horizontally between the vertical supports 17 and 18 and provides a stop means for limiting the movement of the carrying member 11. As may be seen in Figs. 2, 3 and 5, the rod 24 is adjacent the front edge of the supports 17 and 18 and as may be seen in Fig. 3, the rod 24 is located such a distance below the pivotal axis of the member 11 that when said member is pivoted so that the front side 19 of the carrying member rests on the rod 24, the supporting surface 20 is horizontal.

Hinges 25 and 26 are mounted on the respective vertical supports 17 and 18, each of said hinges having a top or holding surface in the same horizontal plane as the stop rod 24 for releasably holding the carrying member 11 in engagement with the stop rod.

As may be seen from the drawings, movement of the carrying member 11 from one position to another places the open end 15 and the supporting surface 20 respectively in position for use.

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In Figs. 1 and 2 the carrying member 11 is in a position in engagement with the stop rod 24, but out of engagement with the holding surfaces of the hinges 25 and 26 and the open end 15 of the carrying member is in a horizontal plane in position for use, the member 11 now being so arranged that magazines or other objects can be placed therein. With the apparatus in this position, the movable members of the hinges 25 and 26 extend along the inner surface of the respective members 12 and 13 and do not interfere with pivotal movement of the carrying member 11.

In Fig. 3 the carrying member 11 has been pivoted through 90° from the position of Figs. 1 and 2, the opening 21 being provided to facilitate this movement. It will be seen that movement of the carrying member into a position in engagement with the stop rod 24 and the holding surfaces of the hinges 25 and 26 (the hinges having been unfolded through an arc of 90° as shown in Fig. 4) has placed the supporting surface 20 in a horizontal plane in position for use as a table. The three point support on each side of the supporting surface (pins 22 and 23, stop rod 24, and holding means 25 and 26) gives stability to the supporting surface 20 and prevents said surface from moving relative to the base member. Obviously, if desired, only one hinge may be used, or some other holding means may be provided, as for example the base member might be provided with holes into which removable pegs may be inserted. In any event in the position of Fig. 3 the holding means releasably holds the carrying member 11 in engagement with the stop rod 24.

In the event it is desired to use the apparatus as a leg rest or foot stool, the hinges 25 and 26 are folded back against the support members 12 and 13 so that the carrying member may be pivoted to an intermediate position, as the position illustrated in Fig. 5. Movement of the carrying member 11 into such a position out of engagement with the stop rod 24 and the holding surfaces of the hinges 25 and 26 places the supporting surface 20 in an oblique plane in position for use as a foot stool or leg rest. The weight of the user's legs causes the carrying member 11 to pivot to adjust the angle of the supporting surface 20 to that which is most comfortable and convenient.

It will be noted that magazines or other articles which may have been placed in the open end 15

of the carrying member 11 will not fall out in any of the positions in which the article may be used, since the stop member 24 prevents the carrying member 11 from pivoting to a position from which the magazines or other articles may spill out of the carrying member.

The foregoing detailed description has been given for clearness of understanding only, and no unnecessary limitations should be understood therefrom.

I claim:

An article of furniture comprising, a base member having a pair of spaced vertical supports; a carrying member mounted for pivotal movement about a fixed horizontal axis extending between said supports, said carrying member being open at one end and having a bottom and four sides, one of which forms a supporting surface, movement of said carrying member from one position to another placing said open end and said supporting surface respectively in position for use; a stop rod extending horizontally between said vertical supports for limiting the movement of said carrying member between a horizontal terminal position and a vertical terminal position; and a hinge mounted on each of said vertical supports, each of said hinges having a movable holding surface in the same horizontal plane as said stop rod for releasably holding said carrying member in engagement with said stop rod, the apparatus being so arranged that movement of said carrying member into a position in engagement with said stop rod and the holding surfaces of said hinges places said supporting surface in a horizontal plane in position for use, movement of said member into a position in engagement with said stop rod but out of engagement with the holding surfaces of said hinges places said open end in a horizontal plane in position for use, while movement of said carrying member into a position out of engagement with said stop rod and the holding surfaces of said hinges places said supporting surface in an oblique plane in position for use.

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