

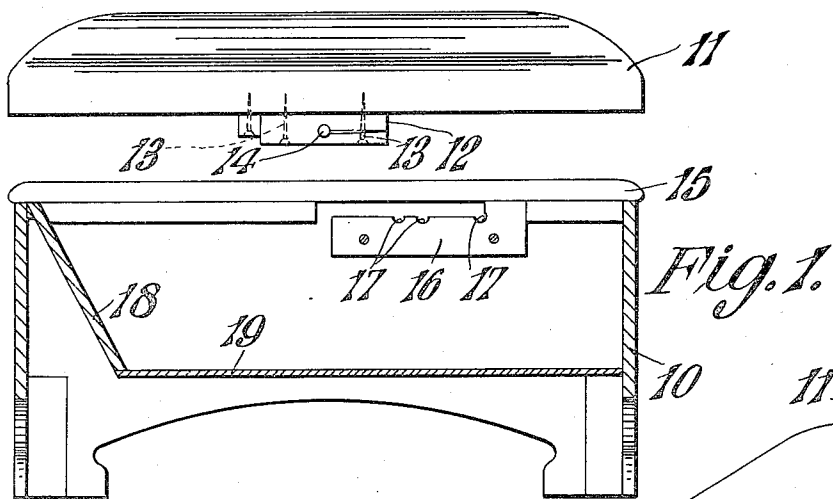
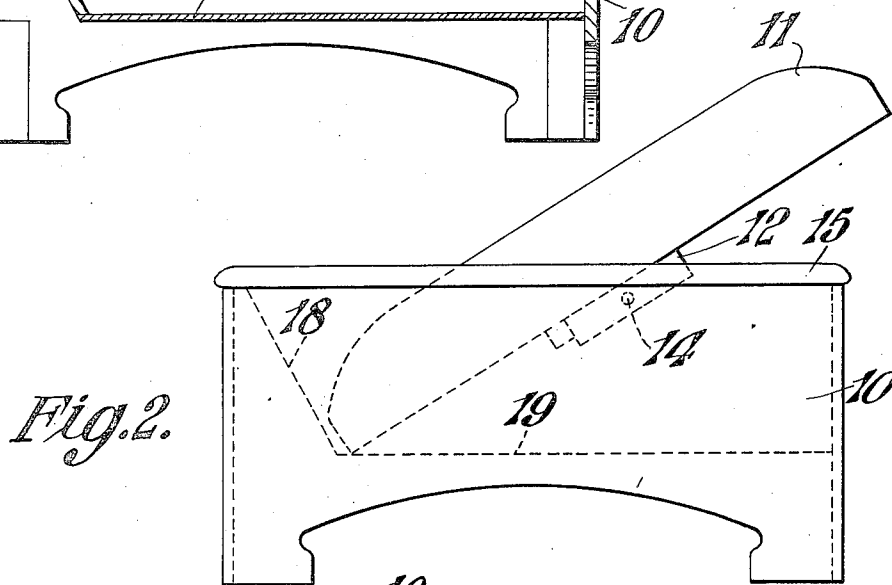
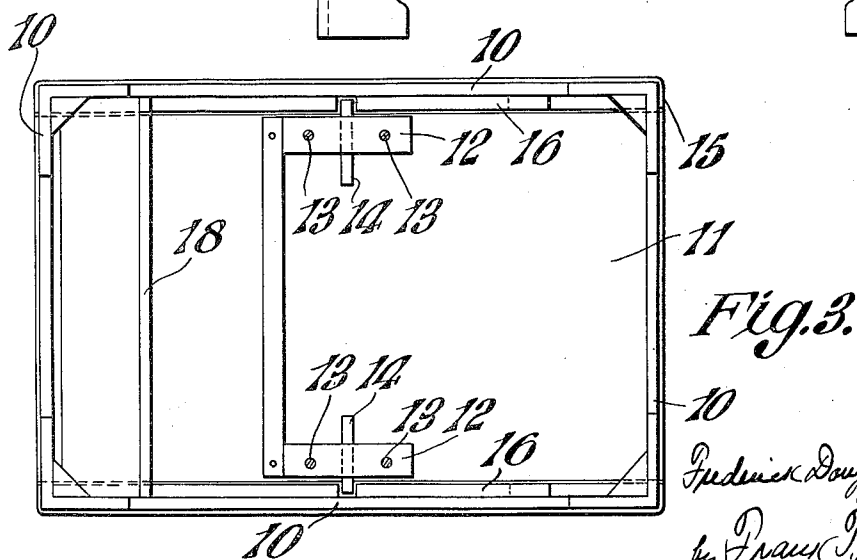
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This invention relates to footstools and the like and has for its object to provide such a device which can be adapted to form a support for the legs of a seated person.

5 A further object of the invention is to provide a stool which can be used in a number of positions. Another object of the invention is to provide a stool which can be employed as a receptacle for a book, a pair of slippers, or other small object.

10 One embodiment of the invention is shewn in the accompanying drawing, of which Figure 1 is an elevation partly in section, of the footstool to which the invention is applied, the two main parts of the stool being separated for the sake of clearness, Figure 2 is also an elevation of the same stool, but showing the hinged top portion in a second position, while Figure 3 is an underplan with the bottom removed.

15 In the embodiment shewn, the footstool comprises a main box like body portion 10 suitably constructed and secured together. The top of the body 10 is adapted normally to be closed by a suitably upholstered portion 11, hereinafter referred to as the seat, though it is not intended to be used solely for this purpose. The seat 11 is sufficiently long to rest upon the upper edges of the ends of the body 10, but its width is less than the inner width of the body 10. The seat 11 is adapted to pivot so as to permit of its being inclined in the manner indicated in Figure 2, and the means for effecting this are as follows:

20 The seat on its underside has secured thereto two blocks of wood 12 by means of screws 13, one block being secured on each side as shewn in Figure 3. Each of the blocks 12 carries a short dowel 14: it is convenient to secure this dowel in the manner shewn in Figure 1 by boring a hole in the block just large enough to receive the dowel, cutting the block through to the hole and clamping the dowel by means of a screw. The two dowels are each adapted to extend into a groove formed between a decorative moulding 15, and a block of wood 16 secured to the inner face of the longer sides of the body 10. The block 16 is also provided with a number of depressions 17 in which the dowel 14 may rest.

25 If the seat 11 is slid back from the normal position of rest on the edges of the body until the dowels 14 enter the depressions 17, the seat can then be tilted in the desired manner. In order to limit the pivoting movement of the seat, an inclined rest 18 and a bottom panel 19 may be provided. When the seat 11 is used as a support for the legs, the rest 18 serves as a rest for the feet of the user. In order to permit of the seat 11 being

fixed at various angles of inclination, the depressions 17 in the block 16 are suitably spaced, and the extremity of this block also forms a stop to limit the horizontal movement of the seat. When adjusting the angle of inclination of the seat as described, one end of the seat may engage the rest 18, or the bottom panel 19, according to which of the depressions or bearings 17, the dowels or pivots, engage.

30 It may be required to renew or replace the upholstery of the seat 11, and to facilitate this the seat portion is arranged to be removable as a whole. This removal can be effected by detaching the bottom panel 19 when the seat can be turned to a vertical position and passed through the open bottom. It will be observed that the extremities of the dowels are arranged inside the sides of the body 10, and that the block 16 is so shaped as to permit of the removal.

35 When the seat portion of the box described is in the inclined position, the interior of the body 10 is accessible, and may therefore be used as a receptacle for a pair of slippers, a book, or other small object.

40 It will be understood that the joints and other minor practical details of the described construction may be of any suitable type, and are not part of this invention.

45 What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A footstool embodying therein a body portion of box like form, a top closure of a length to engage the ends of the top and of a width to pass between the sides of said body portion, a member on the inside of each side of the box having an elongated slot therein, bearings along said slots respectively, and co-operating pivot means on said closure, whereby said closure may be longitudinally and pivotally adjusted within said body portion to bring it to an inclined position to support the legs of a seated person, and means limiting the amount of pivotal movement of said closure.

2. A footstool embodying therein a body portion of box like form, a top closure of a length to engage the ends of the top and of a width to pass between the sides of said body portion, a member on the inside of each side of the box having an elongated slot therein, bearings along said slots respectively, and co-operating pivot means on said closure, whereby said closure may be longitudinally and pivotally adjusted within said body portion to bring it to an inclined position to support the legs of a seated person, and means limiting the amount of pivotal movement of said closure including therein an inclined wall within one end of

said body portion, serving as a rest for the feet of the user of said footstool.

3. A footstool embodying therein a body portion of box like form, blocks upon opposite sides adjacent the top of said body portion, each having bearing forming depressions in the top edge thereof, means carried by each side wall of said body portion co-operating with the top edge of the block to form a groove above same, a top closure of a width to pass between the sides of said body, and of a length to engage the ends of the top of said body portion, bearing dowels upon opposite sides of said closure adapted to have movement in said grooves, and to engage said bearing depressions respectively, whereby said closure may be pivotally mounted and longitudinally adjustable within said body portion, and means within the box body engageable by said closure to limit the amount of pivotal movement of said closure.

4. A footstool embodying therein a body portion of box like form, blocks upon opposite sides adjacent the top of said body portion, each having bearing forming depressions in the top edge thereof, means carried by each side wall of said body portion co-operating with the top edge of the block to form a groove above same, a top closure of a width to pass between the sides of said body, and of a length to engage the ends of the top of said body portion, bearing dowels upon opposite sides of said closure adapted to have movement in said grooves, and to engage said bearing depressions respectively, whereby said closure may be pivotally mounted and lon-

gitudinally adjustable within said body portion, and means within the box body engageable by said closure to limit the amount of pivotal movement of said closure, including therein an inclined wall within one end of said body portion, serving as a rest for the feet of the user of said footstool.

5. A footstool embodying therein a body portion of box like form, a normally horizontal top closure of a length to engage the ends of the top of said body portion, and of a width less than that of said body portion, means carried by said body portion for adjustably supporting said closure through means upon said closure co-operating with said last mentioned means, and an inclined foot rest within, and adjacent one end of said body portion, said foot rest and closure providing simultaneous support for the legs and feet of a user.

6. A footstool embodying therein a body portion of box like form, a normally horizontal upholstered closure for said body portion of a length to normally engage the ends of the top of said body portion, and of a width less than that of said body portion, means for slidably and pivotally mounting said closure within said body portion and permitting a short horizontal movement of said closure, and an inclined foot rest within, and adjacent one end of said body portion, said foot rest and said closure in the pivoted position of the latter being at an angle approximating a right angle to support both the feet and the legs of a seated person.

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