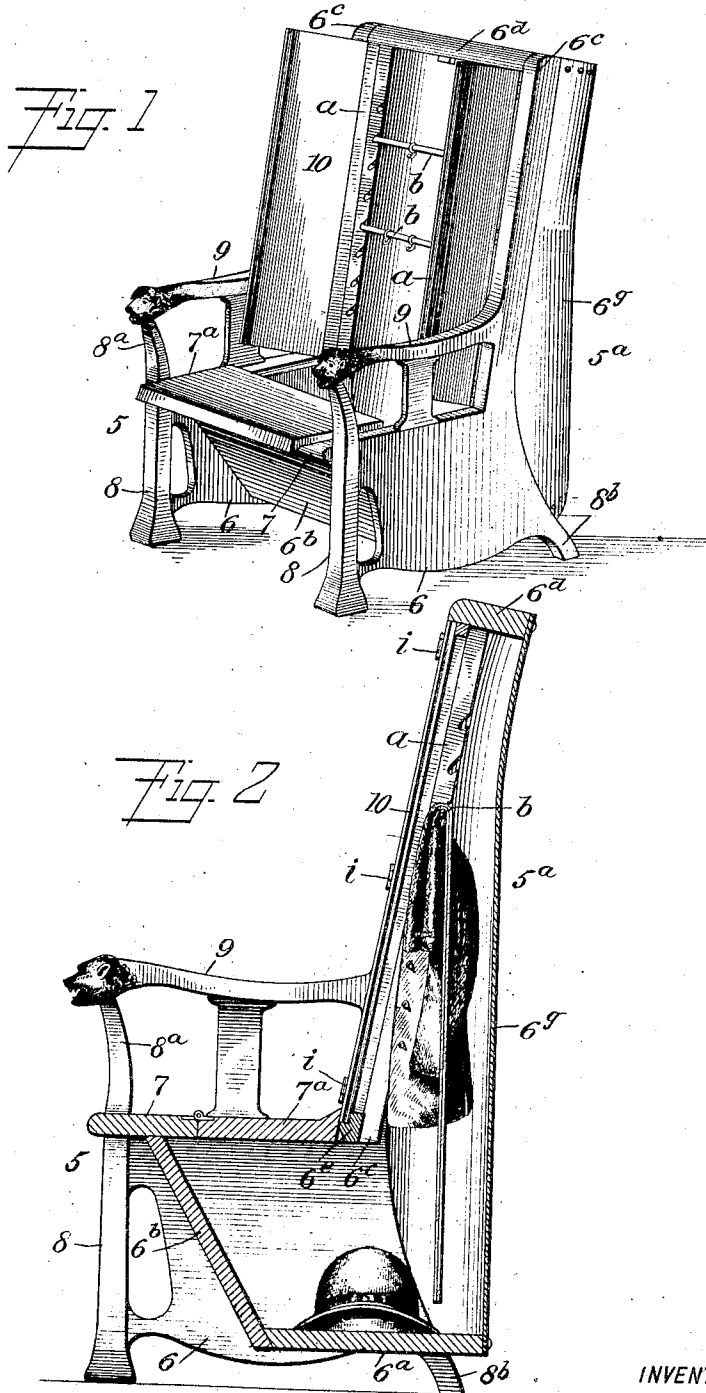


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES JOSEPH VLASAK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Combined Chair and Cabinet, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of this invention is to provide novel, simple and practical details of construction for a chair, whereby a closable cabinet is afforded in combination therewith, for the reception and protection of garments or other articles, to which convenient access may be had as may be desired.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, as is hereinafter described and defined in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the chair and cabinet, the latter being open at the front for the exposure of its interior; and Fig. 2 is a sectional side view of the device, showing the cabinet closed and articles of clothing placed therein.

The chair 5 is constructed with two similar side walls 6, 6, a bottom wall 6^a and a front wall 6^b, the front and bottom walls being affixed at their ends upon the respective side walls, thus producing a box-like structure. A seat-board 7 is secured by its ends on the upper edges of the side walls 6 and located forwardly thereon, leaving a space at its rear edge and over the bottom wall 6^a for a completing portion 7^a for the seat; said portion having its forward transverse edge hinged upon the rear transverse edge of the fixed seat-board 7.

Two front legs 8 extend down from the seat-board 7 at each side of the chair; and upon upward extensions 8^a, that may be integral formations on the legs and project above the seat-board, the forward ends of two arms 9 are seated and secured. From the side walls 6 side-bars 6^c, for a back frame, extend upward and may incline rearward, as shown in the drawings, the arms 9 having their rear ends joined to the side bars.

A cap-piece 6^d is secured upon the upper ends of the side bars 6^c; and upon the upper edges of the side walls 6, adjacent to the side bars 6^c, a transverse strip 6^e is secured, thus

completing a rectangular border-frame for the back of the chair.

Two rear legs 8^b project down at each side of the chair a short distance below the bottom wall 6^a; and as shown in Fig. 2, said bottom wall extends rearward beyond the legs 8^b.

Upon the rear and side edges of the cap-piece 6^d and rearward extension of the bottom wall 6^a, a rear wall 6^f for a cabinet 5^a is secured at its corresponding edges, the side edges of the cabinet wall being also secured to the rear edges of the side walls 6 and side bars 6^c.

A door 10, of any suitable material and which may be upholstered on the front face, is hinged at one side edge upon each of the side bars 6^c, as shown at *i*, thus providing a back for the chair, that also forms a front wall for the cabinet 5^a when said door is closed.

The hinged seat section 7^a is provided on the upper face at its free edge with an enlargement or projection, which engages the outer faces of the doors 10, so that when the seat section is closed the doors 10 are held closed and cannot be opened until the said seat section is opened.

In the chamber formed below the hinged portion 7^a of the chair-seat, headwear, footwear or other articles of wear may be placed, as shown in Fig. 2.

Within the cabinet a rack is provided for the support of clothing or other articles; as shown, the rack consists of upright strips *a*, having notches at intervals in their rear edges, which receive cross-bars *b* whereon garments may be hung, said cross-bars being adapted for change of position as occasion may require.

It will be seen that the construction of the parts and their combination as hereinbefore described, provides a very commodious arm-chair and a closable cabinet, wherein garments may be conveniently placed and preserved from dust or from becoming mussed, as usually occurs if such clothing is placed on the back of a chair when removed from the person. Furthermore the chamber, formed below the removable seat, affords a very convenient receptacle for holding hats, shoes, or other articles that may thus be stowed compactly, out of the way, but readily accessible as occasion may require.

It will be noted further that such an article of furniture may be placed in bedrooms for

the reception of clothing as it is doffed, it being equally available for the accommodation of either male or female apparel, that will be close at hand when again needed for wear.

The device is also adapted for use in a hall or dining-room, if such a disposal of it is preferred. Or it may be constructed in bench-like form for use in steamships, railway cars, automobiles, carriages, etc.

Slight changes within the scope of the invention may be made, as, for example, there may be shelves (not shown) placed in the cabinet in lieu of cross-bars, and the seat may be in one piece and cover or open the entire top of the chamber below it, hence I claim all such slight alterations as fall within the spirit and intent of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A combined chair and cabinet, comprising solid side pieces having front and rear legs, the front legs projecting above the side pieces, upwardly extending side bars at the rear thereof, and arms extending from the side bars to the upper ends of the front legs, a rearwardly inclined front secured between the forward portions of the side pieces, a bottom extending from the front between the sides, beyond the rear legs, a cap piece secured to the upper ends of the side bars and extending rearwardly beyond the same, a back secured to the cap piece, to the projecting portion of the bottom and to the rear

edges of the side pieces and side bars, a transverse bar between the side pieces adjacent to the lower ends of the side bars, a door hinged at one longitudinal edge to each of the side bars, and a seat formed of a fixed front section and a rear section hinged to the front section, the said rear section having a projection on its upper face at its free edge engaging the said doors and holding them closed.

2. A combined chair and cabinet, comprising side pieces having front and rear legs, and upwardly extending side bars at the rear thereof, a front secured between the front portions of the side pieces, a bottom extending rearwardly from the front between the side pieces, and beyond the rear legs, a cap piece secured between the upper ends of the side bars, a back secured to the cap piece, side pieces, side bars and to the projecting portion of the bottom, a transverse bar between the rear portions of the side pieces at the lower ends of the side bars, a door hinged at one edge to each of the side bars, and a seat having a hinged rear section, the free edge of which is provided on its upper face with a projection engaging the said doors to hold them closed.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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