

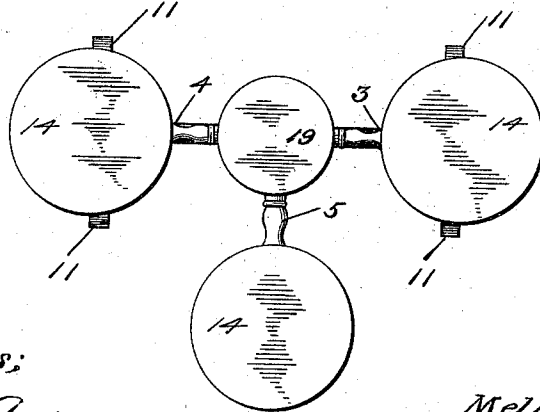
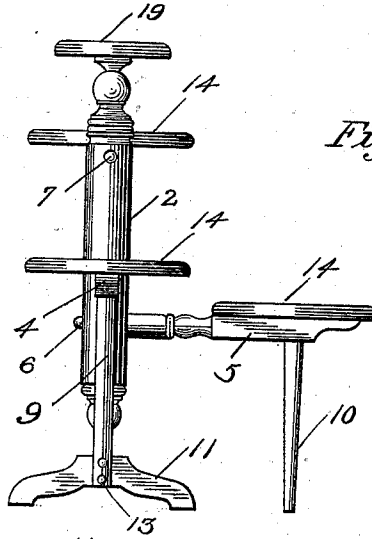
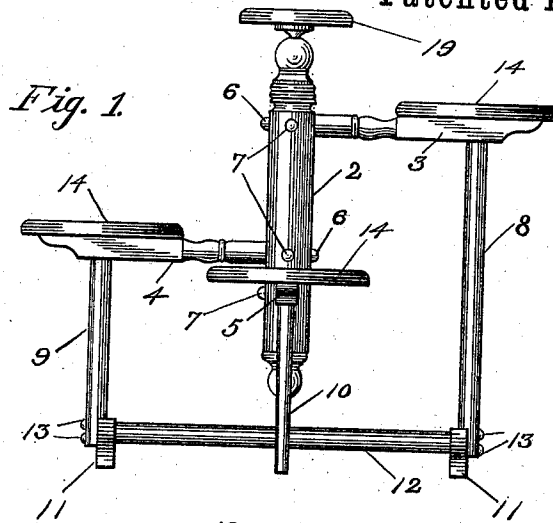
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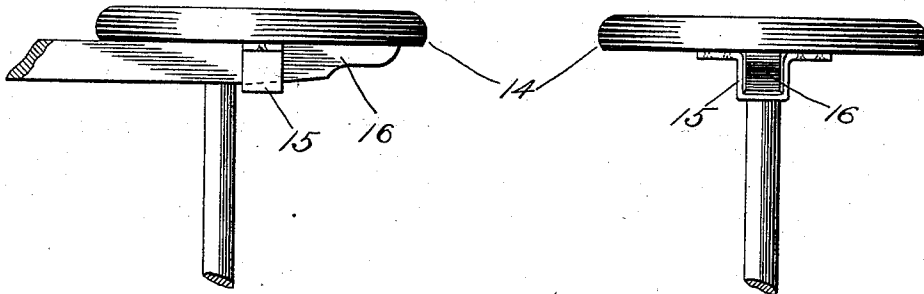


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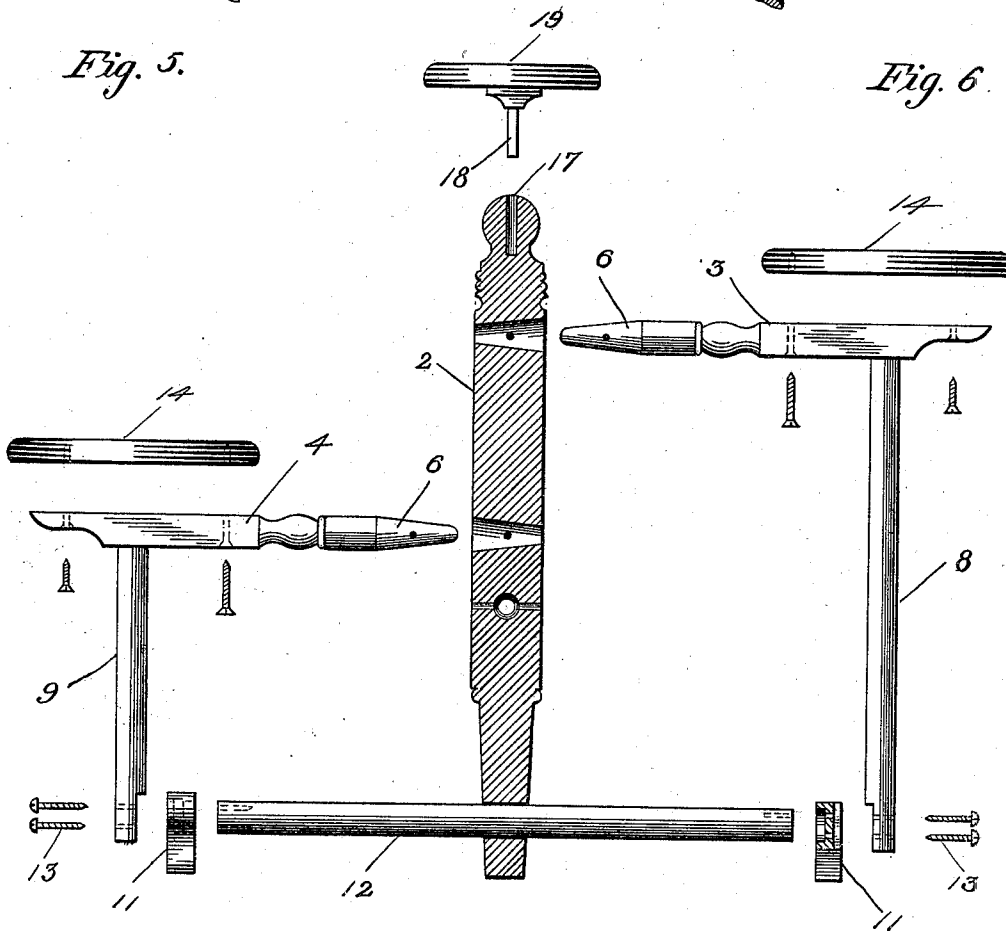


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PHOTOGRAPHIC POSING-CHAIR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MELBOURNE C. BURR, of the city of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Photographic Posing-Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a photographic posing-chair for use in photographic galleries.

The object of my invention is to provide a device adapted to accommodate three or more persons who may sit closely together thereon, and hence all be in focus with the camera.

A further object is to provide a posing-chair which shall be of a light and cheap construction and which may be taken apart or knocked down to facilitate the packing thereof in a small space.

To this end my invention consists in the combination, with a central post, of arms extending therefrom, seats arranged thereon, and legs for supporting the outer ends of said arms; and my invention further consists in details of construction and in combinations, all as hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

The invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a photographic posing-chair embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side view thereof. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail view of the photographic posing-chair, showing the parts separated and showing the central post in section. Fig. 5 is a detail side view showing the modified means for securing the seats upon the arms. Fig. 6 is an end view thereof.

As shown in the drawings, 2 represents a central and preferably wooden post, which may or may not extend down to the floor, as shown in Fig. 4. In the preferred construction—namely, that shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3—both ends of the post 2 are finished, the lower end being some inches above the floor-line. The arms 3 and 4 approach from opposite sides of the post, the arm 3 being a considerable distance above the other. The short arm 5 extends from the front of the post a

few inches below the arm 4. The arms have turned and tapered inner ends 6, which extend through tapered holes in the post, being secured firmly therein by single screws or pins 7. The outer ends of the arms 3, 4, and 5 are supported upon legs 8, 9, and 10, respectively, the latter going clear to the floor, while the two former legs rest upon the light base formed of the spreaders 11 and the cross-rod 12. The ends of the cross-rod are recessed in the inner sides of the spreaders 11 and the lower ends of the legs 8 and 9 are notched to rest upon the tops thereof, all three parts being secured at each end of the cross-bar by one or more screws 13. The round seats 14, which are also preferably made of wood, are removably secured upon the flat tops of the arms by screws extending up through the bottom thereof. In place of this arrangement, however, I may provide each of the seats with a metal box or clip 15, the inside of which is slightly tapered to fit snugly upon the tapered outer end 16 of the arm, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6. A vertical socket 17 is provided in the upper end of the post 2, and is adapted to receive the vertical stud 18, extending from the small seat 19. After the parts are put together the photographic posing-chair will be found to be extremely rigid and strong though very light. The same may be given additional strength by projecting the lower end of the central post to the floor and extending the rod 12 through the lower end thereof, as shown in Fig. 4. The upper ends of the legs are preferably permanently secured in the outer ends of the arms, these parts being very readily packed in such form. With the other parts in knockdown form it is obvious that the whole device may be packed within a very small space for shipment, while after arriving at its destination the parts may be secured together easily and in a very short time, as it is only necessary to drive the screws into place to make a firm and permanent article of furniture in a photographer's studio.

The photographic posing-chair admits of a large number of uses in a studio—as, for instance, the photographic posing-chair may be turned around and two persons seated upon the two higher seats which are in a transverse line with one another. Three persons would

be grouped upon all three of the seats, while a child would be seated upon the smaller stool or seat at the top of the post at such a height as to be easily held by a person sitting upon the highest large seat. Except when in use, the small swivel-stool is removed, the round finished top of the post alone being visible. Further, the photographic posing-chair may be employed as a means for making the nucleus for a larger group, the other persons standing immediately behind the same and close to the person seated upon the chair.

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

1. The combination of a central post, provided with tapering holes in its side, arms having a tapering end to fit said tapering holes, pins for securing said arms therein, seats upon the outer ends of said arms, means for securing said seats thereon, legs supporting said arms, spreaders secured upon the lower end

of said legs, and a rod 12 extending through the lower end of said central post and connecting said spreaders, substantially as described. 25

2. The combination, of a central post, provided with tapering holes in its side and a vertical slot in its top, a seat having a vertical stud to fit said slot, arms having a tapering end to fit said tapering holes, pins for securing said arms therein, seats upon the outer ends of said arms, a clip 15 for holding said seats upon said arms, legs supporting said arms, spreaders secured upon the lower end of said legs, and a rod 12 extending through the lower end of said central post and connecting said spreaders, substantially as described. 30 35

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of May, A. D. 1894.

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