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Fig. 1.

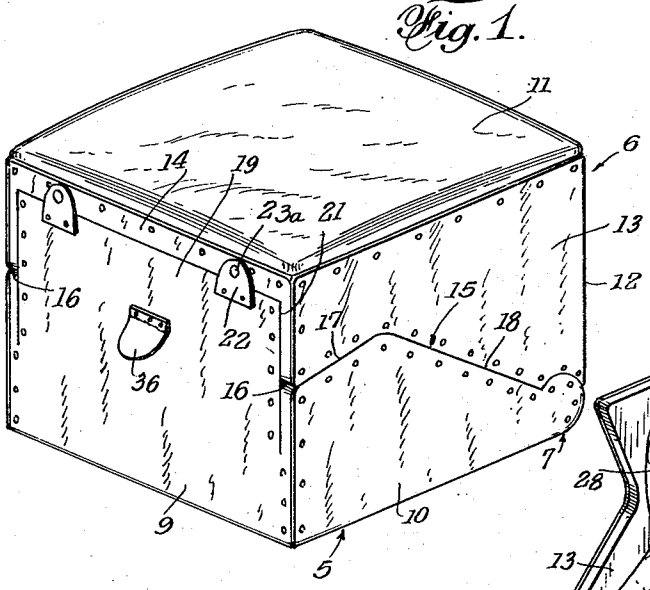


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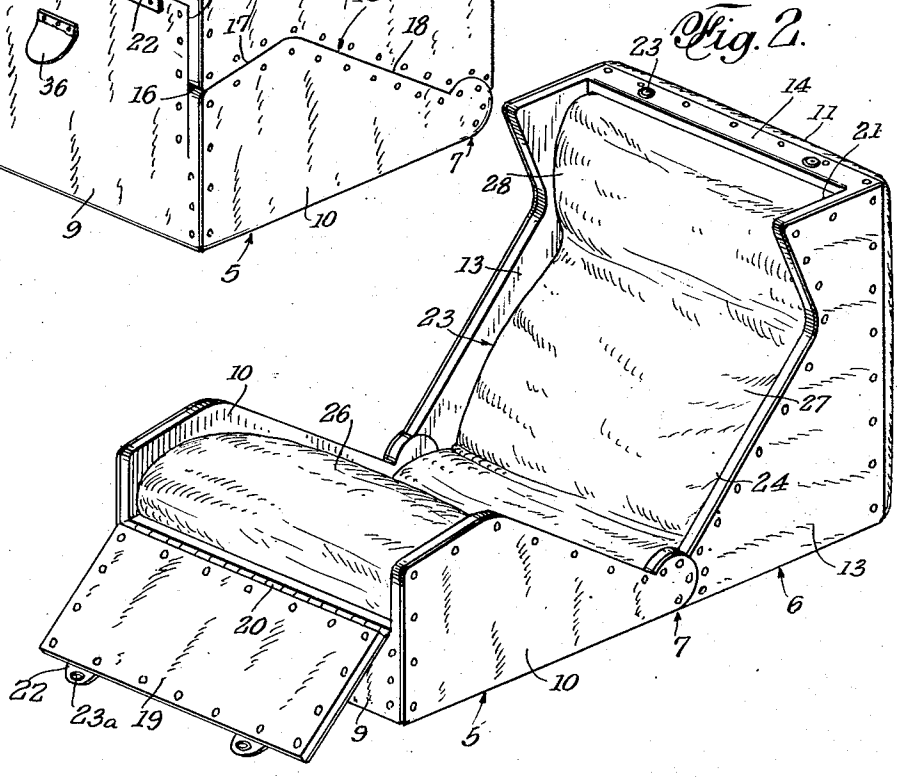
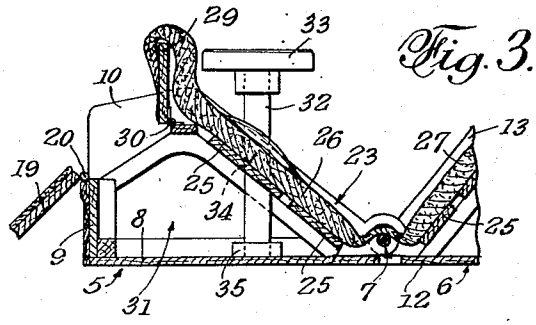


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to convertible furniture and deals more particularly with a convertible ottoman.

It is an object of the present invention to provide an articulated ottoman structure that is easily convertible to a child's seat of the type particularly adapted for use in viewing television.

Another object of the invention is to provide a structure of the character above indicated that comprises integrally connected hinged components so that the structure is unitary in both conditions of use.

Another object of the invention is to provide a television seat of novel form and formed of hingedly connected components readily rearranged to comprise an ottoman.

The invention also has for its objects to provide such means that are positive in operation, convenient in use, easily installed in a working position and easily disconnected therefrom, economical of manufacture, relatively simple, and of general superiority and serviceability.

The invention also comprises novel details of construction and novel combinations and arrangements of parts, which will more fully appear in the course of the following description. However, the drawing merely shows and the following description merely describes one embodiment of the present invention, which is given by way of illustration or example only.

In the drawing, like reference characters designate similar parts in the several views.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an article of furniture embodying features of the present invention and shown arranged as an ottoman.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of said article of furniture arranged as a television seat.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary longitudinal sectional view showing details of construction.

The illustrated embodiment of the invention comprises a generally rectangular structure of substantially cubical form, the same being comprised of a base part **5**, an upper part **6**, and a hinge **7** connecting said parts.

Base part **5** is advantageously constructed of a wood frame having a bottom **8**, a front wall **9**, and side walls **10**. Upper part **6** is similarly formed of a wood frame and has a preferably padded top **11**, a rear wall **12**, side walls **13**, and a front wall **14**. The height of wall **12** is equalled by walls **9** and **14** at the front and by walls **10** and **13** at the sides.

The sides that are formed by walls **10** and **13** are each divided by a parting line **15** that starts at about the middle of the front at **16**, angles slightly upwardly toward the back as at **17**, and then downwardly as at **18** to the lower back corner, at which point side part **10** is rounded as at **18** and side part **13** is formed to fit therearound. Thus base part **5** is higher at the front than at the back and the upper part **6** shallower at the front than at the back.

In the present case, front wall **9** is provided with a wall part **19** which, on a horizontal hinge **20**, is connected to wall **9** and fits in a recess **21** formed in wall **14**. In this manner, walls **9**, **14** and wall part **19**, together comprise the front wall of the ottoman. Tabs **22** on wall part **19**, by means of snap fasteners **23***a*, hold said part in place, as seen in Fig. 1.

It will be seen from Fig. 2 that the above-described ottoman can be opened by dropping wall part **19** down on its hinge **20** and then swinging upper part **6** 90° on hinge **7** so that back wall **12** is aligned with bottom **8**.

The open structure thus formed is provided with means **23** for supporting a person in a rearwardly inclined seated position. To this end, a foldable cushion **24** supported on transverse slats **25** is provided. Said slats generally follow the directions of parting line **15**, as shown in Fig. 3 so that said cushion is so supported as to have a rearwardly and downwardly sloping part **26** to support the legs, and an upwardly and rearwardly sloping part **27** to support the body. The upper end **28** of the cushion

is generally vertical and constitutes a head-supporting part. The means **23** may, of course, be varied providing the person-supporting means substantially follows the disposition of cushion parts **26**, **27** and **28**.

The cross slat **29** at the front of the structure is advantageously mounted on a horizontal hinge **30** so that the same may be raised, as in Fig. 3, together with the portion of the cushion covering it, to expose a storage chamber **31** in the interior of the base part **5**. Various items may be stored therein. For instance, a post **32** and a table **33**, of knockdown construction, may be made available for use in connection with the present structure when used as a seat. By slightly displacing a side edge of cushion part **26** so that post **32** may be inserted through an opening **34** in one slat **25** adjacent one side **10** and held erect by engagement in an aligned socket **35** provided in the lower portion of base part **5**, a support for table **33** is provided. When not in use, parts **32** and **33** are stored in chamber **31**.

The seat thus provided is particularly adapted for use by children for viewing television. The same is low and, therefore, easy to get in and out of, and provides a comfortable and safe support for a child that may fall asleep therein.

The structure may be upholstered as desired and, to aid moving the same about, pull and lift tabs **36** on both the front and back walls may be provided as indicated in Fig. 1.

While the invention that has been illustrated and described is now regarded as the preferred embodiment, the construction is, of course, subject to modification without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. It is, therefore, not desired to restrict the invention to the particular form of construction illustrated and described, but to cover all modifications that may fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A convertible article of furniture comprising a generally cubical structure having a base part and a front-recessed upper part, said parts being divided by a parting line that extends from the front to substantially the lower rear corner of the structure, a hinge substantially at said lower rear corner connecting the parts for swinging movement of the upper part to a position alongside the base part and substantially ninety degrees from its initial position, and a hinged wall part on the base part fitting the recess in the upper part and swingable on its hinge outwardly and downwardly from the recess.

2. A convertible article of furniture having a generally cubical structure, comprising a base part and an upper part divided by a parting plane that extends from the front to the lower rear corner of the structure, a hinge at the lower rear corner connecting the parts for swinging movement of the upper part to a position alongside the base part and 90° from its initial position, and folded body-supporting cushion means on each side of the mentioned parting plane and generally following the contour of such parting plane, the fold of the cushion being along an axis adjacent said hinge, said means comprising two folded portions connected to and movable with the respective base and upper parts, and transverse slats in each said base and upper part to support said folded portions, one of said slats in the base part being mounted on a hinge and the same constituting a cover for a storage chamber beneath the remaining slats of the base portion.

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