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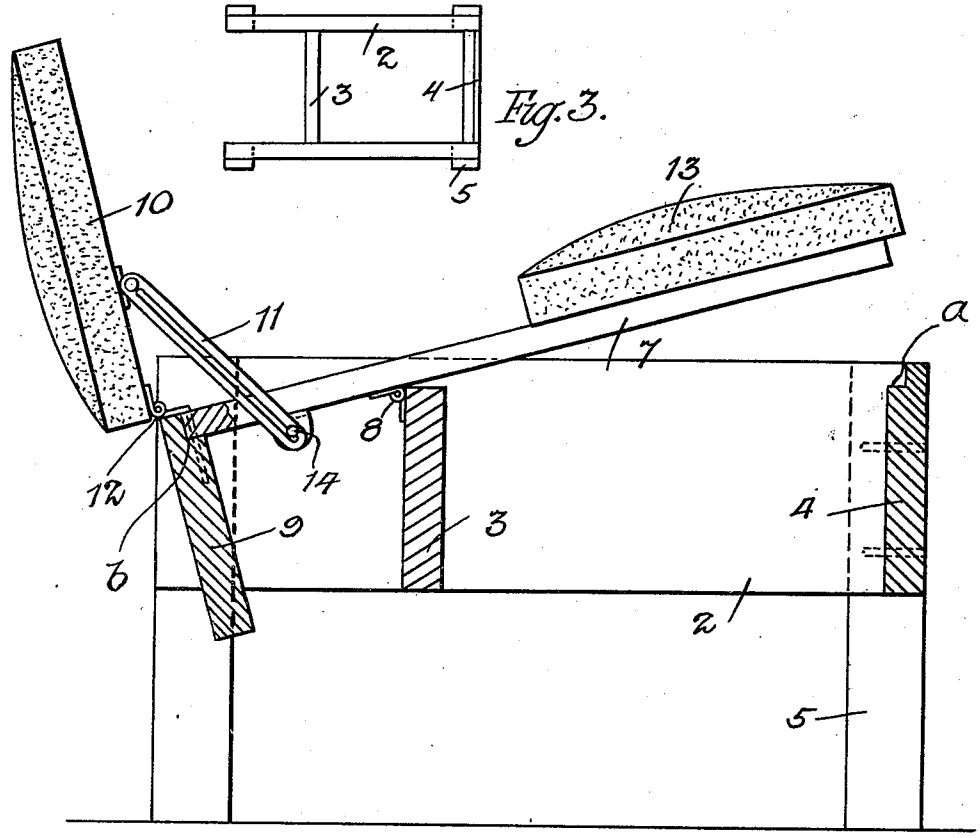


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

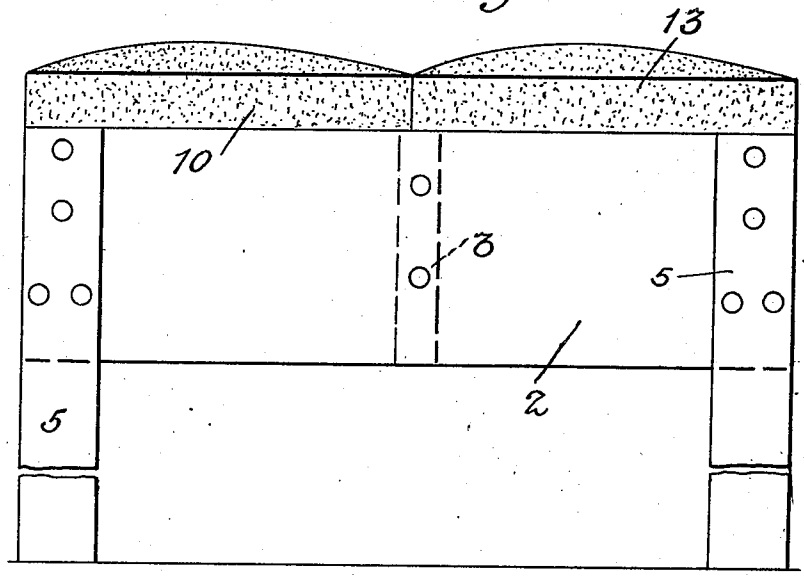


Fig. 1.

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My invention relates to improvements in leg rests, and the object of my invention is to provide a leg rest which, when not in use as a leg rest, can be used as a seat, and therefore my invention results in the production of a piece of furniture having a dual function, and in the following specification and the drawings forming part thereof, I shall describe and illustrate my invention, and what I claim as new will be set forth in the claims forming part of this specification.

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of my leg rest, showing the same closed to form a seat or stool. Fig. 2 is a vertical central longitudinal section through the frame of my leg rest, showing the leg rest proper partly in section, and in side elevation, and Fig. 3 is a plan of the frame.

In the drawings, like characters of reference refer to the same parts.

The art discloses articles known as leg rests, but none of these articles can be closed and used as a seat or stool, and an article of this class to be accepted by the public must not only be capable of giving the desired support to the legs, when opened out, but it must also possess a neat and finished appearance and be usable when closed as a seat or stool.

The frame embraces side members 2 with which the legs 5 are suitably associated. As shown clearly in Fig. 3, the legs at the open end of the frame preferably do not extend or project into the space separating the said side members. 3 is a member suitably secured to the side members 2 and coupling the same together some distance removed from the open end of the frame. The side members 2 at the other end of the frame are coupled together by a member 4. As shown clearly in Fig. 3, the left-hand end of the frame is open, and operating through this open end is a leg rest 7 which has suitable pivotal connection with the member 3, as by means of hinges 8. Carried at one end of the leg rest 7 is a panel 9 which projects therebelow. This panel is substantially a counter-part of the member 4, and when the leg rest is in the position illustrated in Fig. 1, this panel closes the open end of the frame. Therefore my article has a neat and workman-like appearance.

The leg rest 7 of course moves between the side members 2 at the open end of the frame, and when the said leg rest is closed, it finds support at the closed end of the frame, on the shoulder *a* formed in the member 4. 10 is the foot piece or board and the same has pivotal connection, as by means of hinges 12, with the outer end of the leg rest 7. When this foot piece or board is not in use, it occupies the position shown in Fig. 1.

Any suitable means may be employed to hold the said foot piece or board 10 in open position, such as the slotted strut 11 hinged at its upper end to said foot piece or board 10, and supported at its lower end as shown in Fig. 2, by a construction very well-known in the furniture art. By disengaging the lower end of the strut 11 from engagement with the pin 14, the said foot piece or board 10 may be lowered, as will be understood.

The leg rest 7 is preferably upholstered as shown at 13. The foot piece or board 10 is also upholstered, and when these elements occupy the position shown in Fig. 1, the seat or stool is provided with cushions.

In order that the panel 9 may have an unbroken outer side, to correspond to the unbroken outer side of the member 4, this panel is cut away as shown at *b* to receive the outer end of the leg rest 7.

Although I prefer to use the foot piece or board 10, this may be dispensed with, since the leg rest 7 will give the legs the desired support. It therefore follows that I may omit the cushions 14 thus providing the leg rest with a plain or unornamented top.

Various changes in construction may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention and the scope of my appended claims.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. An article of the class described embracing a frame composed of horizontal side members and having an open top; legs therefor; means coupling said side members together in such manner as to provide the said frame with an unobstructed open end, a leg rest adapted to have movement between said side

members and to completely close said open top, when in normal position; means carried by said side members pivotally associating said leg rest therewith so that when in normal position the leg rest will close said open top, and when in use will move downward between said side members at the open end of the frame, and a foot rest hinged to the end of said leg rest at the open end of said frame.

2. An article of the class described embracing a frame composed of horizontal side members; legs therefor; a member coupling said side members together at one end thereof and adapted to act also as a stop or rest, a member additionally coupling said side members together and located in spaced relation to the other end of said frame so as to provide the same with an open end, a leg rest having pivotal connection with said frame, and adapted at its outer end to move between said side members at the open end of the frame; a panel secured to the outer end of said leg rest and extending therebelow, and adapted to close the open end of said frame when said leg rest occupies a closed position when it rests upon said first-mentioned coupling member, and a foot piece or board pivotally associated with the outer end of said leg rest.

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