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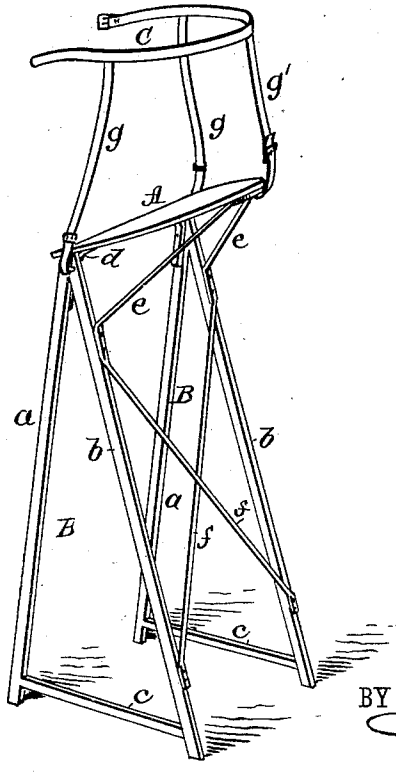
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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known I, IVY BALDWIN, of San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Chairs, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part thereof, in which—

Figure 1 shows the application of my improved chair. Fig. 2 is a perspective view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures of the drawings.

The object of my invention is to provide a light and portable chair to be suspended from the waist and worn by ladies underneath the clothing.

My invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

The chair-bottom A is preferably made of semicircular form, and is secured at opposite ends near its straight edge to the upper ends of the two triangular frames B. The frames B are each formed of a vertical bar, *a*, and an inclined bar, *b*, joined to the top of the vertical bar *a*, the bars *a b* being connected at or near their lower ends by a cross-bar, *c*. The bottom A and the triangular side frames, B, are preferably made of strong light wood. The front or straight edge of the bottom is provided with an arched brace, *d*, which extends downward a short distance along the inner face of each vertical bar *a*, and to the rear or rounded edge of the seat is secured a forked brace, *e*, which is attached to the inclined bars *b* a short distance from the point of attachment of the seat A with the side frames, B. The inclined bars *b* are braced by crossed braces *f*, which are attached to the backs of the bars *b* near the upper and lower ends.

To the ends and sides of the seat A are secured straps *g*, and to the back of the seat is secured a strap, *g'*. The straps *g g'* are attached to a belt, C, to be worn around the waist of the user of the seat. The seat is suspended from the belt in such a position as to be out of way of the user while walking, and the side frames, B, are sufficiently separated to prevent any possible interference with the free action of the limbs. When the wearer desires to sit she stoops sufficiently to bring the frame B into contact with the floor, when the chair forms a seat. The chair is entirely invisible, either while sitting or walking.

In carrying out my invention I do not confine myself to the exact form of seat shown, nor to any particular inclination for the seat.

I am aware that folding chairs have been provided with means for securing them to a person's waist, or waist and legs, and I do not claim the same as of my invention; but I am not aware that a rigid or non-folding chair has ever been so constructed as to be capable of attachment to a lady's waist and to serve also to hold the skirt away from the limbs, after the manner of certain forms of hoop-skirts. By forming the seat with its rear edge rounded and securing it in an inclined position relative to the triangular side frames the rear inclined bars will, when the wearer stands erect, hold the skirts out from the body, as above described.

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

A chair of the character described, comprising the triangular side frames formed of vertical front bars, and inclined rear bars connected at their upper ends to the upper ends of the vertical bars, an inclined seat connected at its lower or front edge to the upper ends of the triangular side frames and rounded on its rear or upper edge, a brace connected to the triangular frames and to the seat in rear of its front edge, and a belt having depending straps secured at the forward parts of the sides of the seat and to the rear part thereof, substantially as set forth.

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