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COMBINED CHAIR AND TABLET.

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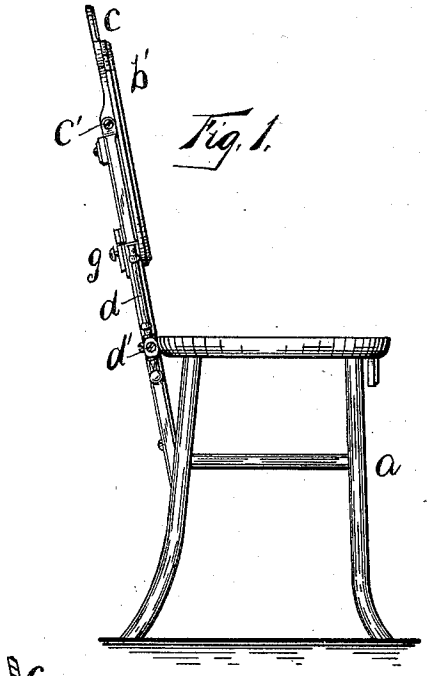


Fig. 1.

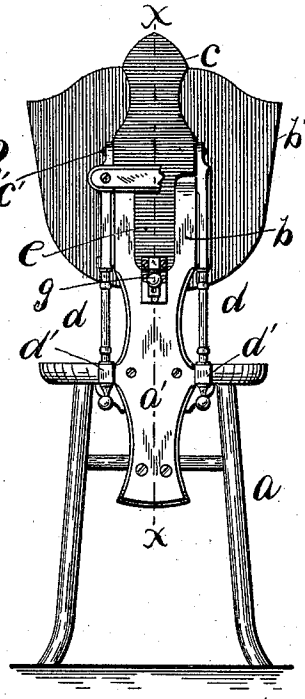


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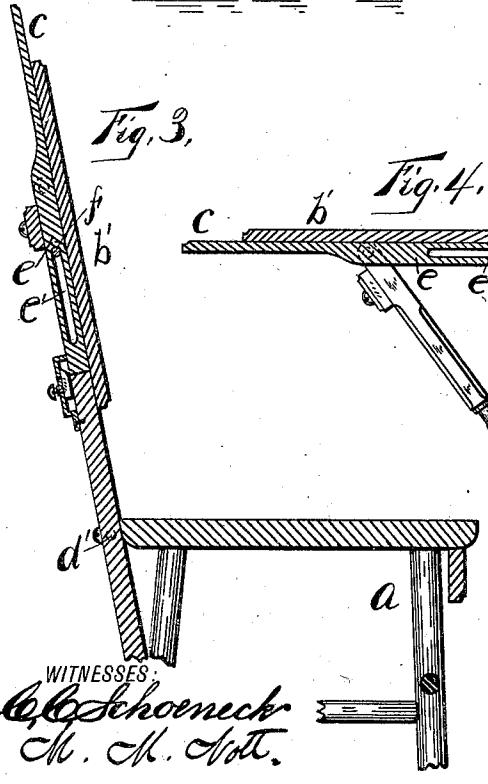


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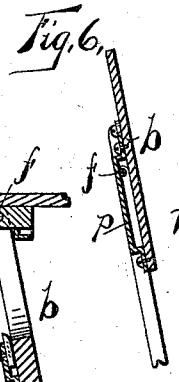


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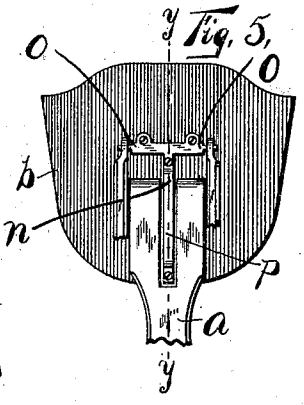


Fig. 5.

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COMBINED CHAIR AND TABLET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR S. JENNINGS, of Danby, in the county of Tompkins, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in a Combined Chair and Tablet, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in chairs, having more particular reference to combined chairs and tablets.

My object is to produce, in conjunction with a chair, a back so arranged and adapted that it may be easily, readily, and quickly turned to such a position as will afford a small tablet or table. The object of such a construction, it will be readily seen, is to afford a person occupying the chair a small table either for writing puposes or for any other purposes for which a table would be ordinarily used and will afford a great convenience in offices, lecture-rooms, &c.; and to that end my invention consists in the several new and novel features of construction and operation which are hereinafter described, and specifically set forth in the claims hereunto annexed. It is constructed as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a side view of the chair complete in its normal position. Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof. Fig. 3 is a section on line $x\ x$, Fig. 2, enlarged. Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the operation of the back turned rearwardly to form the tablet. Fig. 5 is a rear view of a modified form of bracket or means for pivotally mounting the tablet. Fig. 6 is a section on line $y\ y$, Fig. 5.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

a is an ordinary chair constructed in any well-known manner and provided with a stationary upright a' and provided with a slotway, recess, or opening b in its upper end, and b' is a tablet secured to a bracket or strip c, which strip c is hinged at the point c' to the upper end of the uprights d, the said uprights being hinged to the chair or to the stationary back a' at the points d'. The lower end of the bracket e is constructed so as to fit and slide into the opening b and is provided with a transverse slotway e', and f is a rod or bolt passing through the upper ends of the stationary back a' and engaging with the slotway e' and adapted to travel longitudinally therein when the tablet is operated.

g is a thumb-latch locking the lower end of the bracket e to the stationary back a'.

In Figs. 5 and 6 I show a modified form of bracket or means for pivotally mounting the tablet. n is a T-shaped bracket secured to the lower face of the tablet, and the lateral arms o are so constructed as to rotatably engage the upper ends of the standards d, and the stem p is so bent and constructed as to form, with the lower face and tablet, a slotway in which the rod f travels.

It will also be observed that instead of having a rod f running clear across the opening b pins or lugs may be inserted from each side, extending into the opening, and perform the same function, or any other equivalent device may be used which will form a sliding connection between the lower face of the tablet and the upper end of the back.

My invention is operated as follows: Assuming that the chair is in its normal position, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, the person seated in the chair unlocks the latch g and putting his hand upon the tablet b' presses it back. The tablet first swings upon the rod f, and then as the tablet is allowed to drop down to a horizontal position, as shown in Fig. 4, the rod travels in the slotway e' and the uprights d, being supports, take the position as shown in Fig. 4.

I do not confine myself to any particular form of tablet or any particular form of bracket secured thereto or to any particular form of the parts mentioned above, as it would be evident that they may be varied at will and differently constructed and differently arranged without departing from the spirit of my invention or its mechanical works or construction.

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

1. A combined chair and tablet comprising a chair having a back, and a rod secured transversely thereto, a tablet having a slotway in

its lower face adapted to engage said rod, and means for holding the tablet in substantially a horizontal plane out of alinement from an imaginary line running vertically to the seat of the chair.

2. A combined chair and tablet, comprising a chair having a back, said back being provided with an opening in its upper end, and a rod secured transversely therein, a tablet having a slotway on the lower face, adapted to engage said rod, and uprights pivoted to the chair and tablet, as set forth.

3. A combined chair and tablet, comprising a chair having a back provided with an opening in its upper end, a rod secured transversely therein, a tablet having a strip secured to its lower face, and provided with a slotway, said slotway being adapted to engage the rod and said strip being so constructed as to fit the opening in the upper end of the back, and means for locking it therein, as set forth.

4. A combined chair and tablet, comprising a back, said back being provided with a transverse rod, a bracket secured to the lower face of the tablet, one end of which is adapted to form with the lower face of the tablet a slotway, in which slotway the rod is adapted to travel, and uprights pivoted to the chair and the opposite end of said bracket.

5. A combined chair and tablet comprising a chair having an upright or back, a rod secured transversely thereto, a bracket secured to the lower face of the tablet adapted to form with the lower face of the tablet a slotway, in which slotway the rod is adapted to travel, and means for holding the tablet in substantially a horizontal plane out of alinement from an imaginary line running vertically to the seat of the chair.

6. A combined chair and tablet, comprising a back, said back being provided with a transverse rod, a bracket secured to the lower face of the tablet, one end of which is adapted to form with the lower face of the tablet a slotway, in which slotway, the rod is adapted to travel, and an upright or support pivoted at one end to the chair or back, and the opposite end to the tablet.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of September, 1899.

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