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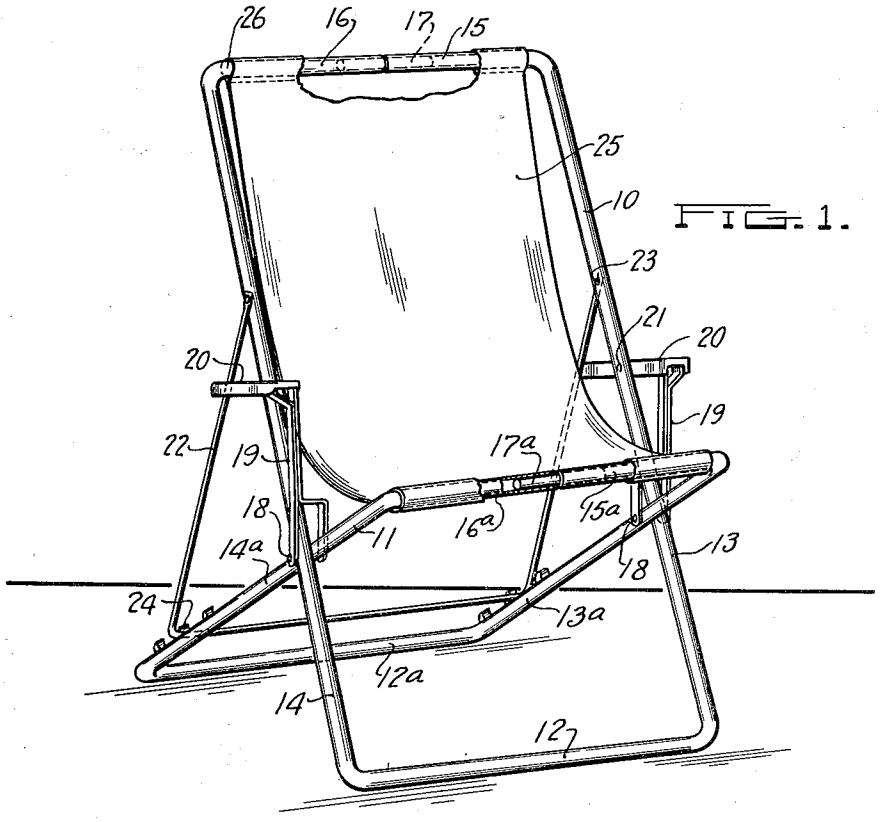


FIG. 1.

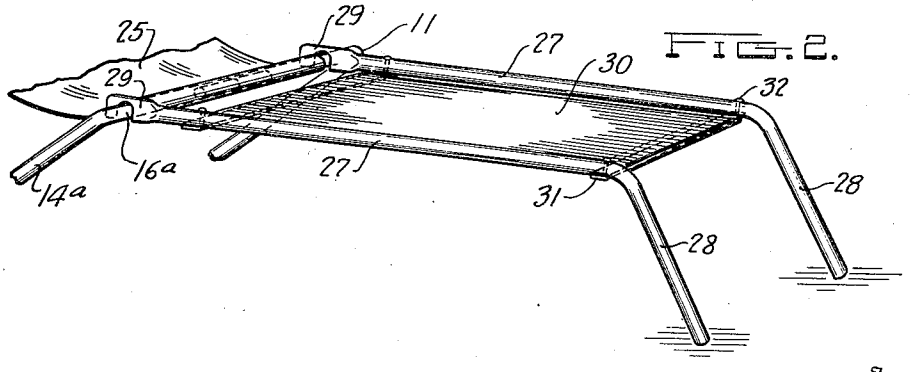


FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to articles of furniture, but particularly to a steamer chair, and an object is to produce a new and improved steamer chair having a seat and back member of flexible sheet material in which the principal parts of the frame are of metal tubing.

Other objections and advantages will hereafter appear, and for purposes of illustration, but not of limitation, an embodiment of the invention is shown on the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the chair in position of use; and

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a foot rest showing a portion of the chair to which it is attached.

The illustrated embodiment of the invention comprises a chair consisting of frame members 10 and 11, the frame 10 being somewhat larger than the frame 11, but both frame parts being formed from a single length of metal tubing. The frames 10 and 11 are similarly formed into a rectangular shape. Frame 10 consists of a horizontal floor engaging portion 12, from opposite ends of which extend upwardly side portions 13 and 14. Integral with and extending inwardly from the upper ends of the side portions 13 and 14 are end parts 15 and 16 respectively, these parts being of substantially the same length and in approximately abutting relation. Fixed inside the end part 15 is a stud 17 which projects outwardly from the end of the end part 15 for detachable telescoping engagement with the end part 16. The projecting portion of the stud 17 fits snugly within the end part 16 with sufficient frictional contact to retain these parts in assembled relation. The frame 11, except that it is somewhat smaller than the frame 10, is similar thereto and like reference numerals are used in connection therewith, but with the addition of the exponent *a*.

The frames 10 and 11 are pivotally connected by pins 18, which also support the forked lower ends of the brace members 19 on the upper ends of which are mounted arm rests 20. The arm rests 20 are of channel form and are connected to the side portions 13 of the frame member 10 by pins 21.

For holding the frame members in position of use, a U shaped brace 22 is pivoted on pins 23 connected to the side portions 13, and is adapted to engage selectively a pair of lugs 24 on the side portions 13*a*. The bail may engage one or another of the lugs 24, according to the desired adjustment.

The rear ends of the arm rests are disposed closely adjacent to the sides of the U-shaped brace 22, but are free of connection therewith, and form guides in folding and unfolding of the chair and also limit spreading of said sides.

Forming the seat and back for the chair is a strip 25, and opposite end portions of this strip are looped or folded back and stitched to provide pockets 26, which receive the end parts 15 and 16 and 15*a* and 16*a*, respectively. An important feature of this invention resides in forming the frame parts, so that the pockets 26 may be slipped over one of the end parts, whereupon the two end parts are telescoped and the pockets drawn over the joints. It will be understood that this enables the pockets to be preformed and thereafter connected to the end frames, thereby obviating the necessity of sewing the canvas to the frame members, a troublesome and expensive process in the manufacture of a chair of this character. It is also apparent that the replacement of the back and seat member 25 can be readily effected without the use of tools.

A simple and efficient foot rest is formed by a pair of bars 27, the front ends of which are bent downwardly to provide legs 28. The opposite ends of bars 27 are flattened and formed into hooks 29, which hook over the end parts of the frame member 11. A strip of canvas 30 is disposed between the bars 27 and has its ends folded upon themselves and secured together to form pockets that receive cross-pieces 31, which latter are secured by rivets 32 to the bars 27.

It is to be understood that changes in details of construction and choice of materials may be effected without departing from the spirit of the invention, especially as defined in the appended claim.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A chair comprising a seat frame and a back frame, each having a floor engaging portion and a pair of side portions extending upwardly from end parts of the floor engaging portion, arm rests connected intermediate their ends to the side portions of the back frame, braces depending from the front end parts of the arm rests and having forked lower ends, pins extending through the sides of the forked ends and through the side portions of the seat and back frames to support the arm rests and to pivotally connect the seat and back frames, a substantially U-shaped brace for adjustably supporting the back frame and having its legs pivoted to the side portions of the back frame, and means on the seat frame to engage the bight of the U-shaped brace, the rear ends of the arm rests being disposed closely adjacent to the outer sides of the side portions of the U-shaped brace to form guides that are free of connection with said portions of the U-shaped brace.

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