

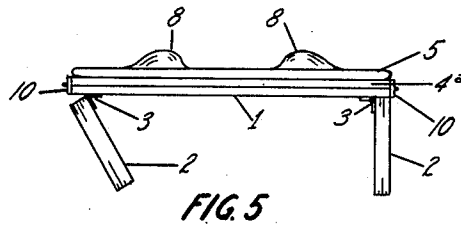
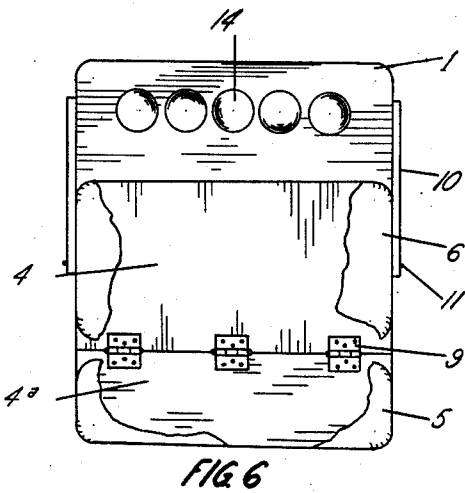
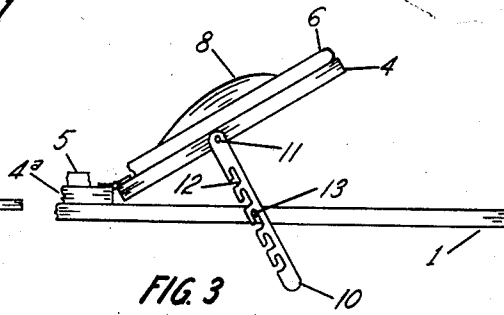
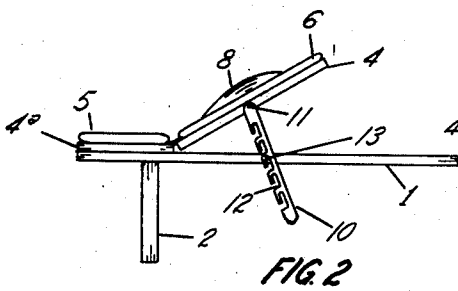
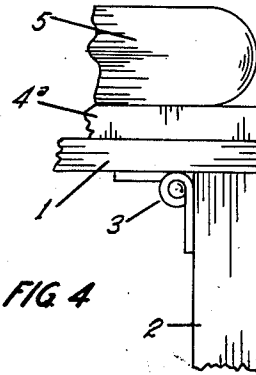
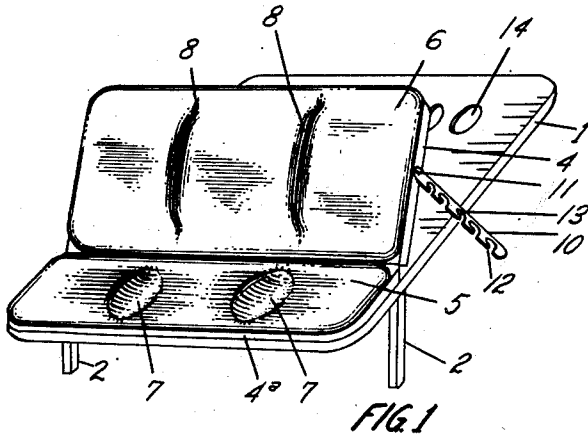
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This invention relates to pedicure boards, more particularly it is directed to portable foot supports adapted to be maintained in firm position by a pedicurist.

It is well known that pedicurists are confronted with the difficult task of holding a foot in a steady, firm position while administering a pedicure thereto. Furthermore, the position of the pedicurist while administering a pedicure, according to present standard practices, necessitates an extremely arched back with tensioned reflexes. Thus, the physical strain involved, drastically limits the number of pedicures that can be given by a pedicurist during a normal working day.

Accordingly, a primary object of this invention is to provide a pedicure board for supporting the foot in a comfortable position and eliminating the physical strain on the pedicurist.

Another object of this invention is to provide a pedicure board with an adjustable foot support.

A further object of this invention is to provide a board of the class described which will afford comfort to both the one giving and the one receiving a pedicure.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a device of the class described which will be economical and simple in construction, and comfortable, durable and efficient in use.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages of this invention will be more apparent from reading the following specification, in conjunction with the drawings, forming a part thereof, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the device of this invention in operable position;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation view of the device of this invention in operable position;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary enlarged side elevation view of the device of this invention, showing adjusting and pivotal relationship of parts thereof;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary front elevation view showing the detail of the hinged leg braces;

Fig. 5 is a front elevation view of the device of this invention; and,

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary plan view of the device of this invention, showing the details of the hinged relationship of the foot support sections and the equipment wells.

Referring to the drawings, wherein like members are given the same reference numeral, a support member 1, usually and preferably in the form of a rectangular board of any suitable material such as plywood, aluminum or plastic, has secured thereto leg braces 2. The leg braces 2 are

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preferably secured to the support member 1 by hinges 3 positioned therebeneath and adjacent the side edges thereof, whereby the leg braces may be folded underneath the support member 1 for storage, and abut the bottom surface of the support member 1 for rigidity when in use.

Pivotally mounted foot and heel support members 4 and 4^a are mounted on the support member 1 in a manner such that free rotation of the foot support member 4 with respect to the heel support member 4^a is permitted around the adjacent transverse edges thereof, as illustrated. A convenient method of so mounting these pivotally mounted members to the support member 1, is to securely fasten the heel support member 4^a to the support member 1 with suitable fasteners, such as bolts, screws, nails, glue, and the like as illustrated in the drawings. They may be mounted however through the hinges 3 therefor having the hinge pins secured to the support member 1 through connecting brackets, not shown. These pivotally mounted members 4 and 4^a may be of any suitable material and suitable or convenient shape, such as the support member 1.

The sectional top section heel support member 4^a, or comparable section on the support member 1, is padded 5 to provide a comfortable leg and heel rest, whereas the pivotally adjustable foot support member 4 is padded 6 to afford comfortable support for the arch and ball of the foot. The padded section 5 has recesses 7 therein so constructed and arranged to receive the heels of the foot of one receiving a pedicure, and thus permit the padded section 5 to also support the ankle and leg. The pivotally mounted section 6, however, is provided with sloping padded projections 8 to fit the arch of a foot. Because arches are not standard, the sloping design of the projections 8 permits any arch to be comfortably positioned thereon with the toes extending beyond the padded surface 6 of the pivotal foot support section 4.

The pivotal padded member 4 may be locked in any degree of rotation. A most convenient and preferred means to so lock the member is to provide an arm 10 on opposed edges of and pivotally mounted to the foot support member 4 by means of a pivot pin 11, which arms 10 have diagonal or L-shaped slots 12 and adapted to receive a stop or locking pin 13 extending outwardly from the side edge of the support member 1.

There are provided in the support member 1, a series of wells 14 for receiving bottles, tools and the like used in the art of pedicuring. These wells 14, illustrated as circular, may conform to

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the design of containers and equipment commonly used in the trade.

In operation and use the device is quite simple, and can be transported to any location conveniently and easily. The necessary container of supplies, equipment and tools are placed in the wells 14 on the pedicure board and carried by the pedicurist to the location of use, which may be a beauty salon, solarium, cabana, hotel room or the like. The leg braces 2 are pivoted until their ends abut the support member 1. The pedicurist is preferably seated ten to eighteen inches lower than the one receiving the pedicure, and positions the board across the lap of the pedicurist with the leg braces 2 being tensioned by outward pressure of the thighs to hold the board firm and steady. Either one of the feet to be pedicured is then placed upon the padded top 5 with the heel thereof in the respective recess 7 designated therefor. The padded pivotal section 6 on the foot support member 4 is rotated until the projection 8 fits the arch of the foot with the toes of the foot extending above and beyond the surface of the section 6. The arms 10 are then locked in position. Thus the foot is held comfortably and firmly, leaving both hands of the pedicurist free for use, the equipment easily accessible, and the pedicurist relaxed and comfortable. The device of this invention has been illustrated and described in its preferred embodiment and use. Many changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope thereof as defined in the appended claims. And, it may be used in allied and other professions and trades; for example, it may be used as a support for simple adjustments and operations relating to the profession of chiropody.

I claim:

1. A pedicure board comprising a flat support member, leg braces extending downwardly from said support member adjacent the sides thereof, a padded sectional top member mounted on said

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support member, means pivotally connecting said sections along adjacent transverse edges thereof, heel recesses provided in one of said sections, arch projections provided on the other said section, and means securing said sections in predetermined angular relationship.

2. An article of manufacture consisting of a pedicure board comprising a support member, leg braces pivotally mounted to said support member, a padded sectional top member mounted on said support member, means pivotally connecting said sections along adjacent transverse edges thereof, heel recesses provided in one of said sections, arch projections provided on the other said section, and means selectively securing said pivotal section in predetermined angular relationship with said support member.

3. An article of manufacture, a pedicure board comprising a flat rectangular support member capable of being supported on the legs of a seated pedicurist, leg braces adjacent the sides of said support member and tensionable by outward motion of the pedicurist's legs to firmly and steadily position said support member, a padded sectional top member, recesses in one of said sections adapted to receive the arch of a foot, projections of arch conformity on the other said section, hinge means connecting said sections along adjacent transverse edges thereof, and means locking said sections in a predetermined degree of rotation.

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