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Folding-Chair.

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Fig. 1

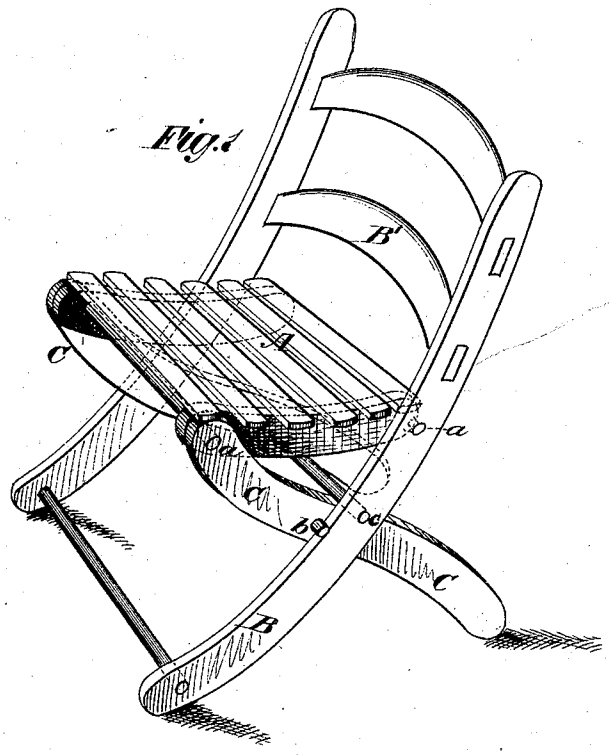
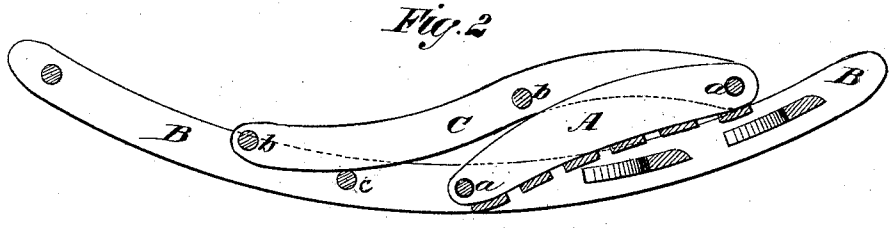


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING CHAIRS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES H. BEAN and RICHARD W. BOX, of Pulaski, in the county of Oswego and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Folding Chair, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of our improved folding chair, and Fig. 2 a vertical longitudinal section of the same as folded up.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Our invention relates to an improved folding chair; and consists of a seat, which is pivoted to the back part, and the hind legs, which slide between the front legs for folding, and rest by projecting side lugs thereon when the seat is thrown in position for use.

In the drawing, A represents the seat, B the front legs, and C the hind legs, of our improved chair. The seat is pivoted by cross-rods or pins *a* to the front legs B, and to the front ends of the hind legs C, allowing it to swing up toward the upper section B′ of the front legs, together with the hind legs C, which slide along the inside of the front legs, and folding up into a very compact space with the seat and back, as shown in Fig. 2. The hind legs C are further connected by a cross-rod, *b*, which projects at both sides of the legs, and is arranged at such height that, when the seat is thrown forward into position for use, the projecting ends will come in contact with the front legs. The hind legs C also bear up against a rod or round, *c*, which connects the front legs B B at a point just above where they intersect with the hind legs when the seat is in position for use. The rods *b* and *c* therefore prevent the chair collapsing, and support the seat in the required horizontal position.

The construction combines simplicity with strength and convenience of operation, and allows the ready packing up of the chair for shipment.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The folding chair composed of the swinging seat A, the front and rear legs B and C, provided, respectively, with the pins or rounds *c* and *b*, for holding the legs locked when intersected, as shown and described.

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