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COUNTER SEAT.

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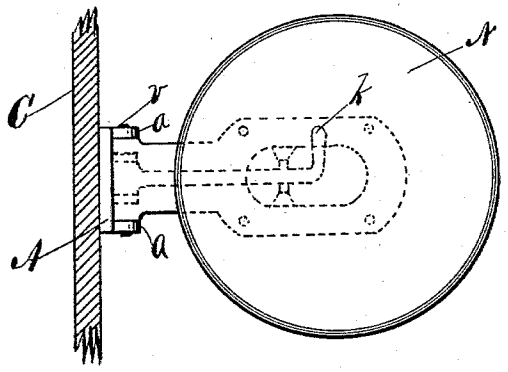


Fig. 1

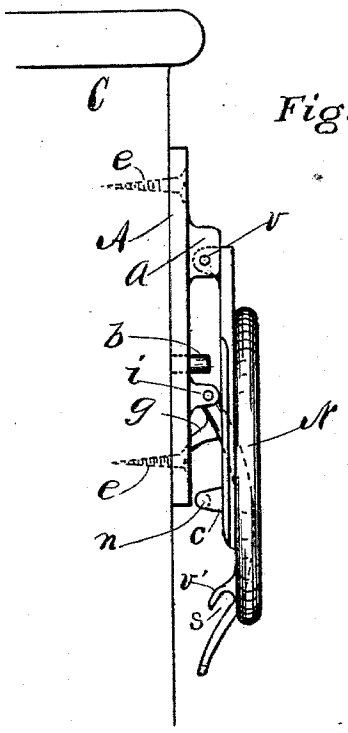


Fig. 3.

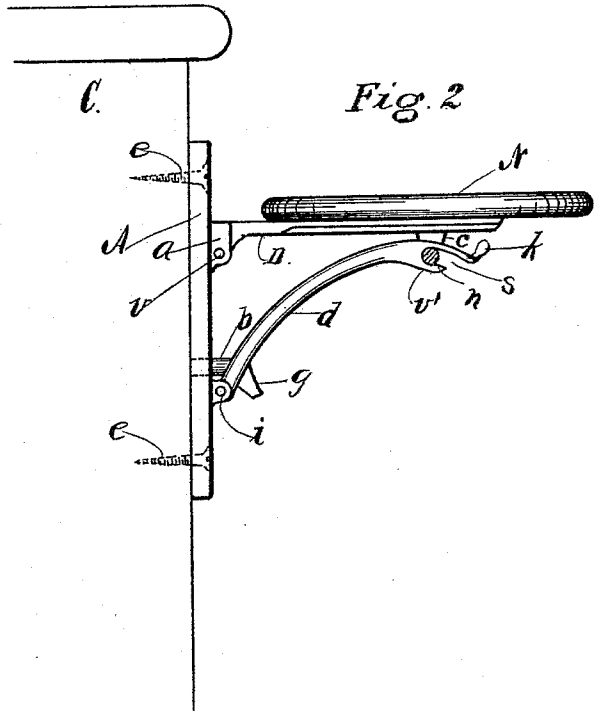


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JUNIUS P. PRENTISS, of Fall River, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Counter-Seats; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to the class of counter-seats intended for use in shops and similar places. It is fully explained and illustrated in this specification and the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 shows a top view of the seat. Fig. 2 represents a side elevation of the seat raised for use. Fig. 3 is the same view with the seat let down as when not in use.

The object of this invention is to produce a folding seat for use on the front or rear of counters that can be readily turned down when not needed, but that cannot be dropped while any one is sitting on it.

Its construction is as follows: A is a metallic base-plate to be secured to the counter C or woodwork, to which it is attached by means of screws *e e*. Near the upper end two ears *a a* are made on the face of the plate, in which a bar D is held on a pin *v*, which passes through the ears and the bar between them to serve as a pivot for the bar to move on. This bar D supports the seat N, which is fastened on its upper side. Two more ears *i i* are attached to the face of the plate A near its lower end, and a brace-bar *d* has its lower end pivoted between them, while its upper end passes up through a bracket *c* on the under side of the bar D, and the upper end of the brace *d* has an open slot *s* made in it to receive the bar *n* of the bracket. (See Fig. 2, where one side of the bracket is broken away to show the bar *n* of the bracket.) The part above the slot is extended out and carried around to one side to form a handle *k* to lift the brace by when the seat is to be let down, as in Fig. 3. The advantage of the long lower member of the brace *v'* below the slot *s* is that it prevents the brace from being raised while a person is sitting on the seat and letting them down, as it is necessary to raise the seat a little ways with the brace to unlock or let the brace become clear of the bar *n* of the bracket, so that it will push out through it and let the seat down. A spring in the shape of a block of rubber *b* is held in a hole in the plate A at the upper side of the lower end of the brace to assist gravity and make sure of the brace dropping when the seat is raised to position, so that the bar *n* will enter the slot *s*, and a projection *g* is made on the lower or front side of the brace to serve as a check to stop the brace and seat from falling low enough to mar whatever it is attached to.

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

In a folding seat, a base-plate, a bar hinged at its inner end to the upper end of said plate, a seat secured to the outer end of said bar, a bracket fast on the under side of said seat, in combination with a brace-bar hinged at one end to the lower end of the base-plate and having a slot in its upper end fitting on a bar in the bracket, a rubber spring placed between said brace and the base-plate, and a projection on the under side of the brace to prevent marring the woodwork, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of May, A. D. 1897.

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