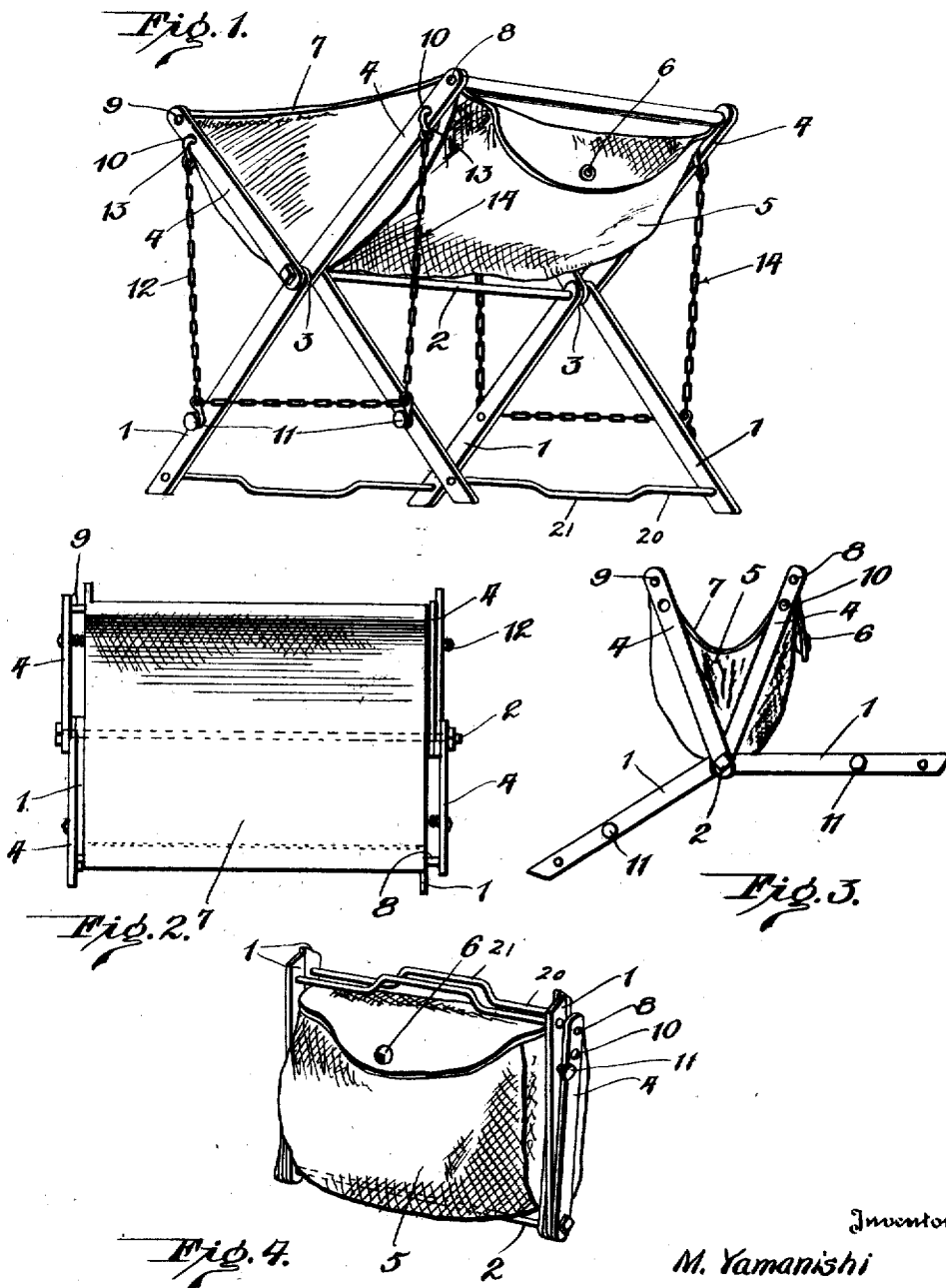


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COLLAPSIBLE CHAIR AND BAG.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that MUNEKAZU YAMANISHI, a subject of Japan, residing at Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, has invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collapsible Chairs and Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in combined collapsible chairs and hand bags.

An object of the invention is to provide a collapsible seat, which carries a bag under the seat in extended position, and has flexible bracing members for retaining the seat in extended position, which may be contained in the bag when said seat is collapsed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a structure which is simple in construction and may be folded into a small space in collapsed position.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my device in open or extended position.

Fig. 2 is a top plane view of the same.

Fig. 3 is an end elevation in partially collapsed position.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the device in fully collapsed position.

1 indicates the legs of the stool, which are four in number and formed of sheet metal, although they may be of wood or any other suitable material, and 2 is a cross bar which forms a pivot for the upper ends of the legs as indicated at 3, and upon which is also pivoted arms 4, so that the pairs of arms 4 and legs 1 are movable about the center represented by the cross bar into collapsed position, as shown in Fig. 4. 5 is a bag or receptacle, preferably of canvas, leather or like material, in which is a flap having a separable fastener 6, for closing the open end of the bag when the stool is folded, the seat 7 being positioned in the bag. The seat 7 is formed of a rectangular piece of canvas, leather or other similar material, two of whose opposing edges are secured firmly to rods 8 and 9, which connect the arms 4 at the opposite ends of the stool. The arms 4 are provided with openings 10 near the upper ends and the legs 1 have studs 11 thereon at the lower ends. A flexible member 12, such as a cord rope chain et cetera, is provided with hooks 13 at the ends and at spaced intervals intermediate the ends, so that the hook 13 at one end may be hooked through the opening 10 in one arm 4 and then passed downwardly as at 14 to

the leg 1, where one of the intermediate hooks is passed over the stud 11. The member is then passed to the other leg at the same end and the other intermediate hook engaged with the stud on the leg, and the hook at the other end of the member is finally hooked in the opening 10 in the other arm 4 at the same end of the stool as plainly illustrated in Fig. 1. Another member is applied to the arms and legs at the other end of the stool in a similar manner.

The opposing pairs of legs 1 are connected by brace rods 20 centrally offset at 21 to provide hand holds for the device when in collapsed relation to form a hand bag. It will be noted that the legs 1 are of greater length than the arms 4 so that when the parts are folded or collapsed as indicated in Fig. 4, the ends of the legs extend above the corresponding ends of the arms while the brace rods 20 lie in adjacent relation above the bag proper with the offset portions 21 positioned to form a convenient hand hold.

The flexible member thus positions the arms and legs and tensions the seat and holds the parts rigidly in extended position.

The seat may be easily collapsed by removing the flexible members 12, said members being stowed in the bag and rotating the legs about the rod 2 to engage the arms 4, and then moving the arms and legs together, the seat folding so that the center lies near the rod 2. The bag may then be easily folded upon itself around the rod 2 and form a neat flat package.

It will be noted that by using flexible bracing members, the unwieldy bundle formed when pivoted bars are used and folded one upon the other is done away with.

The combined seat and bag is particularly adapted for campers, tourists, and similar uses, the bag serving to carry desired articles, which are conveniently accessible and yet are out of the way while the seat may be in use, and may also be carried in the bag when the seat is folded in an obvious manner.

What I claim is:

1. A folding stool, comprising a frame work made up of a central bar, arms pivotally mounted thereon, legs pivotally mounted thereon, brace rods connecting the upper ends of each pair of arms, brace rods

connecting the lower ends of each pair of legs, a seat strip connecting the brace rods of the arms, a bag portion secured to the arms and underlying and wholly independent of the seat strip, the arms being foldable together and the legs folded upward onto the arms in the collapsed condition of the structure, said legs being of greater length than the arms to arrange the brace rods of the legs above the bag as a carrier therefor when the parts are in collapsed relation.

2. A combined folding stool and hand bag, comprising a foldable frame structure, including a central rod, arms radiating therefrom, legs radiating therefrom, said

arms and legs being foldable into immediately adjacent relation on said central rod in the collapse of the structure, a flexible seat carried by the upper ends of the arms, and a bag portion secured to said arms and arranged in the space between the seat and central rod, said bag structure having an opening below the flexible seat, and a closure for said opening, whereby the interior of the bag is accessible for storage purposes when the structure is in stool forming relation or in bag forming relation.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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