

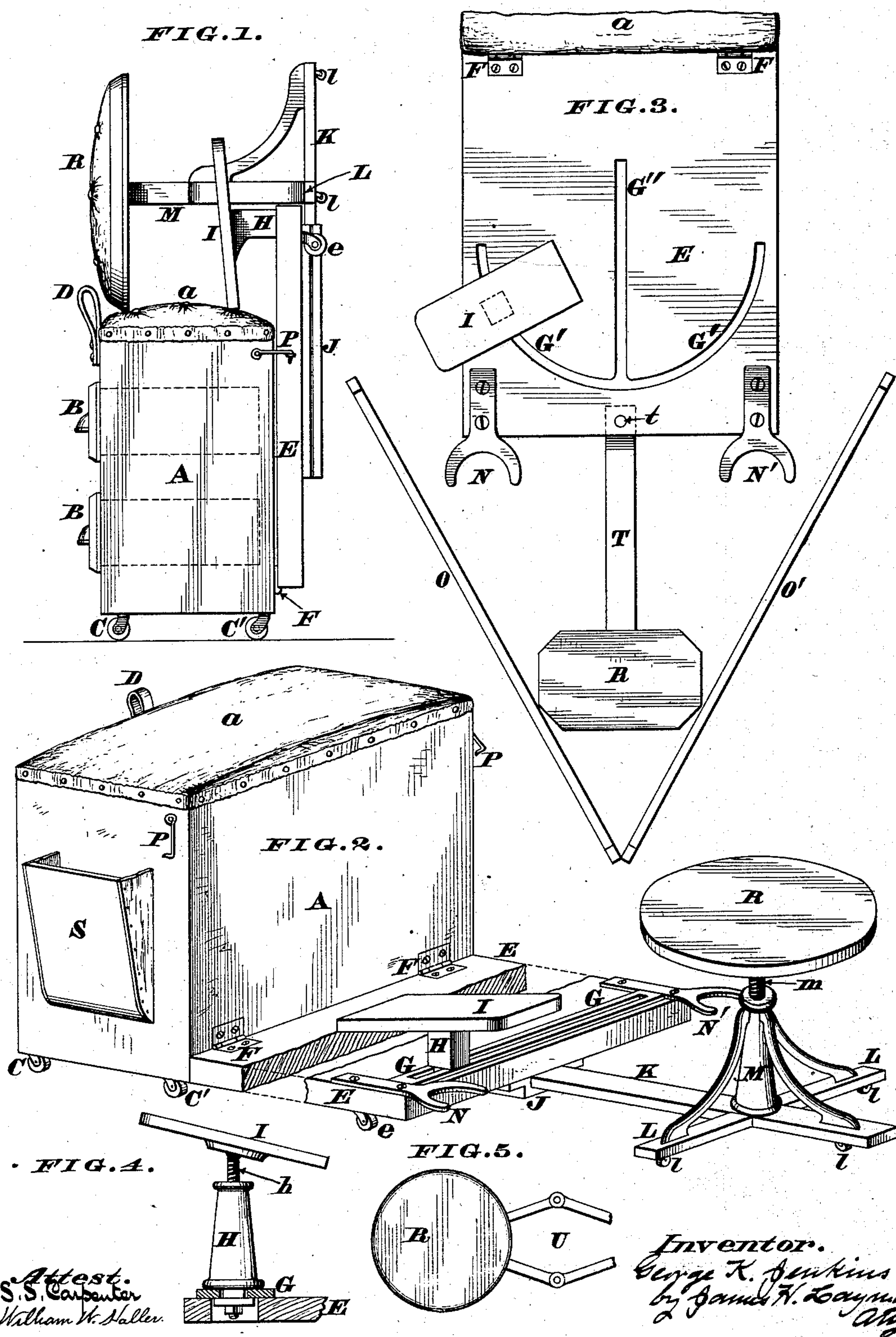
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE K. JENKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jamestown, in the county of Greene and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shoe-Dealers' Stools and Foot-Supports, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention comprises a peculiarly-constructed article of furniture especially adapted for use in stores where boots, shoes, gaiters, &c., are retailed, said article of furniture being arranged in such a manner as to afford a comfortable seat for the customer, a convenient rest for the feet, devices for the ready removal of boots, and a secondary seat, which latter is for the salesman. The seat for the customer may be of any suitable size and shape, and cushioned, if desired, and is either mounted upon or is suitably coupled to a platform, the latter when in its operative position being horizontal and having the foot-rest applied thereto. This foot-rest is adapted to revolve, and may be either fixed to the platform or be arranged to slide laterally thereon, the opposite sides of said platform being furnished with forked plates that serve as "boot-jacks." Furthermore, this platform has coupled to it a secondary seat for the use of the salesman, which seat may be either advanced or retracted, or it may be swung aside either to the right or left, as may be the most convenient.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation showing my article of furniture in its folded condition. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the article of furniture open for use, the central portion of the platform being broken away. Fig. 3 is a plan of a modified arrangement of the device, the rear part of the customer's seat being removed. Fig. 4 is a vertical section through the shiftable foot-rest. Fig. 5 represents a modified coupling for the salesman's seat.

A represents the customer's seat, which may be arranged either in the form of a chair, sofa, or lounge; but I prefer making it in the shape of a rectangular box or frame, and apply thereto one or more drawers or other appropriate receptacles, B. (Seen in Fig. 1.)

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the seat A, and D is a handle or strap for said seat. Furthermore, this seat may be cushioned on top, as at *a*, and may be rigidly attached to a platform, E; but in order to facilitate the transportation of the article of furniture I prefer to hinge or otherwise couple the rear edge of said platform to the front of said seat, as at F.

e are casters that support the outer edge of the platform, the upper surface of the latter being provided with a track or slotted bar, G, along which is adapted to travel a standard or post, H, of the foot-rest I; but in Fig. 1 this track G is omitted, thereby indicating that the standard H may be a fixture, if desired. In Fig. 4 the foot-rest is shown supported on a screw-threaded rod, *h*, that engages with standard H, by which arrangement the rest can be both raised and lowered and turned around to any convenient position. Fastened to the under side of platform E is a guide or groove, J, within which slides a long arm, K, of a cross-frame, K L, which frame serves as a tripod that supports the standard M, of the secondary or salesman's seat R, that may be adjusted vertically by means of the screw *m*. (Seen in Fig. 2.) Projecting beyond the front edge of the platform E are forked plates N N', that serve as boot-jacks.

O O' represent two wings of a hinged screen capable of being disposed in front of the article of furniture when ladies are engaged in trying on shoes.

P are hooks and staples or other appropriate retaining devices that preserve the platform in its erect or closed position.

l are casters that support the tripod-frame K L. A pocket, S, may be applied to either or both ends of the seat A, for the purpose of containing wrapping-paper, twine, &c. When this article of furniture is to be stowed away or transported, the platform E is turned up vertically against the front of seat A, and is secured with the retaining devices P, as seen in Fig. 1, which act causes the foot-rest I and secondary seat R to rest on the cushion *a*. The piece of furniture is now in its most compact form, and may be readily wheeled about by simply grasping the strap or handle D; but when placed in a boot or shoe store,

and arranged for use, the hooks P are disengaged and platform E is swung down to the horizontal position seen in Figs. 2 and 3. The secondary or salesman's seat R is then drawn out as far as may be necessary to bring it into a convenient position with reference to the foot-rest I, which latter is shifted either to the right or left, or raised or lowered to accommodate the purchaser, who is seated on the cushion a. If said purchaser or customer wears boots, he can pull them off by engaging them with the jacks N N' before trying on a new pair, which latter will not be liable to become soiled, because the platform E can be kept much cleaner than the floor of an ordinary store, especially in country towns where the streets are liable to be muddy.

In the modification of my invention seen in Fig 3, the salesman's seat R is fastened to one end of a coupling rod or link, T, whose other end is pivoted to platform E at t, thereby permitting said seat to be swung around either to the right or left, as convenience may suggest. Furthermore, this illustration shows a curved race, G', with which communicates a longitudinal race or groove, G'', thereby indicating that the foot-rest may travel in a circular path, or that it may be shifted from the front to the rear of platform E; but in Fig. 5 a "lazy-tongs," U, is employed for coupling the salesman's seat to the platform.

I am aware it is not new to attach a foot-rest and a salesman's stool to a common base or platform, thereby furnishing a portable device which is capable of being readily carried about and placed in front of any chair on which the customer is seated, in order that the customer's foot may be supported on said rest, as such an article is seen in the patent granted to S. D. Sollers, November 2, 1875. As distinguished from this device, my article

of store-furniture has the foot-rest, salesman's stool, and customer's seat all combined in a single structure which is complete in itself.

Furthermore, I am aware it is not new to provide a barber's chair with a shiftable platform or frame that carries a rest for the feet of the person who occupies said chair, as such a construction is seen in the patent granted to J. Ott, July 13, 1875. But as this device has no stool for the barber to sit on while shaving his customer, and as a stool would be an impediment instead of an advantage to such a chair, it is apparent that this omission renders said structure different from the foot-rest, salesman's stool, and customer's seat combined in a single and complete article of furniture, which combination is the essential feature of my invention.

I claim as my invention—

1. A boot and shoe dealer's article of furniture, consisting of the customer's seat A, platform E, foot-rest I, and coupled salesman's stool R, all combined in a single structure, for the purpose specified.

2. A boot and shoe dealer's article of furniture, consisting of the customer's seat A, hinged platform E F F', foot-rest I, guide J, arm K, and salesman's stool R, all combined in a single structure, for the purpose specified.

3. A boot and shoe dealer's article of furniture, consisting of the customer's seat A, platform E, provided with groove G and foot-rest I, mounted therein, and the salesman's stool R, coupled to said platform, all combined in a single structure, for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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