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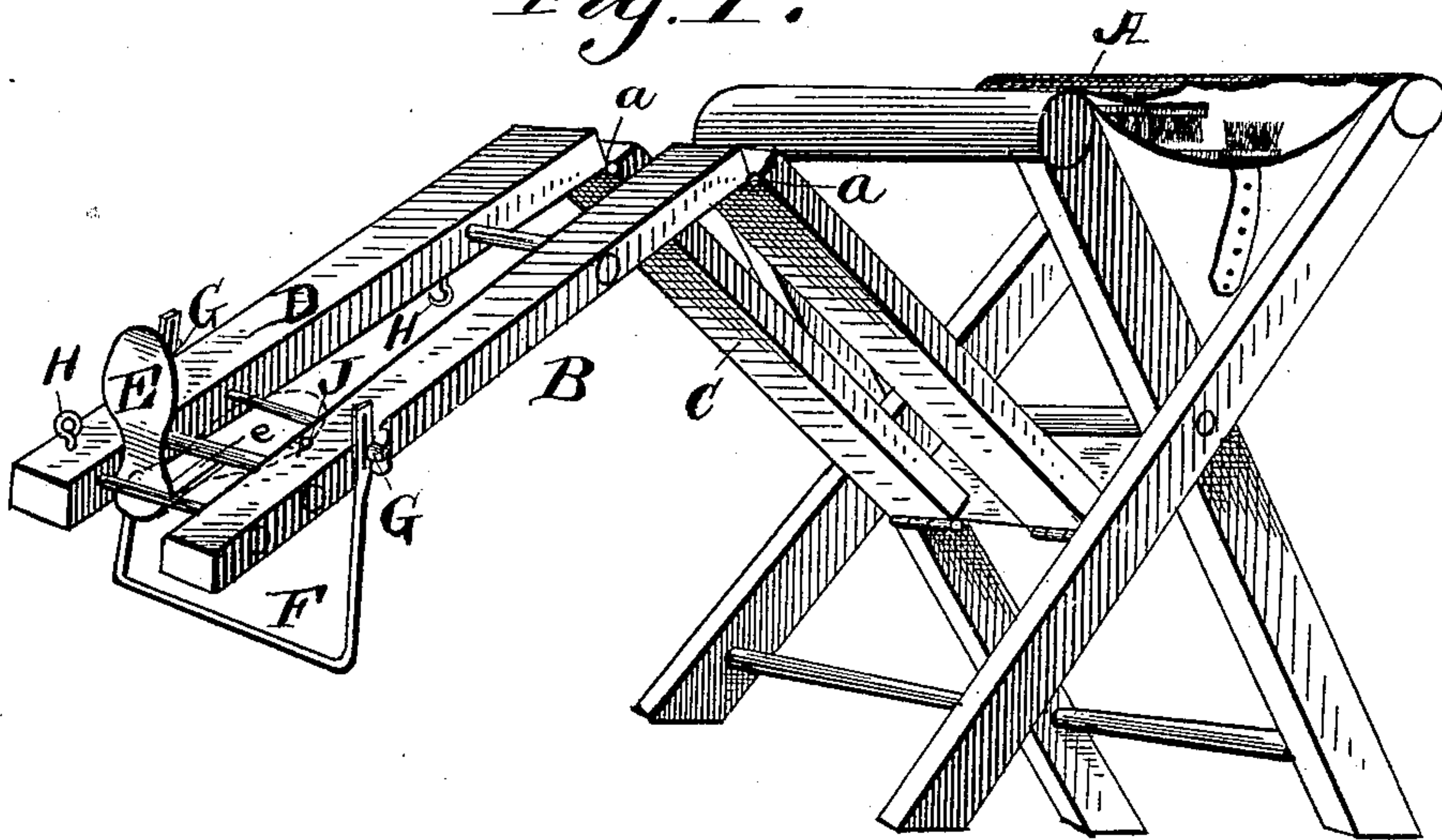
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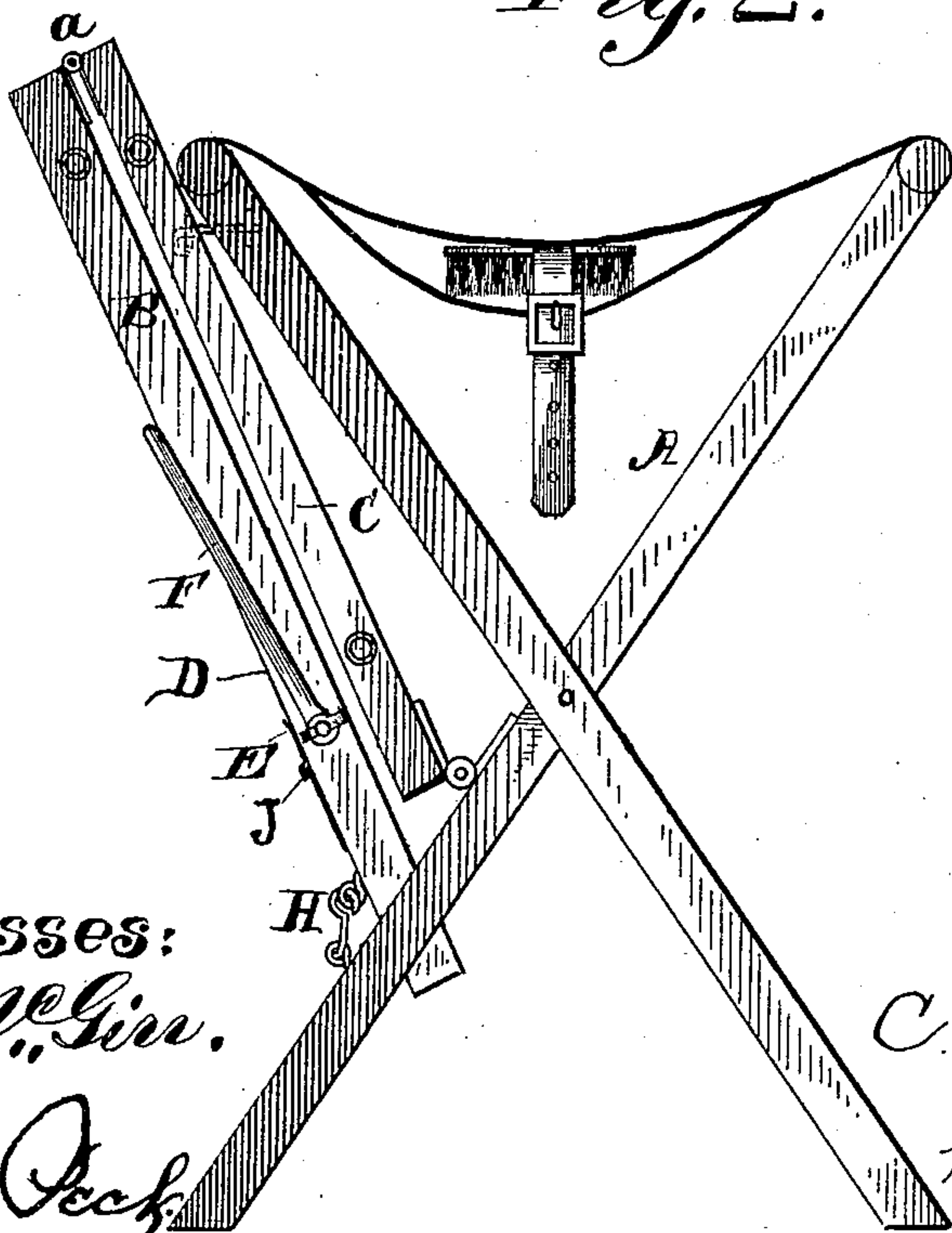
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHRISTIAN W. WIECKING, of Walhalla, in the county of Oconee and State of South Carolina, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Stools or Seats; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to  
10 make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to stools or chairs, and  
15 more particularly to a stool or chair provided with certain improved attachments.

The object of my invention is to provide a portable stool or seat especially adapted for the use of boot-blacks, and which is provided  
20 with a folding-arm having a foot-rest for holding the foot and leg during the operation of polishing shoes, the whole device being so constructed that the seat or stool can be folded, and the arm and foot-rest can also be folded  
25 and secured to the stool, whereby the device can be readily closed into a small compass, so that it can be carried without inconvenience, or can be quickly unfolded and the parts adjusted for operation. The stool is also preferably  
30 provided with a receptacle for containing the boot-blackening tools and implements.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, more fully described hereinafter, and particularly pointed  
35 out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view with the parts unfolded into operative position, a portion of the seat  
40 being broken away to show the pocket or receptacle upon the bottom of the same; and Fig. 2 is a side elevation showing the parts folded.

The reference-letter A indicates a folding  
45 cross-legs stool or chair of any suitable and desirable construction.

B indicates a folding arm of such a width as to easily and comfortably support a single leg and foot of an occupant, and preferably  
50 composed of two sections, C D, the adjoining ends of which are hinged together at *a*, for the purpose hereinafter set forth. At its op-

posite end the inner section, C, is hinged, preferably, to a cross-bar secured to the standards of the chair, as shown.

The lower free end of the outer hinged section, D, is provided with a foot-rest, E, pivoted at its rear or heel end to said section to swing outwardly into operative position, as shown in Fig. 1, or to fold against the arm, as shown  
55 in Fig. 2. The pivoted end of the foot-rest E is provided with one or more stops, *e*, which engage a cross-bar or the face of the lower section, when the foot-rest is swung out from the arm, and hold it in this position against  
60 downward pressure, as is evident and clearly shown. At its outer free end the arm B is provided with an adjustable support or rest, F, adjustably secured to and supporting the  
65 outer section of the arm by means of set-screws G, carried by said section and extending through slots in the rest F and clamping the same to the arm. The lower end of the support F rests upon the ground and supports  
70 the arm at a suitable height. Thus it will be seen that the foot-rest can be raised or lowered and held at the desired adjustment to suit the convenience of the occupant of the chair by means of the hinged arm and the support adjustably secured to and support-  
75 ing its outer end. 80

From the drawings and the foregoing description it will be readily understood that when the device is adjusted or folded into  
85 position to be carried or transported the chair or seat proper will be folded, the upper or inner end of the arm will be folded against the seat, and the outer section will be folded down against the inner section, and the adjustable support and the foot-rest will be  
90 folded upon the arm. The extension and standards or legs of the seat are provided with hooks and eyes H, whereby the arm is held in its folded position and clamped to the chair. The lower section of the arm can also  
95 be provided with a catch, J, for detachably holding the foot-rest in folded position, as shown. When it is desired to adjust the parts to operative position, of course the chair is unfolded, the hooks and eyes H are dis-  
100 engaged and the arm unfolded and its outer section drawn out and adjusted and held at the desired height by said support.

It will be readily observed that the foot of



the person whose shoes are being blacked will be supported by the foot-rest, and his leg will rest upon and be supported by the extension.

If a folding stool is employed, its seat is preferably composed of flexible material provided with a pocket upon its under side, open at one end, and having straps and buckles or any other suitable catch for closing the same. This pocket is adapted to receive the imple-  
10 ments of the boot-black.

The great advantages and many uses to which the herein-described device can be applied are so obvious and clear to all persons that it is not deemed necessary to go into de-  
15 tails and fully enumerate the same.

It should be observed that the portion B of this device is an arm to hold a single leg and foot of the occupant, and the complete device has no connection with nor is there any simi-  
20 larity, either in construction, purpose, or object, between it and the common folding, adjustable, or reclining invalid chairs and couches provided with adjustable backs and seats connected and operating together, and  
25 also having hinged extensions of the same width as the seat, and hinged to the front edge and forming direct continuations of the same and adapted to carry both legs and feet of the occupant.

My invention consists of a folding stool having a folding arm hinged to the same and adapted to support, separately and succes-  
30 sively, each foot and leg while the shoe belonging thereto is being polished, the arm being of such size that it will support the one  
35 leg without interfering in any way with the free movement of the other leg; and, further, the arm in no way forms a continuation of the seat, but is hinged to a cross-bar some dis-  
40 tance below the seat, the whole device being provided with means whereby it can be detachably held in its compactly-folded position. It is also evident that various changes

or modifications can be resorted to in the form and arrangement of the parts described with-  
45 out departing from the spirit and scope of my invention; hence I do not wish to limit myself to the construction herein set forth.

What I claim is—

1. A folding stool, and a cross-bar secured  
50 to the legs of the same at a distance below the seat at or near the center of the legs, in combination with a folding arm composed of two  
55 sections hinged together, the inner section hinged to the cross-bar at its inner end to fold upwardly against the stool, or to extend  
60 forwardly and upwardly from the same when in operative position, and movably hold the outer section, continuing forwardly and down-  
wardly from their adjoining hinged ends to support the lower half of the leg of an occu-  
65 pant, and a foot-holder hinged to the outer section to fold upon the same and having a stop to hold it in operative position, substantially as described.

2. A portable seat for the use of boot-blacks, comprising a cross-legged folding stool hav-  
70 ing a flexible seat provided with a receptacle for the blacking implements, a folding arm hinged to a cross-bar of the seat to hold a leg  
of the occupant, a foot-holder hinged to the outer portion of the arm, and a support to ad-  
justably support the outer end of the arm, substantially as described.

3. A boot-black's folding chair or stool hav-  
75 ing a flexible seat provided with a flexible pocket or receptacle upon its under side, and a catch for holding the same closed, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
80 my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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