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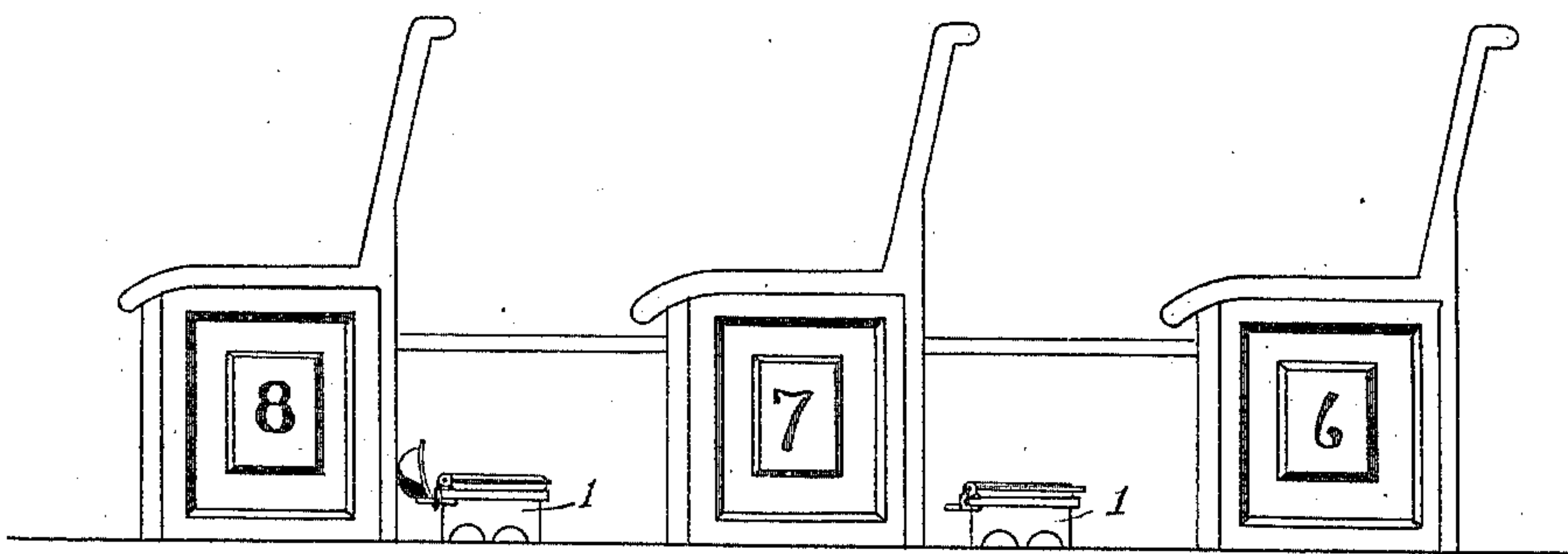


Fig. 1.

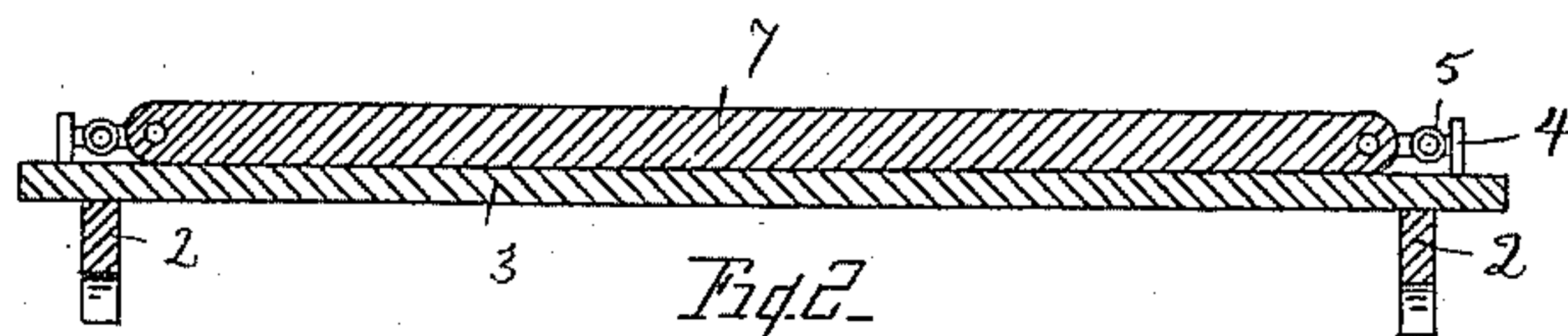


Fig. 2.

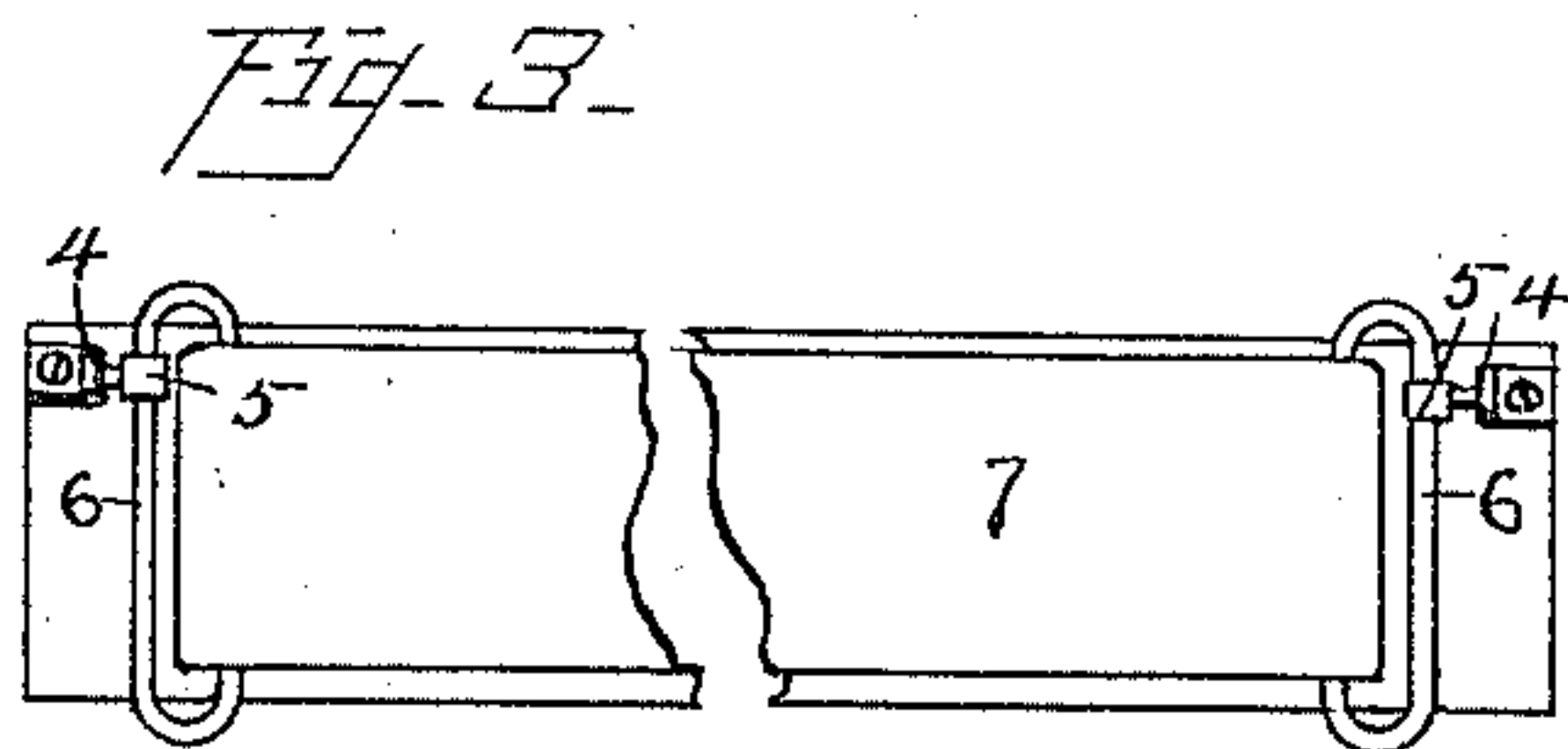


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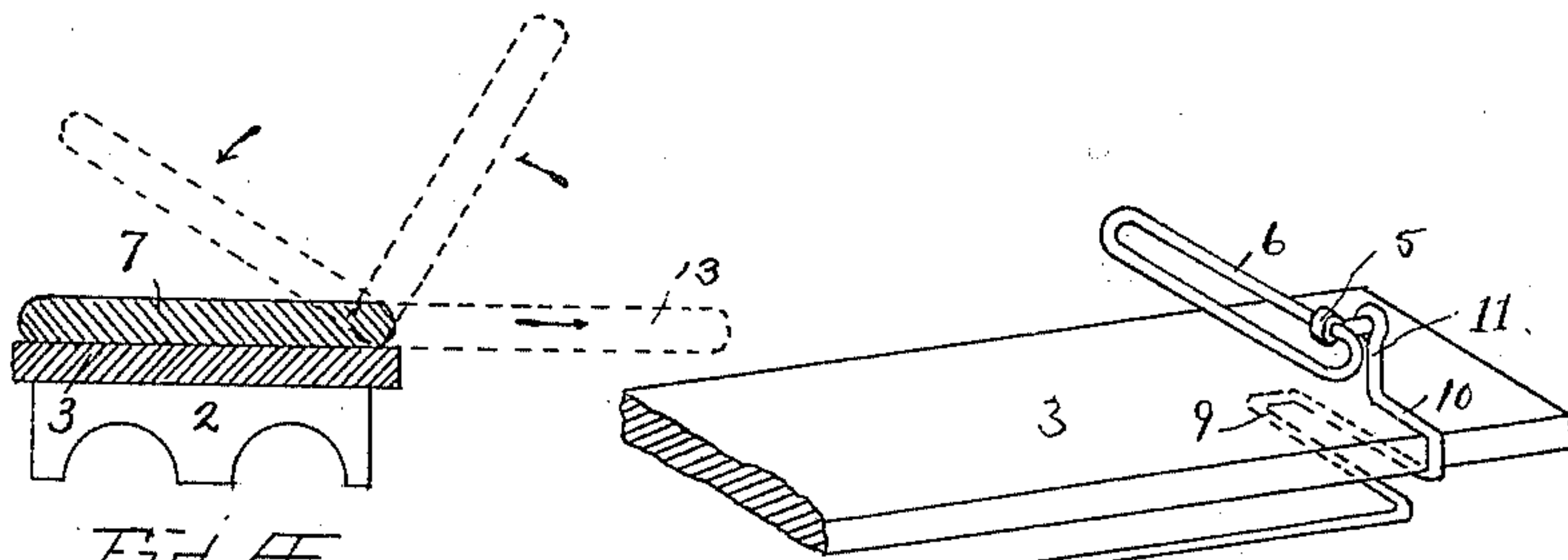


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES ARNOLDI, of Berwick, in the county of Seneca and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Kneeling-Benches; 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 make and use the same,
10 reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the numerals of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

This invention relates to a kneeling-bench
15 adapted to be used in churches in which the devotions necessitate frequent kneeling. Heretofore it has been customary to employ an ordinary footstool for this purpose. It has been found in practice that after a short time
20 they become so thoroughly filled with dust, and more especially where they are carpeted or padded, that it is impossible to use them without soiling the clothes.

It is the object of the present invention to
25 overcome these obstacles by constructing a kneeling-bench or footstool in such a manner that a clean surface may always be presented for use in kneeling.

A further object is to produce a hat-rack
30 to be used in combination with the said bench, whereby all danger of soiling the same by contact with the floor or carpet covering the same will be overcome.

A further object is to produce a combined
35 device of the above description which will be simple of construction, efficient and durable in use, and comparatively inexpensive of production.

With these objects in view the invention
40 consists, broadly, in providing a bench or stool with a reversible non-detachable cushion.

The invention further consists in providing
45 a bench or footstool with a reversible non-detachable cushion and with a hat-rack.

The invention further consists in the various novel details of construction of a kneeling-bench, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

50 In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding

parts, Figure 1 is a view in elevation showing a number of church-pews and my improved kneeling-bench in place between the same. 55
Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view showing more particularly the relative arrangement of the cushion and the bench proper. Fig. 3 is a top plan view, the hat-rack being omitted. Fig. 4 is a transverse
60 sectional view showing the manner of adjusting the cushion; and Fig. 5 is a detached detail view showing a portion of a bench having a hat-rack removably secured thereto and formed with standards for supporting the
65 cushion.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a footstool or bench of any preferred construction and provided with the usual legs 2. At
70 a point near one side and at each end of the top 3 of the bench are secured standards 4, in which are swiveled eyebolts 5, adapted to form supports for links 6, to which the cushion 7 is secured, which cushion may be made
75 of any desired material and ornamented in any manner to produce a neat and finished effect.

In Fig. 5 is illustrated another form of standard for supporting the cushion, which standard is constructed of a piece of wire
80 having its center portion formed into a rectangular arm 8, constituting a hat-rack, and its ends bent to form inwardly-extending fingers or supports 9, (one only being shown,) adapted to embrace the under side of the
85 stool and then bent around the edge and over the top, as shown at 10, and then into vertical standards 11, in which the eyebolts 5 are swiveled. In this construction the cushion and hat-rack may be removed from the bench,
90 if desired, for any purpose, or may be made as an article of manufacture and sold irrespective of the bench.

Having thus fully described my invention, I will explain the manner of its operation. Suppose the upper surface of the cushion shown
95 in Fig. 2 is that which remains exposed at all times, and it is desirable to turn the same so as to bring the under surface upward. In this case the cushion will be drawn out, as
100 indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 4 at 13, which movement is accomplished from the fact that the links slide in the swivels 5, and the cushion is then turned down, as shown in dotted

lines in the figure just referred to. After the service has been completed the cushion is turned back to its normal position in the same manner as that adopted in opening it.

5 Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a bench, of standards mounted thereon, links having a sliding
10 connection therewith, and a cushion carried by said links.

2. The combination, with a bench, of a supporting-frame mounted thereon, swiveled eye-

bolts carried thereby, links engaging the eye-
bolts, and a cushion carried by the links. 15

3. The combination, with a bench, of a combined hat-rack and supporting-frame, sliding links carried by the frame, and a cushion carried by the links.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I hereby affix my signature in pres-
ence of two witnesses. 20

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