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Fig. 1.

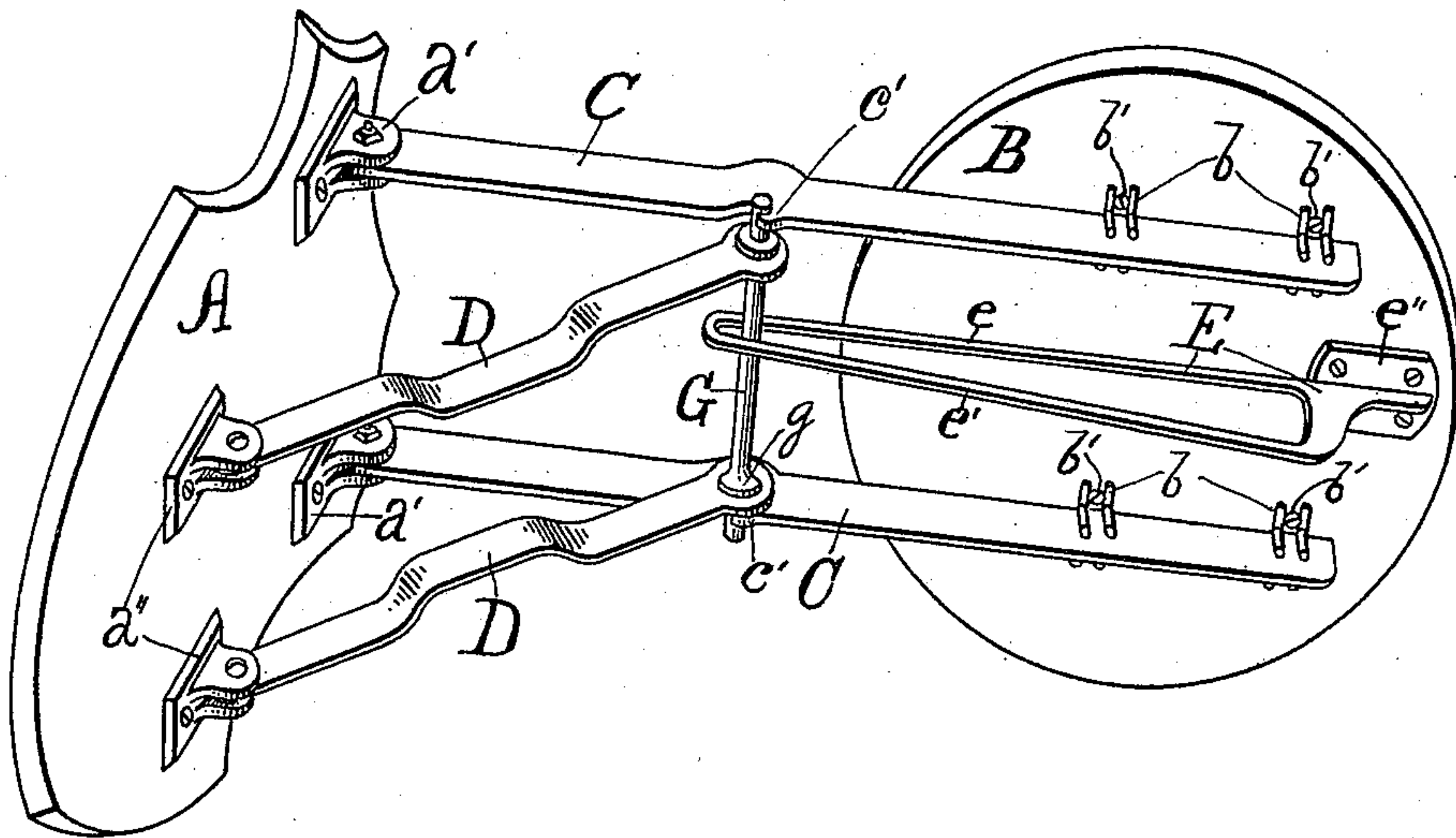
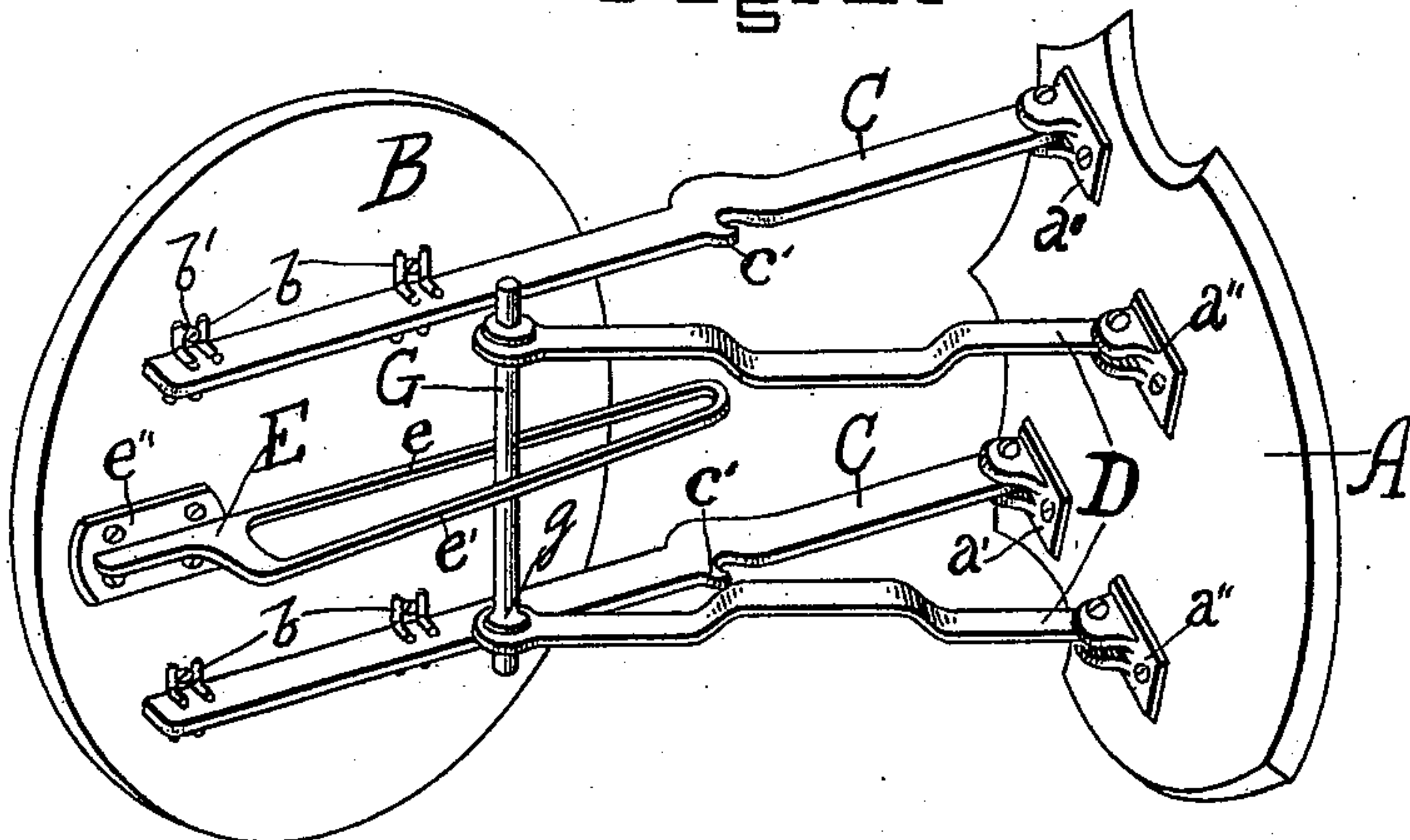


Fig. 2.



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## COUNTER-STOOL FOR STORES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, GEORGE A. COULSON and JOHN McCRAW, citizens of the Dominion of Canada, and residents of Brockville, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented a new and useful Counter-Stool for Stores, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in counter-stools for stores by which such stools can be easily and quickly shut up against the side of the counter or extended therefrom for use when so desired; and the objects of our improvements are to provide a strong, ornamental, and easily-operated counter-stool which when extended will be rigid and not liable to be accidentally misplaced or collapsed and when closed will be out of the way and not liable to catch and tear the garments of any passer-by. These objects we attain by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the entire device as seen from below when fully extended for use, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view from the opposite side of the same as seen from below when partially closed.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout both views.

In said drawings, A represents a shield-shaped face-plate, of wood or other suitable material, adapted to be secured vertically to the side of a store-counter by means of screw-nails in the ordinary manner. To the upper portion of the outer face of this plate A is secured by any suitable means, such as screw-nails, the metal clips or hangers *a'*, hinged to which are the metal bracket-arms C, to the outer ends of which is attached seat B by means of the lugs *b*, projected from the sides of said arms C and fastened to said seat by screw-nails *b'*, as clearly shown in said drawings. About midway and on the under side of each of said bracket-arms C is formed a hook *c'*, adapted to catch and hold each end of the rod G when operated, as hereinafter described. To the lower portion of the outer face of said plate A is secured a pair of clips *a''*, of similar form and in similar manner as the clips *a'*, but somewhat closer together, so that when shut against said plate A the arms C shall close outside of said clips *a''*, as hereinafter explained. To these clips

*a''* are hinged the braces D, which are held apart at their outer ends by the collars *g*, formed on the rod G, the ends of said rod being adapted to pass through apertures in the outer ends of said braces D and project beyond the same, so as to engage with the underside of the arms C and the hooks *c'*, formed therein. The middle portion of this rod G is passed between the extended rods *e e'* of the spring-keeper E, which is secured by any suitable means, such as screw-nails, to the forward end of the under side of seat B, so as to permit travel of the rod G between said rods *e* and *e'* a sufficient distance to shut the seat B against the plate A, as hereinafter explained.

In operation, the several parts being assembled as shown and the plate A attached vertically to the side of a store-counter, so that the bracket-arms C shall be uppermost, the seat B is extended in position for use by merely grasping it with the hand and swinging it outwardly and upwardly until the ends of the rod G are forced into engagement with the hooks *c'* in the arms C by the resiliency of the rod *e'* pressing against the lower side of the said rod G, when the seat is ready for use, and the weight of the person seated thereon serves to hold the supporting parts more rigidly in position. When it is desired to close or shut said seat against the counter, said seat is slightly raised and the rod G is grasped by the hand of the operator and depressed, so as to disengage the ends of rod G from the hooks *c'*, and so held until said seat is sufficiently lowered to bring said rod forward of said hooks, so that its ends shall no longer engage with the same, and said seat is then pushed farther downward, the ends of the rod G meanwhile running along the under edges of the arms C until the lower end of the keeper E comes into contact with the plate A, when said apparatus will be held in a closed position by its own weight and friction until said seat is again pulled outward, as first above described.

It is apparent that the form of the several parts of our said counter-stool may be modified or changed without departing from the spirit of our invention, and although we have in some respects specifically described the construction and relative arrangements of



the several elements of the same we do not desire to confine ourselves thereto, as such changes or modifications may be made as fairly fall within the scope of such invention.

5 Having therefore described our said invention and the manner of operating the same, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a counter-stool, the combination of a  
10 face-plate, a pair of bracket-arms, and a pair of braces hinged thereto, a seat secured to the outer end of said arms, a hook formed about midway and on the under side of each of said arms, a bar held in the outer ends of  
15 said braces having projecting ends adapted to engage said hooks, and a spring-keeper attached to said seat and pressing against said bar; with tendency to force said bar against  
20 the under side of said arms when traveling midway thereof.

2. In an adjustable counter-stool, a seat, a vertically-swinging supporting-arm attached thereto, such arm being provided with means for detachably holding the traveling end of an adjustable brace, a vertically-swinging brace 25 and means for forcing and holding said brace into engagement with a catch on said arm, and means for pivotally attaching one end of said arm and one end of said brace permanently to a fixed support, said supporting- 30 arm and said brace being adapted to fold closely together in a vertical position against the face of said fixed support, when said seat is not extended for use.

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