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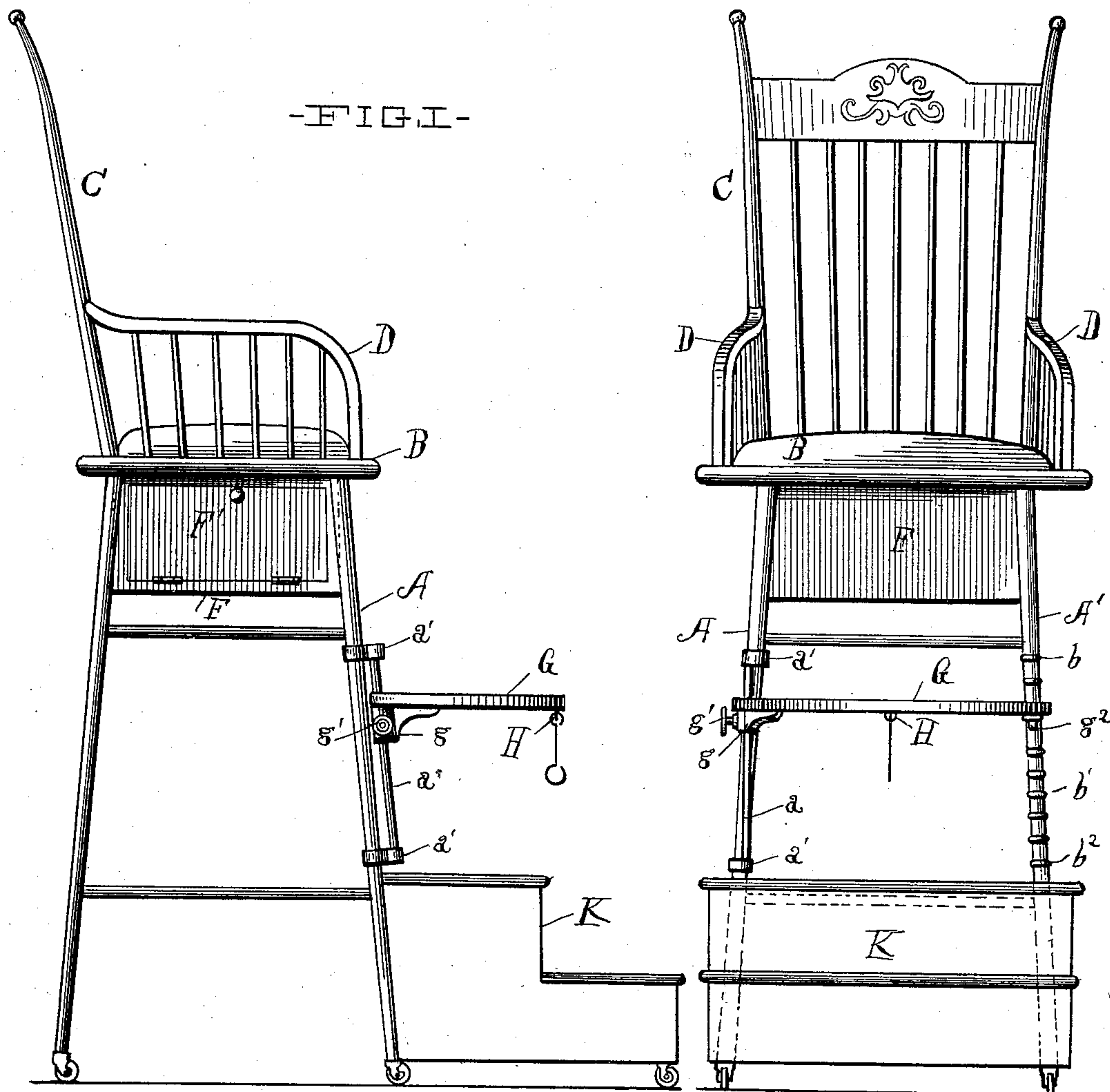
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ADJUSTABLE SHOE FITTING CHAIR.

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- FIG II -

- FIG I -



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NARCISSA S. SPRINGER, of Cleveland, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Shoe-Fitting Chairs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to adjustable shoe-fitting chairs designed for use more especially in shoe-stores for the purpose of fitting shoes on customers; and it consists in so constructing the chair as that when the customer occupies it the foot will be raised to such a height as that it will be unnecessary for the clerk or salesman to stoop or remain in a tiring position, as is necessary where a stool is used or where the salesman uses his knee as a foot-rest while lacing or buttoning the shoe.

In a chair constructed according to my invention the seat is raised to the desired height, which is above that of the ordinary chair, and a foot-rest is so secured to the front of the chair as to be adjustable and adapted to be swung out of the way. Steps are also secured to the fore part of the chair for the purpose of making it easy to mount the same. A box with a door, which also constitutes a drop shelf, is provided directly beneath the seat for containing the samples of shoes used or the box containing the shoes, as may be desired, thus obviating or doing away with the necessity of throwing them around on the floor or on shelves away from the clerk. On the swinging foot-rest is also provided a staple or eye for the purpose of hanging the button-hook. Casters are supplied both on the bottom of the legs of the chair and also beneath the steps.

The seat and back of the chair may be of any desired pattern and may be upholstered or not, as found necessary or convenient.

In the drawings, Figure I is a view in side elevation of an adjustable shoe-fitting chair embodying my invention. Fig. II is a view in front elevation of the same.

A A' represent the chair-legs, at the upper portion of which is secured the seat B, and to the seat the back C and arms D, as is usual in arm-chairs. The seat B, it will be

noticed, is elevated from three and a half to four feet, more or less, from the floor.

Directly beneath the seat is a shelf, box, or apartment F. This shelf, box, or apartment may be inclosed, as shown in the drawings, or left open, as found convenient. When inclosed, a door F' is provided, which is hinged at its lower end and opens downwardly to a horizontal position, thus forming an auxiliary shelf or a continuation of the bottom of the box for the purpose of supporting the shoe-box when drawn out.

G represents the adjustable and swinging foot-rest. This foot-rest G is adjustably secured at one of its ends to a rod *a*, which is secured by cleats *a' a'* to the leg A. The manner of securing the foot-rest G adjustably to the rod *a* is by means of a collar *g* and set-screw *g'*, passing through the same, the collar *g* allowing of the vertical and swinging adjustment of the rest and the set-screw *g'* acting to retain the rest in the desired position. The opposite end of the rest G', I prefer to provide with a hook *g²*, which engages eye-lets *b b' b²*, according to the adjustment of the rest when said rest is in the desired position. H represents a screw-eye or staple or other suitable means for hanging the button-hook, so as to be convenient to the fitter or salesman.

K represents a series of steps, which are secured to the forward part of the chair and move with it. These steps may be two or more risers in height; but in no case is the upper step to be of a height greater than the lowest adjustment of the foot-rest, the foot-rest being always adapted to swing over it. I have shown the steps in dotted lines, so as to show the construction of the chair more clearly.

Although I have hereinbefore described a construction which I consider best adapted to obtain the object desired, I do not wish to limit myself to it exactly as I have described it, inasmuch as slight variations in detail could be made without departing from my invention.

What I claim is—

1. The combination with a chair, of a foot-rest pivotally secured at one end to one of the front legs of the chair to swing horizontally, means for securing the foot-rest at different

vertical adjustments, and a series of supports secured to the other front leg of the chair for supporting the other end of the foot-rest at different elevations.

5 2. The combination with a chair, of a rod secured to one of the front legs of the chair, a foot-rest pivotally secured at one end to said rod, a clamping device for securing the foot-rest at different vertical adjustments, a series of supports secured to the other front leg
10 of the chair to support the foot-rest at different elevations, and a device projecting from the foot-rest for engaging said supports.

15 3. In an adjustable shoe-fitting chair, the combination with the legs and seat of the

same, of a mounting-step secured to the front of the chair, a vertically-adjustable foot-rest pivotally secured at one side only to the forward part of the chair, fastening means attached to the other side of the foot-rest, and means projected from one of the front legs of the chair for supporting one side of said foot-rest, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification, in the presence of two witnesses, this 18th day of February, 1897.

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