

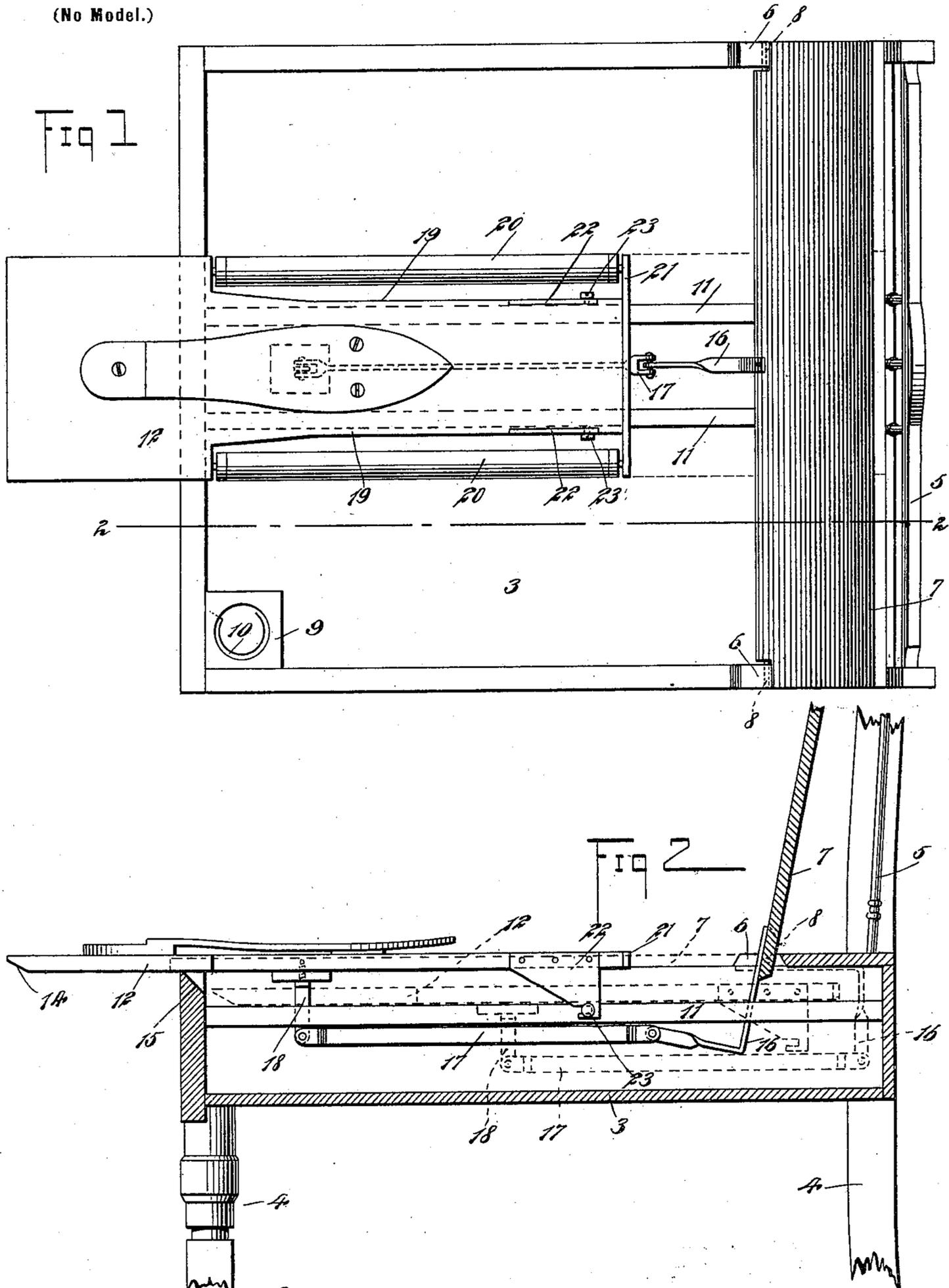
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, ANDREW C. HOLMES, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and LOUIS J. HOLMES, of North Clarendon, in the county of Warren and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Boot-Blackening Chair, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of this invention is to provide a superior boot-blackening chair of that class in which a chair is provided capable of seating a person as in an ordinary chair and provided with a swinging seat, beneath which is located a foot-rest connected with the seat to slide outward as the seat is raised, so that when a person desires to use the chair during the operation of blacking his boots the seat may be raised, which will project forward the foot-rest, and thus place the device in position for use as a boot-blackening chair.

This specification is the disclosure of one form of our invention, while the claims define the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the invention with the seat raised, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1 with the rollers omitted for the sake of clearness.

The chair has a seat-box 3 mounted on legs 4 and carrying a stationary back 5 of the usual construction. The seat-box has projecting portions 6 at its upper side, which receive between them the reduced rear edge of the seat proper, 7, which is pivoted to the projections 6 by means of pins 8. (Indicated best by dotted lines in Fig. 1.) This seat proper is adapted to swing down upon the seat-box 3 when the chair is used for seating persons and to be raised up against the back, as shown in the drawings, when the chair is to be used for boot-blackening purposes.

The seat-box 3 is provided with a holder 9, having a spring 10, adapted to yieldingly support a box of blacking or polish. Fast in the seat-box 3 and extending longitudinally of the chair are two stationary bars 11, which

form a support for the foot-rest 12. When the seat 7 is thrown down upon the box 3, the foot-rest 12 bears upon and is supported by the bars 11. The front end of the foot-rest is formed with a bevel 14, (see Fig. 2,) which is adapted to coact with a corresponding bevel 15, formed in the front wall of the seat-box at the upper edge thereof. The foot-rest 12 is projected forwardly by means of an angle-arm 16, secured to the under side of the seat proper at the rear edge thereof, and pivoted to a link 17, in turn pivoted to an arm 18, fast to the under side of the foot-rest. The foot-rest 12 is formed with indentations 19 in its side edges, which are adapted to receive rollers 20, over which may be passed a cloth for polishing boots or shoes. These rollers have their trunnions mounted in the foot-rest at one end and in a transverse bar 21, secured to the other end of the foot-rest. Secured, respectively, to the side edges of the foot-rest 12, adjacent to the inner end thereof, are downwardly-extending plates 22, having notches therein adapted, respectively, to receive headed pins 23, which pins are fastened one to each bar 11. These plates 22 and pins 23 serve to limit the outward movement of the foot-rest in the manner indicated in Fig. 2.

It will thus be seen that we have provided a simple and durable chair which may be used for the ordinary purposes of a chair and which when the seat 7 is raised will project the foot-rest 12 forwardly, so that a person may place his foot thereon. As the foot-rest slides forwardly the plates 22 engage with the pins 23, and the foot-rest is held firmly in its projected position. The person using the device may now pass the polishing-cloth under the roller 20 and polish his shoes in the well-known manner. When the seat is returned to its lower position, the foot-rest is automatically drawn into the box 3.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination of a seat-box, guide-bars secured therein, a foot-rest mounted on the guide-bars and adapted to slide partly out of the seat-box, and a seat proper mounted to swing on the seat-box and to close the top

thereof, the seat proper having a connection with the foot-rest to slide the seat in connection with the foot-rest.

2. The combination of a seat-box, guide-bars fixed therein, pins secured to the guide-bars, a sliding foot-rest bearing on the guide-bars and adapted to move partly out of the seat-box, and plates secured to the foot-rest and adapted to engage with the pins to limit the outward movement of the foot-rest.

3. The combination of a seat-box having a beveled portion at one side, a foot-rest mounted in the seat-box and having a beveled end adapted to ride over the beveled portion of the seat-box, and a swinging seat having connection with the foot-rest, to move the same as the seat moves.

4. The combination of a seat-box, a guide-bar mounted therein, a sliding foot-rest carried on the guide-bar, means carried by the

foot-rest to engage a portion of the guide-bar to limit the outward movement of the foot-rest, and a seat proper mounted on the seat-box and having connection with the foot-rest, to move the same.

5. The combination with a support, of a sliding foot-rest mounted thereon, a cover connected with the foot-rest to move the same as the cover is raised, and rollers mounted on the foot-rest to carry a polishing-cloth.

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