

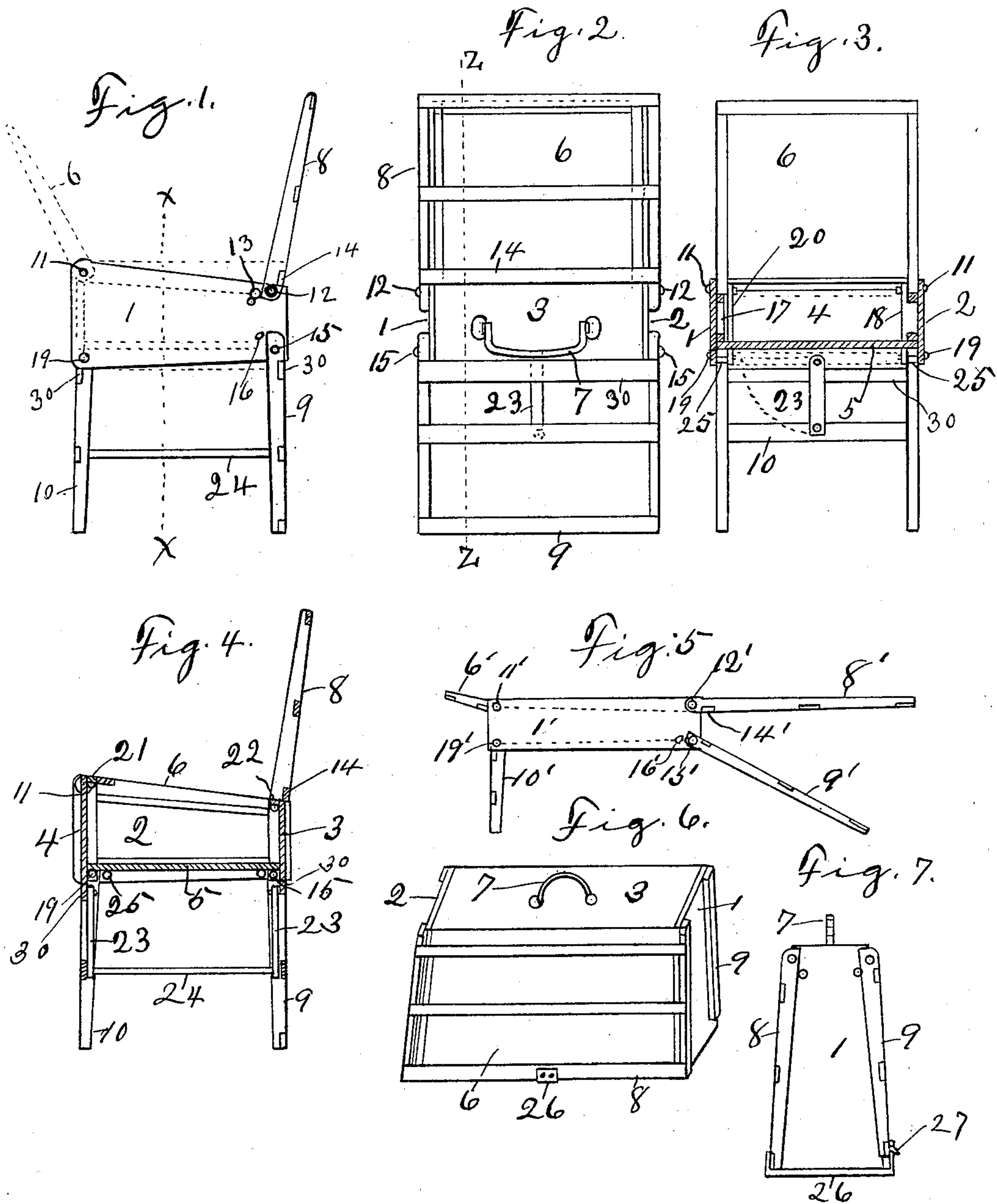
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## CONVERTIBLE CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EPHRAIM M. TURNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Worth, Texas, have invented certain new and  
5 useful Improvements in Convertible Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful article of furniture which may be used as a "grip" or valise, a writing-desk, a settee, a  
10 bed, or a chair; and the invention consists in the novel combination of parts hereinafter fully described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the invention adapted for use as a chair and box for any convenient purpose. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional view  
20 through the line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional view through the line *z z* of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the invention adapted for use as a bed or cot and a box for any convenient purpose. Fig. 6 is a perspective  
25 view of the invention folded and forming a valise or other convenient case. Fig. 7 is an end elevation of the same.

Similar characters of reference are used to indicate the same parts throughout the several views.

The case consists of side pieces 1 and 2 and end pieces 3 and 4 and a bottom 5, all of which are stationary as compared to the other parts. The top 6 is hinged or pivotally attached to  
35 the case. The top may be turned back when opened to any desirable angle, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1 or in Fig. 5 by the character 6'. The case is provided with a handle 7. The case is provided with four folding  
40 members 8, 9, 10, and 6, all pivotally attached to it. The member 6 generally forms a lid for the case and a seat for the chair and may be covered with leather or canvas or metal or upholstering, so as to make a comfortable  
45 seat and a secure lid for the case. The members 6 and 10 fold inside of the sides 1 and 2, and the members 8 and 9 fold outside of these pieces. The member 8 forms a back for a chair when open and a frame for the  
50 case when folded. The member 9 serves as

part of the support and part of the frame for the case. The member 10 is for a similar purpose. The member 6 is pivoted to the side pieces 1 and 2 by means of pivot-bolts 11. These bolts may be one piece of timber  
55 or metal running from side to side, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 3. In a similar way the member 8 is attached to the side pieces by bolts or rods 12, and this member is provided with lugs 13 for bracing the same. This  
60 member is also braced by means of the slat 14, coming down and resting on the back 3. In Fig. 5 the member 8' is braced by the slat 14', resting against the end of the case. The member 6' rests against the end of the case.  
65 The member 9 is attached by means of pivot bolts or rods 15 and is braced by the lugs 16. The sides are strengthened by stay-rods or cleats 17 and 18. The member 10 is attached by pivot bolts or rods 19. Pivot-bolts 11 and  
70 19 are made steady by the brace 20 on one side and on the other side by the stay-rod and brace 18. The brace 20 and the stay-rod 17 may be made in one piece similar to the part 18. The pieces 21 and 22 form parts of the  
75 top of the case. The members 9 and 10 are locked in position for use by the lock, consisting of two pivoted arms 23 and a round 24. The arms 23 are pivotally attached to the case at their upper ends, and the round 24 is mounted  
80 in their lower ends. The dotted lines in Fig. 3 show how the lock is turned up out of the way when not in use. When the lock is turned up, the members 9 and 10 can be folded against the case. The member 10 is provided  
85 with lugs 25 for bracing the same. All the members 6, 8, 9, and 10 folded against the case form a compact crate for the case, and the crate is secured by a strap 26, which may be secured by a buckle 27 or by any other  
90 suitable means.

The case may have the form described and illustrated in full line or it may be rectangular, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1. The form shown in Fig. 5 is similar to the forms  
95 shown in the other figures and shows how the device may be used for a bed or cot. The folding members 6', 8', 9', and 10' perform a similar purpose to the corresponding parts in the other figures. These members may be set  
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at any angle and are provided with pivot-bolts 11', 12', 15', and 19', and member 8' is provided with a slat 14' for bracing the same.

Various parts used to make up this invention may be changed in construction and assembling without departing from the spirit of my invention. Besides the articles mentioned above, this invention may form a trunk, camping outfit, provision-box, table, or other like article. In Fig. 5 the member 6' forms a place for the pillow when the device is used for a bed or cot.

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

1. A convertible case consisting of a box for any convenient purpose, a folding member pivoted to the front end and adapted to form a lid for the case and a seat for a chair, a folding member pivoted to the back of the box and adapted to form a back for a chair or settee, and two members pivotally attached to the bottom of the box and adapted to form supports for the case, the members pivoted to the front of the box folding within the side pieces of the box and the members pivoted to the back end of the box folding on the outside of the side pieces and forming a crate for the case.

2. A convertible case having a member pivoted to the front end adapted to form a lid for the case and seat for a chair, a member adapted to form a back for a chair or settee and provided with a slat and lugs adapted to form rests for said member, and two members pivoted to the bottom and adapted to

form supports for the case, each of said members being provided with a slat and lugs adapted to form rests whereby said case is held steady when being used as a chair.

3. A convertible case having a member pivoted to the front end adapted to form a lid for the case and a seat for a chair or settee, a member pivotally attached to the back end and adapted to form a back for a chair and provided with a slat and lugs adapted to form rests for said member, two members pivoted to the bottom of the case and adapted to form supports therefor, each of said members being provided with a slat and lugs adapted to form rests for bracing said members, and a lock pivotally attached to said case and adapted to spread and hold said supporting members in place.

4. A convertible case having a folding member attached to the front end, a folding member attached to the rear end and adapted to form a back for a chair, two folding members attached to the bottom part of the case and adapted to form supports for the case, suitable bolts for attaching said folding members and stay-rods or braces for supporting the inner ends of said bolts and strengthening the side pieces.

In testimony whereof I set my hand, in the presence of two witnesses, this 17th day of August, 1898.

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