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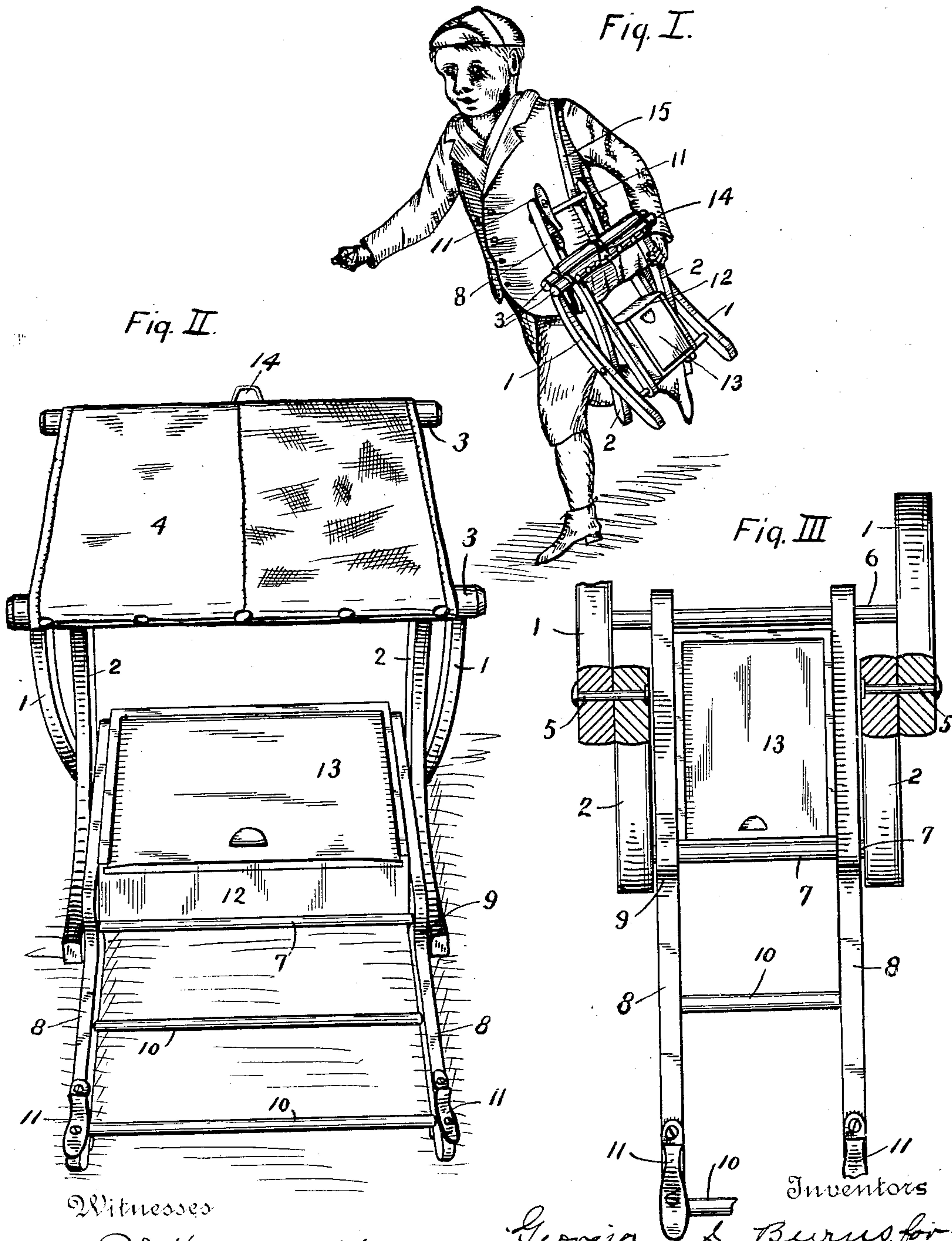
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## SHOE-BLACKING CHAIR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGIA S. BURNS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana, and SILAS H. MINNICK, formerly of Vincennes, county of Knox; and State of Indiana, deceased, invented a certain new and useful Folding Shoe-Blackening Chair; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

This invention is a folding shoe-blackening chair, box, and foot-rest.

It consists of the combination, with a folding chair, of a foot-rest and blackening-box so arranged that they are readily folded, so as to be easily carried by the boot-black, and readily unfolded for use.

The full nature of it will be understood from the following description and claims and the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings, Figure I represents a boy carrying this invention in the folded position. Fig. II shows the shoe-blackening outfit unfolded in condition for use. Fig. III is a horizontal section of the stool, showing the blackening-box and foot-rest in plan, a part of the latter being broken away.

I preferably combine the blackening-box and foot-rest with an ordinary folding camp-stool, as shown.

In the drawings, 1 are the rear legs, and 2 the front legs, which are the supports of the folding stool, there being transverse pieces 3 connecting the top of each pair and a flexible seat 4 connecting the two such transverse pieces 3. The legs cross each other and at their junction are pivoted together by the pivots 5. The lower end of the legs at the front and in the rear are braced by the rounds or braces 6 and 7. A frame is then made of two parallel bars 8, that are pivoted, preferably, to the rear round or brace 6, so as to turn thereon. They extend forward and are preferably curved downward at 9, just in front of the front round or brace 7, so that they will rest on the said front round or brace and their front ends will rest upon the floor or ground equally. There is no connection between these bars and the front round or brace, and the latter is below the bars. The bars 8 are held apart by the braces 10, so that they con-

stitute a frame small enough to be inserted through the folding stool between the legs. On the bars 8 or on this pivoted frame, however it might be formed, foot-rests 11 are placed so that they will be in the proper position for one who is seated on the stool. The box 12 to receive the blackening, brushes, &c., is secured to the pivoted frame between the rear ends of the bars 8 and under the seat of the stool when the same is unfolded. With this arrangement the box is not in the way of either the boot-black or the occupant of the stool. Said box is provided with a sliding lid 13, that slides forward for opening the box and rearward for closing the box. The whole device is folded by elevating the front end or foot-rest portion of the pivoted frame and bringing that and the two top rounds 3 of the stool together, as shown in Fig. I. In such position the box-lid will by reason of gravity remain in a closed position. When folded, the device is very compact and light, being a little heavier than the ordinary folding camp-stool.

A ring, loop, or similar device 14 is secured to the chair, as seen in Fig. I, so that the shoulder-strap 15, with a snap-hook at its lower end to engage in such loop or ring, may be used for carrying the device. This shoulder-strap may be placed as shown or thrown over the head, so that the device need not be held by the hand of the boy.

It is to be observed that when a foot-rest frame is combined with a folding stool and is secured to the rear round of the stool the frame will extend above the stool when folded and keep in place, as appears in Fig. I. If the frame be pivoted to the front round, it will be so short that it will not reach the top of the stool when folded, so that it cannot stay in place, but will revolve in either direction through the stool-frame and below the seat and hang down, thus placing it in a very inconvenient and useless position and inverting the box, so that the lid and contents would drop out.

What is claimed as the invention is—

1. The combination with a folding stool or chair, whose legs cross and are pivoted at their crossing of a foot-rest frame pivoted at its rear end to the lower brace or round of the rear legs of said stool or chair.
2. The combination with a folding stool or

chair whose legs cross and are pivoted at their crossing of a foot-rest frame pivoted at its rear end to the lower round or brace of the rear legs of the stool or chair, and a box secured on the rear end of said frame.

3. The combination with a folding stool or chair, of a frame extending through the chair between its legs and pivoted at its rear end to the rear round or brace of the chair and extending over the front round or brace thereof, and so formed at its front end as to rest upon the floor when unfolded.

4. The combination with a folding stool or chair, of a foot-rest frame made of the bars 8 and the rounds 10, said bars 8 being pivotally

connected to the rear brace 6 of the stool or chair and being curved as shown in front of the front brace 7, and a box 12 secured between the bars 8, all substantially as shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature, in the presence of the witnesses herein named, in my own behalf and as administratrix of the estate of SILAS H. MINNICK, deceased.

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