

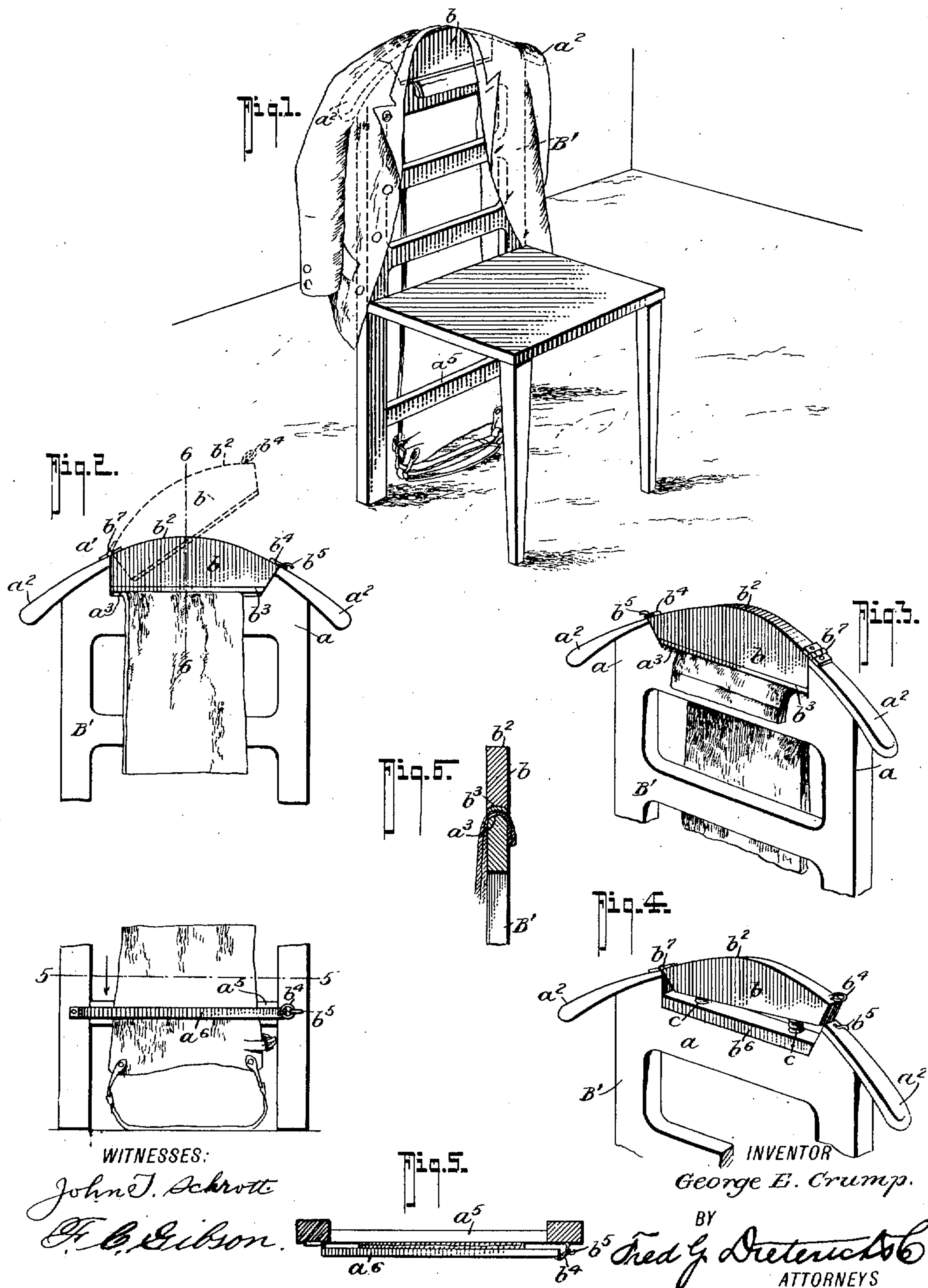
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE ELDER CRUMP, residing at Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented a new and Improved Chair, of which the following is a specification.

My invention, which relates generally to improvements in chairs, seeks to provide an improved bedroom or "bachelor" chair, more especially designed to serve as a coat, vest, and trousers hanger and trousers-stretcher; and it comprehends generally an ordinary type of chair having its back provided with means for supporting a coat and vest over the top thereof in the manner in which the ordinary coat-hanger supports the same and for supporting the trousers over the back of the chair with the upper and lower parts thereof clamped, whereby the same may be readily sustained in a stretched condition.

My invention in its more complete nature embodies a special construction of chair-top designed for sustaining a coat or vest in its properly-spread state and a clamping member hinged to the back for engaging and holding the leg portions of the trousers combined with a clamp device on the bottom part of the chair for gripping and holding the body portion of the trousers.

Furthermore, my invention consists in certain details of construction and peculiar combination of parts, hereinafter described, pointed out in the claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved chair, showing the manner in which the coat and trousers are hung thereon. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the chair, showing the trousers hung thereon and stretched, the hinged trousers-clamp being shown raised in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a front perspective view of the upper end of a chair constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 4 is a similar view of the back of the chair and illustrating a slightly-modified construction of the hinged trousers-clamp. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section on the line 5 5 of Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a transverse section of the upper end of the chair on the line 6 6 of Fig. 2.

In the practical application of my invention the chair-body proper may be of any of the approved types of chairs, such as are usually found in bedrooms, the difference in structure being in the upper end of the chair-

back, which is higher than the ordinary chair.

In the simplest form of my invention the top rib or cross member *a* is wider than the ordinary chair-top and its upper part *a'* is convexed and is shaped in plan and side view similar to an ordinary coat-hanger, with its ends *a''* projected beyond the sides of the chair-back *B'*, so that a coat or vest can be readily hung thereon without wrinkling or getting out of its proper shape.

At a suitable point below the upper or coat-hanging edge the cross-rib has a horizontal recess *a''*, through which the lower end of the trousers-legs may be readily slipped, and on the back of the rib *a* is hinged a clamping member *b*, which in the simplest form, as illustrated in Fig. 3, is of a single piece with its lower edge *b''* concaved, whereby to be in a plane parallel with the convexed face of the recess *a''* when the clamp is down, and the said lower end is covered with cloth, felt, or other yielding material whereby to form a tight grip on the trousers when closed down against the same, as shown in Fig. 2, by reference to which it will also be noticed the upper edge *b'* of the clamp *b* is shaped to conform with the upper edge of the chair, whereby to be in the plane of said edge when adjusted as in Fig. 2. The member *b* is hinged at *b'* to the chair-back, and the other end has a detent *b''* to engage a catch *b'''*, whereby to be firmly held to its locked position when swung down to clamp the trousers-legs, as shown.

Instead of making the member *b* of one piece and covering its clamping edge with a yielding material the said member may be made of two pieces and the lower or clamping-piece *b''*, as shown in Fig. 4, joined to the other by the coiled spring *c c*.

So far as described it will be readily apparent that by forming the upper part of a chair in the manner shown the coat can be easily hung over the back of the chair and sustained in a smooth and proper shape, the same as it is held when supported on the ordinary closet-hanger, and, furthermore, the trousers can be positively suspended with their body or heavy end pendent, thus maintaining the coat and trousers in a good shape with but slight care required in hanging them on the chair, and when desired to hold the trousers stretched it is only necessary after the leg ends have been clamped to secure the lower or body portion on the lower part of



the chair, which in my construction of chair can be easily accomplished by slipping the body part of the trousers between the cross-bar or rung  $a^5$  and the hinged clamp-bar  $a^6$ , that coacts therewith, in the manner clearly illustrated by Fig. 5.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As an improvement in chairs, a back member therefor whose upper or cross piece has a horizontal recess adapted to receive one end of a garment and a clamping member mounted on the back of said cross-piece for engaging one part of the garment and clamping its end in the said recess, and a clamping means on the lower part of the chair for engaging another part of the garment.

2. In a chair of the character described, the combination with the recessed back

piece; of the clamp member whose lower edge is straight, said member being hinged to the back piece to swing down with its lower edge in the plane of the recess in the back piece, a detent for holding it to its down position, said lower edge of the clamp member being yielding with respect to the recess in the chair-back, for the purposes described.

3. The combination with the recessed back member; of the clamp member comprising a main portion hinged at one end to the recessed back piece, a lower portion, and coiled spring connections for joining the upper and lower portions, and a detent on the chair-back for locking the clamp member to its clamping position, as set forth.

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