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Fig. I.

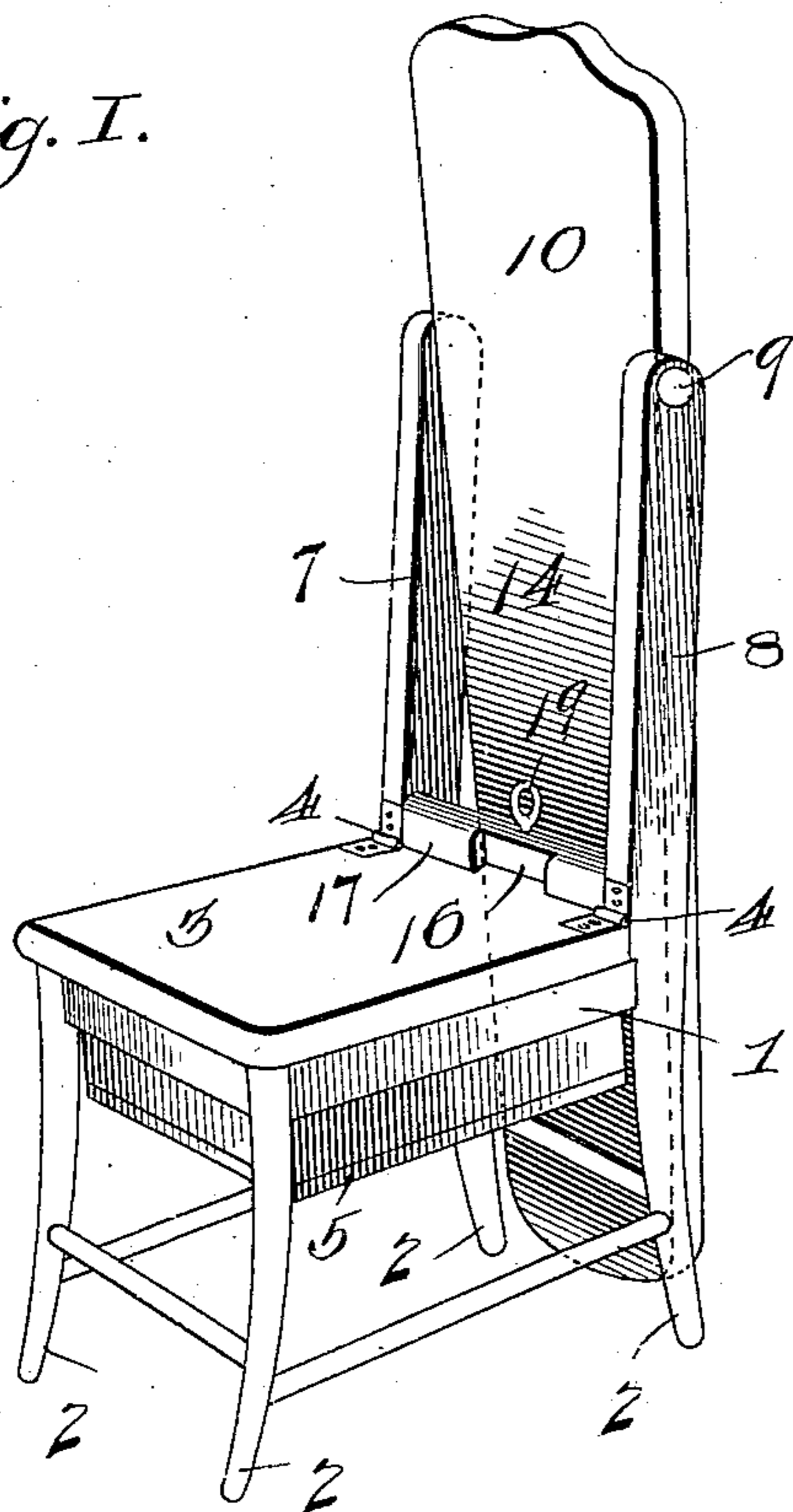


Fig. II.

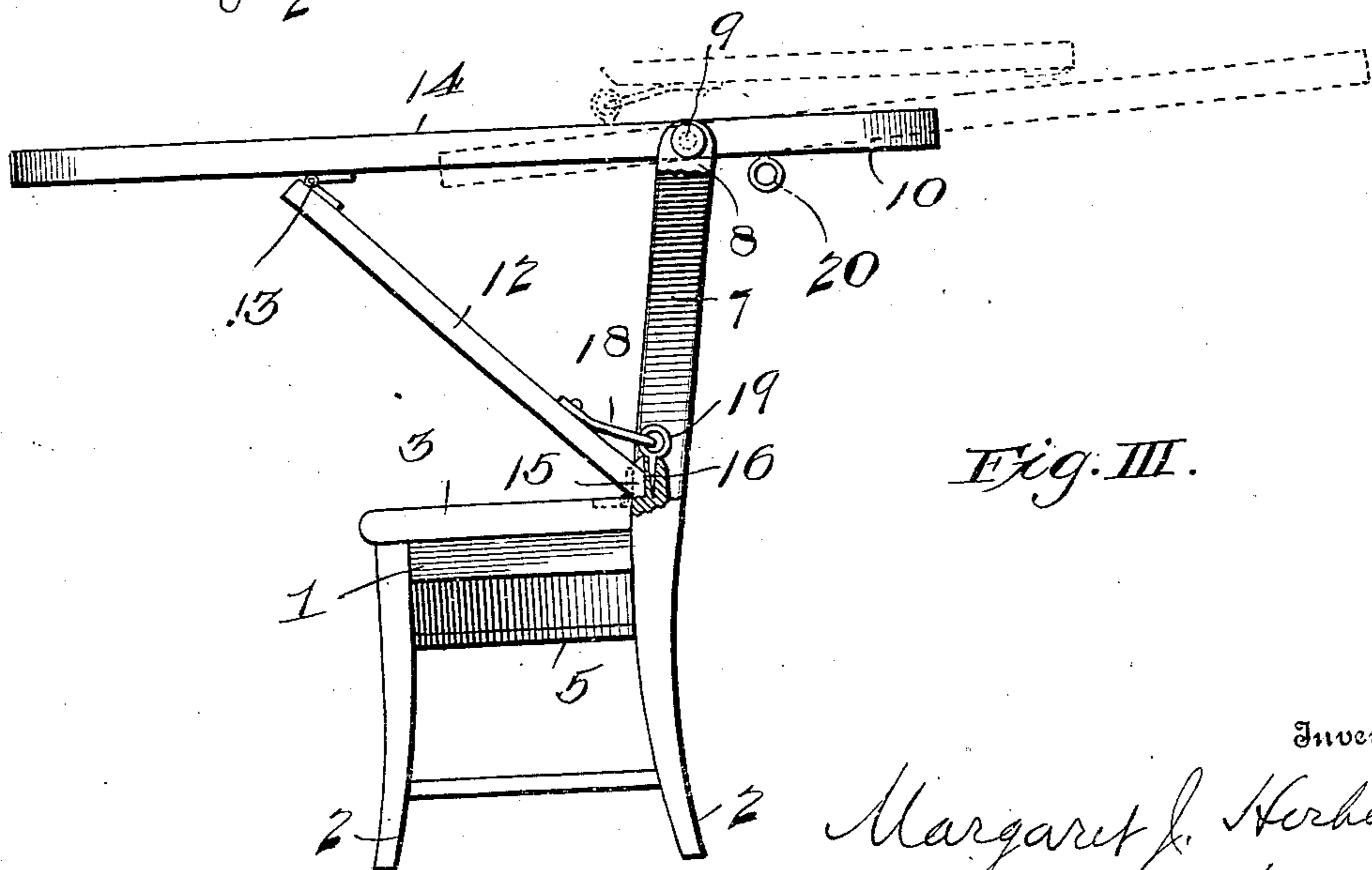
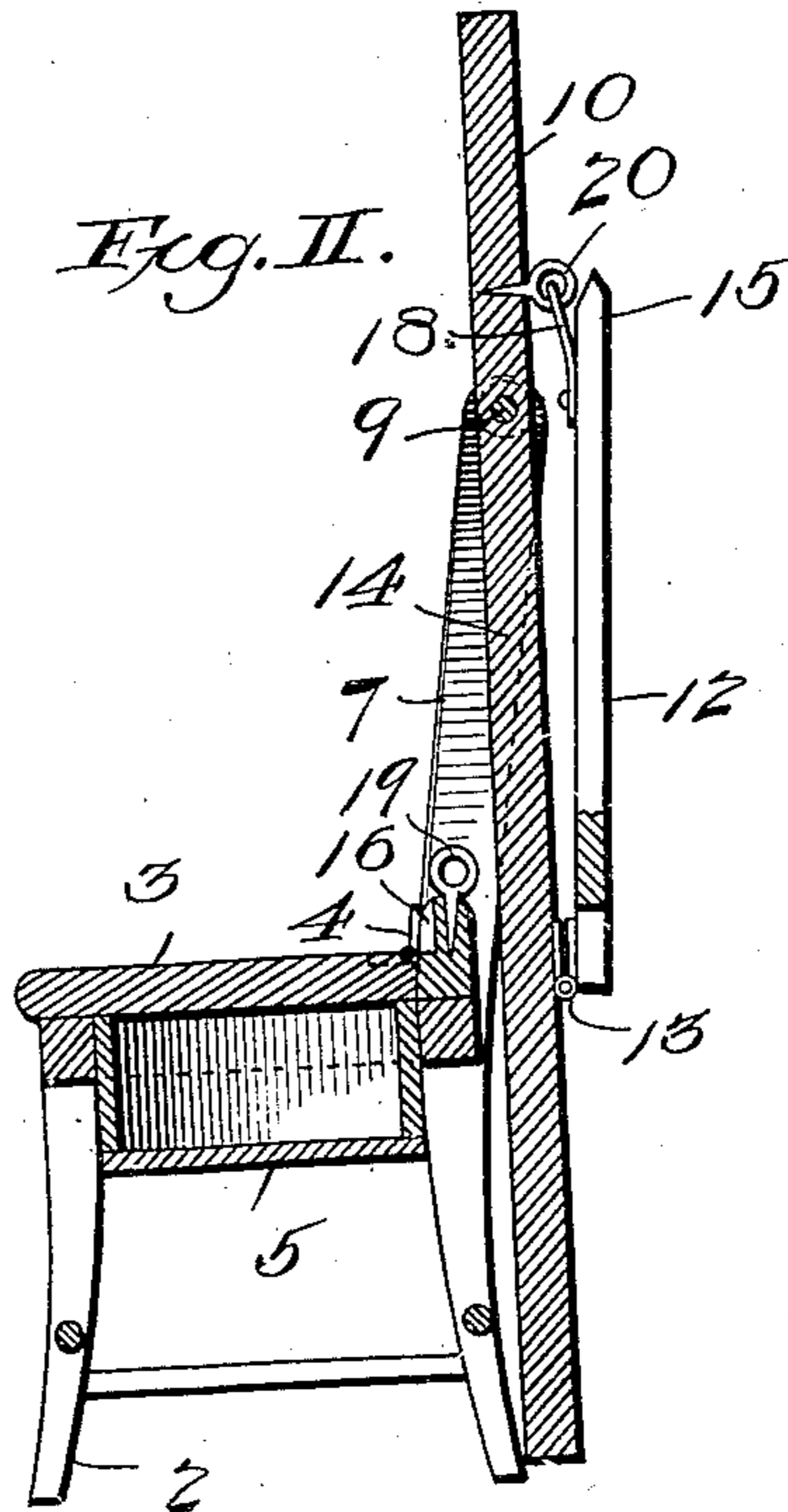


Fig. III.

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## IRONING-BOARD CHAIR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARGARET J. HERBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kingston, in the county of Ulster and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Board Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to produce a combination chair and ironing board adapted equally well to serve the purpose of either a chair or an ironing board, and in which, when used for the one purpose or the other, its convertibility in no wise detracts from its availability and utility for the purpose to which, for the time being, it is applied.

What constitutes my invention will be hereinafter specified in detail and succinctly set forth in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure I is a perspective view of my device adapted for use as a chair, the ironing board being disposed of out of the way and presenting itself in the form of a smooth high back to the chair. Fig. II is a vertical substantially medial section of the subject matter of Fig. I, illustrating the relationship and disposition of the device in the adjustment of its parts shown in Fig. I. Fig. III is a side elevation, partially in section, showing in full lines the device converted into a firm and substantial ironing board having a medially disposed base for its support. In this figure dotted lines are employed to illustrate the position of the swinging member midway between that position which it occupies as an ironing board as shown in Fig. III, and that position which it occupies as a chair back, as shown in Fig. I.

Referring to the numerals on the drawings, 1 indicates a four sided frame which, being provided with four legs 2, may serve as a base in either of the two uses to which it is applicable. To this base is applied a top 3, which serves as the seat of the chair when the device is employed as such, and which, being preferably hinged, as indicated at 4, to a member connected with the frame 1, conveniently serves as a lid to a box 5, which may be conveniently constructed within the frame 1, for the accommodation of flat-irons or other articles of that kind.

The rear pair of legs 2, are elongated upwardly into supporting members 7 and 8, between which is strongly hinged, as upon studs 9, projecting through the said members 7 and 8 respectively, near their upper part, a swinging member 10. The swinging member 10 is preferably of the usual shape of an ironing board and of dimensions to accommodate it to the performance of the functions of an ironing board. Being pivoted between the members 7 and 8 at a suitable distance from its broader end to advantageously distribute its weight

when in use as an ironing board, and being provided upon one side with a hinged brace 12 secured to the member 10, as by one or more hinges 13, it is adapted, by means of a swinging movement through three quarters of a complete revolution, to prevent its smooth face 14 in either of two positions, the vertical and the horizontal, wherein it may be utilized to advantage. The vertical position is shown in Fig. I, in which its smooth surface 14 affords a comfortable back to the device as a chair. The horizontal position is shown in Fig. III, wherein the smooth surface 14 is presented in disposition available for an ironing board. In the latter position the brace 12 comes into functional play, in serving to support the member 10 in horizontal position. To that end it is adapted to engage, as to its end 15, a socket 16 in a socket-rail 17 extending between and secured to the members 7 and 8. A suitable securing mechanism, preferably a hook or catch 18 serves by engagement with an engaging member, as an eyelet 19 in the socket-rail 17 to hold the end 15 of the brace 12 snugly in engagement with the socket 16. The same hook may be conveniently utilized, through engagement with an engaging member, as for example an eyelet 20, in the back or bottom of the member 10, to confine the brace 12 out of the way against the member 10 when not required in use, as shown in Fig. II.

In use, my device, in the form of adjustment of its parts shown in Fig. I, constitutes a convenient, serviceable and by no means unsightly kitchen utensil, which as often as may be required, may, by the simple swinging of the member 10 into position shown in Fig. III and adjustment into place of the brace 12, become a perfectly designed ironing board with base attached. An important feature of my invention, in this connection, is to be found in the medial disposition of the base with respect to the ironing board which it supports. By reason of this disposition tilting of the board in use is obviated, and the ends of the board are presented clear of all obstructions of any sort beneath them, which is an important and readily recognizable feature in practice.

What I claim is:—

1. The combination with a base provided with a seat, lateral supports, and an intermediate socket-rail, of a swinging member pivoted between the lateral supports as specified and a brace thereon adapted to be secured to said member or to engage a socket with which the socket-rail is provided, as required by occasion.

2. The combination with a base provided with a seat and lateral supports, of a swinging member pivoted between the lateral supports and adapted to make three-quarters of a revolution from a vertical to a horizontal position, and contrariwise, and a brace hinged at one end to the back of the swinging member and at its other end adapted to be secured to the base between the lateral supports.

3. The combination with a base provided with a seat  
and lateral supports, of a swinging member pivoted be-  
tween the lateral supports, as specified, a brace hinged at  
one end to the back of the swinging member, securing  
5 mechanism upon the free end of said brace, an engaging  
member for said securing mechanism on the back of the  
swinging member, and a corresponding engaging member  
upon the base, said securing mechanism and engaging  
members, respectively, coöperating to fixedly secure the

brace to the swinging member or to the base as required 10  
by occasion.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name  
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