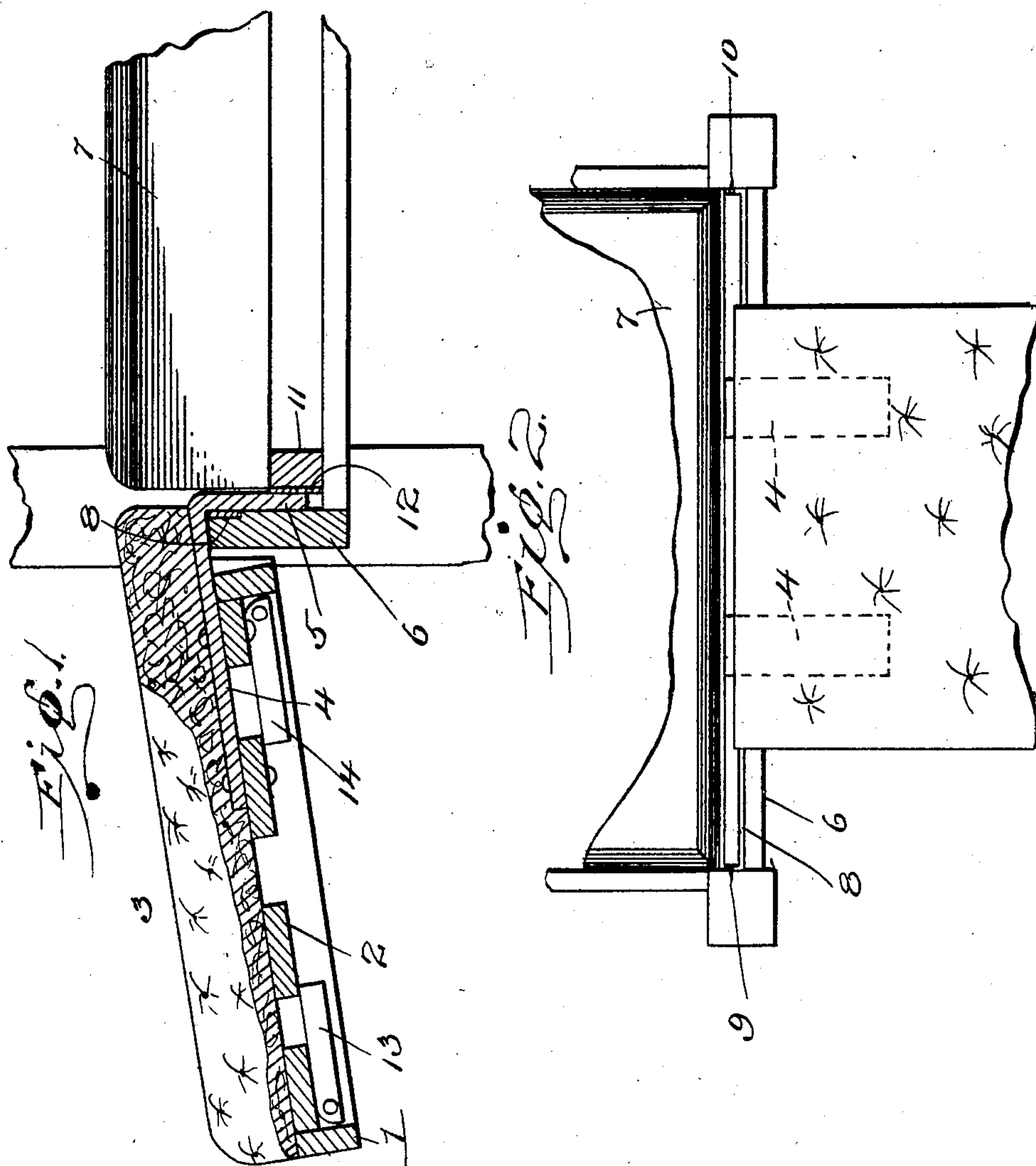


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN FLINDALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Foot-Rests; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in foot and leg rests, and particularly to detachable foot rests for chairs and the like.

The invention comprises the production of rests formed with an engaging portion for engaging a chair or the like for holding the rest in proper position for placing the legs and feet thereon.

The invention further comprises the production of a rest formed with a hook portion designed to be hooked over the front piece or apron of the chair and in the rear of an auxiliary apron or brace, so as to be firmly positioned for supporting the legs and feet upon the rest.

The object in view is the production of a removable foot rest that may be secured to a chair and the like or removed as may be desired, without marring or changing the appearance of the chair.

Another object in view is the provision of a foot rest formed with a hook portion that is designed to be positioned between suitable braces on a chair or the like and arranged so as to permit the rest to be moved from one side of the chair to the other, as may be desired.

With these and other objects in view, the invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a fragmentary sectional view of a chair with a rest formed according to the present invention attached thereto, the rest being shown partly in section. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary, top plan view of part of a chair and part of the rest showing how the rest is hooked or secured to the chair.

In constructing a rest according to the present invention, the same is provided with a frame-work 1 of any desired construction. The frame-work 1 is provided with slats or members 2 for supporting a cushion 3 or the

like upon which the legs and feet are designed to rest when the device is in operation. A securing or sustaining member 4 is firmly secured to the frame-work and slats and extends a short distance beyond the same for forming a hook portion 5. This sustaining portion 4 and hook 5 is made from metal of any desired kind for forming a rigid and firm support for the remaining part of the rest. Preferably I provide two hooks 4, as seen in Fig. 2, although any desired number may be used as occasion may demand. In applying the rest on a chair or the like, the same is designed to be simply hooked over the front brace or apron 6 of the chair. The angle of the hook portion 5 in relation to the frame 1 is such as to be of a desirable pitch as to form a natural and easy rest for the leg and foot of the occupant of the chair 7. Although the hook may be inserted over the apron 6 of the chair and the like, I preferably provide a strip of metal 8 on the inner surface of the apron 6, and secure the same to the corner post of the chair by suitable means as screws 9 and 10, the metal strip being turned at the end for providing a flange through which the screws may pass. In addition to the strip 8 I also usually provide a brace or second apron 11 which has provided on one side a metallic strip 12, which is secured to the post of the chair in a manner similar to strip 8. It will be observed that there is just sufficient space between strips 12 and apron 6 to permit the insertion of hook 5. It will also be observed that the space between strip 12 and apron 6 extends the full width of the chair so that hook portion 5 may be moved from one side of the chair to the other and positioned at any point between the corner posts. By the provision of metallic strips 8 and 12 the bearing points of hook 5 will be against metallic strips instead of against wood and will provide a surface that is not so easily worn and also one that may be oiled or lubricated as desired for permitting easy movement of the hook portion 5 from one side of the chair to the other.

Pivotaly mounted to the frame-work 1 of the rest proper are legs or braces 13 and 14 which normally are folded beneath the slats 6 as seen in Fig. 1, but when the rest is removed from the chair the same may be unfolded so as to form legs for the rest and consequently convert the rest into a stool. Any desired means may be provided for holding the legs 13 and 14 in their folded position,

such as a hook or the pivot upon which the same is mounted may be tight enough to hold them in position.

Having thus described my invention, what
5 I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. In a foot rest, a rest proper, a supporting member secured thereto and bent at substantially a right angle, friction plates
10 mounted on each side of the bent over portion of said supporting member, and means for holding said friction plates in position on a chair.

2. In a foot rest, a body portion, a frame
15 for supporting said body portion, an engaging member secured to said frame and extending at substantially a right angle therefrom, a friction plate contacting with one end

of said engaging member, a second contact plate contacting with the other end of said
20 engaging member upon the opposite side to the first mentioned plate, and means for holding in position said plates on a chair.

3. In a foot rest, a rest proper, means for securing the same to a chair, a plurality of
25 metallic strips for engaging said securing means, and means for holding said strips in position on a chair, said strips being designed to receive said securing means therebetween.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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