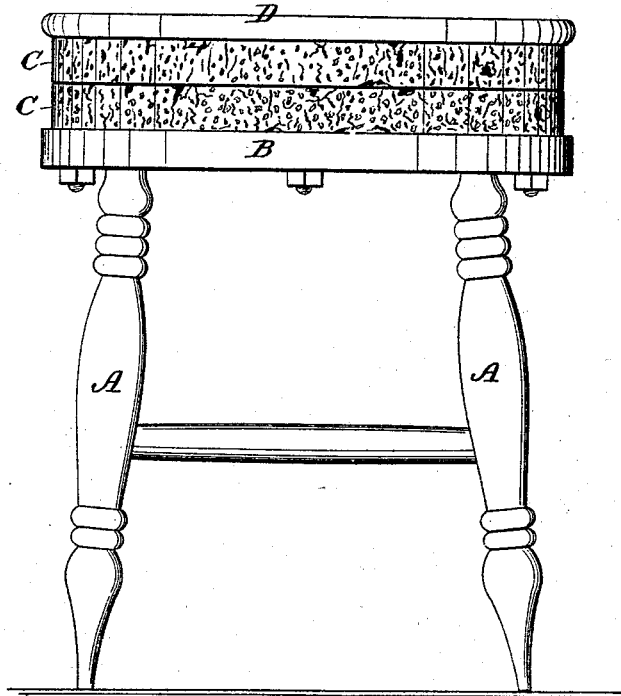


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IMPROVEMENT IN LIFE-PRESERVING STOOLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. NASH, of Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have invented a new and Improved Life-Preserving Stool; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which the figure is a side elevation.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple, cheap, and effective life-preserving stool, applicable for use upon steamers and other sea-going vessels. It consists simply in arranging one or more disks of cork between two rounded boards which constitute the seat of the stool.

In the drawing, A represents the supporting-legs of a stool attached to a rounded base, B. C C are two disks of cork placed upon said base, and D is a second board placed above the cork disks, and secured to the base B by means of bolts or other suitable means.

In constructing my improved stools I may leave the edges of the cork exposed, as shown, or may employ any suitable band or upholstering border to give to the same a better finish.

In the event of an accident to a vessel buoyant stools are probably the most reliable and effective devices for saving life, for the reason that they are always accessible and exposed to view, so as to attract the attention of the passengers, who, in a moment of panic and consternation, are likely to overlook the life-

preservers ordinarily employed, which latter are generally stored away in out-of-the-way places.

I am aware of the fact that life-preserving stools have been constructed with an air-chamber, which causes the same to float; but in this case the air-chamber is likely to become leaky from use and exposure to the weather, and that kind of a stool rendered useless for the purpose for which it was intended.

By means of my construction of cork disks it will be seen that it is not open to the above defect, as no accident or contingency could occur which would destroy its value. In addition to its other advantages it is of such simple construction as to enable any one to manufacture the same, and is cheap, practical, and neat.

I do not confine my invention to its application in a stool, for it is obvious that the same idea may be employed in the construction of chairs.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

A life-preserving stool or chair having a seat made of disks of cork confined between suitable boards, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 16th day of September, A. D. 1875.

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