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CAMP-STOOL.

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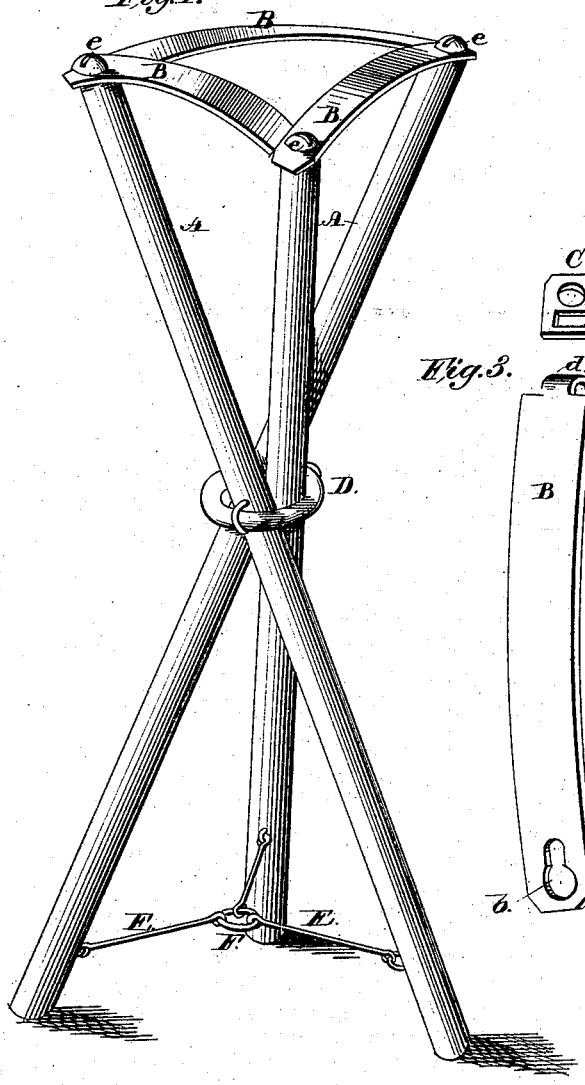
Fig. 1.



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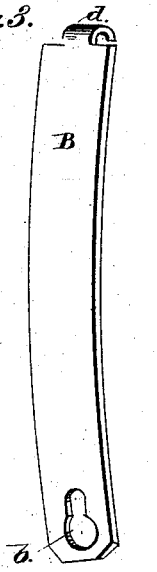

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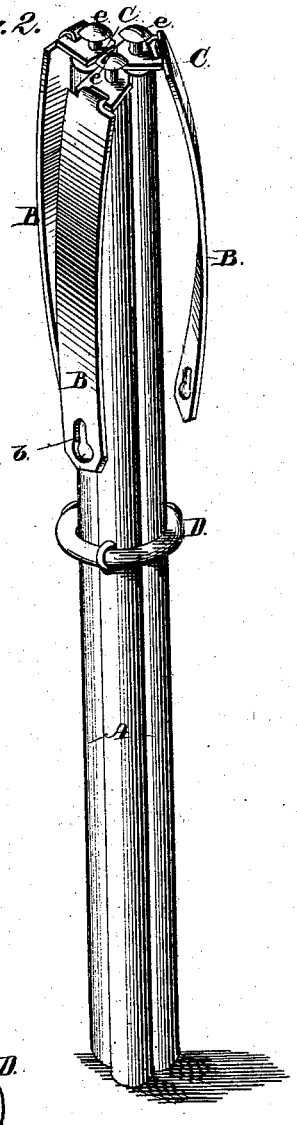

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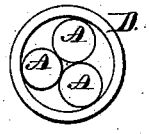

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IMPROVEMENT IN CAMP-STOOLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LARRABEE, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Camp-Stool, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to produce a convenient, portable, and inexpensive camp-stool or seat for use in camp, at picnics, or in any place where a chair or other convenience for sitting is not readily obtained; and the invention consists of three rods or supports secured together by means of a ring at or near the center of their length, and provided with hinged strips of sheet metal secured to the upper ends of the supports, and rods at the lower ends, and having short metal links hinged to their ends, so as to hold them open and at the same time constitute the seat of the stool.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 represents a stool embodying my invention ready for use. Fig. 2 is the same folded for transportation. Fig. 3 represents one of the metallic strips that form the seat. Fig. 4 is a section of the supports where connected by the ring.

A A A are three supports, which are made of wooden rods or bars, and are held together by means of a ring, D, passing through staples in the supports at or near the center of their length. To the upper end of each support is secured a piece of metal plate, C, provided with a slot, *c*. B B B represent short bars of sheet metal, formed with a curved end, *d*, that connects with the slot *c* in the plate C, so as to form a permanent hinge or joint. The other or free ends of these metal bars or straps are provided with holes *b*, which are made to pass over and be secured by screw-heads or buttons *e* in the upper ends of the supports A. Near the lower inner ends of the supports A are secured rods or stiff wires E, attached at their inner ends to a ring, F, so as to enable them to be turned upward when the stool is folded, their object being to prevent the lower portions of the supports from spreading too far from each other or from the center when the seat is in use.

The metal straps B are designed to be curved upward a little, so as to render them more elastic than if perfectly level.

The supports A may consist of small metal rods, or of metal tubes.

The metal straps B may be held in position when the stool is folded by means of a leather strap or an elastic band, and the whole stool when folded may be placed in a convenient case for transportation.

The whole stool may be made very light, and yet support any weight which it might be required to bear. It can be carried with ease in the hand, or in a trunk when traveling, and will serve as a temporary support in crowded assemblies where the seats are all occupied, and where chairs or ordinary stools cannot be obtained.

The straps B, which form the seat, instead of being hinged and formed in two parts as B and C, may be made with a hole like *b* in Fig. 3 at both ends, and made in only one piece, each end fitting over a button or head, *e*. The straps which form the seats may consist of tough strips of wood, or of leather, if found desirable.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A folding seat or stool composed of the supports A, the metal straps B, and links C, the connecting-ring D, and the folding-rods E, constructed and operating substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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