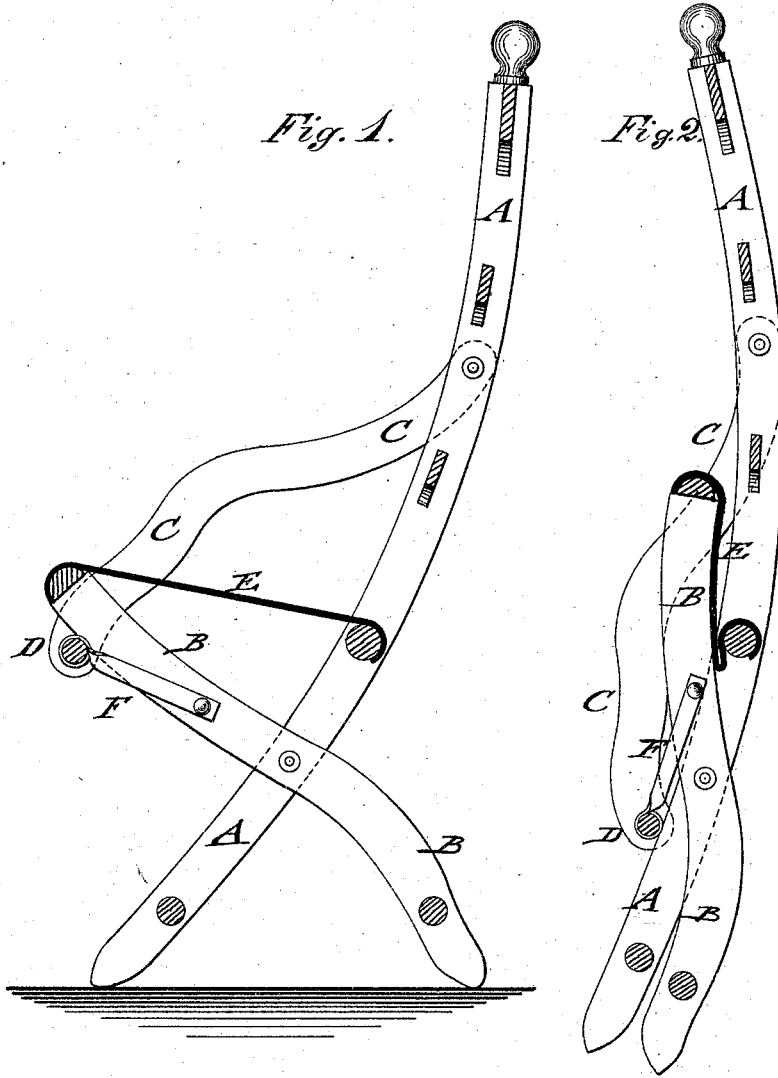


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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING CHAIRS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK F. PARKER, of Gardner, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Folding Chair, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figures 1 and 2 are vertical longitudinal sections of my improved chair, showing the same respectively in open and folded position.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention relates to an improved folding chair with arms that fold in strong and convenient manner with the other parts; and the invention consists in the improvement hereinafter described.

In the drawing, A represents the back section of my improved folding chair, which is pivoted to the intercrossing leg-section B, so as to form when opened the back legs, while the leg-section B serves as rear support for the back. The arms C are pivoted to the sides of the back-section, and extended below the front part of the leg-section, where they are connected by a cross-piece, D. The folding seat E connects the lateral front piece of leg-section, and a lateral piece of the back-section

being made of canvas, carpeting, or other suitable material. The lateral front piece D of the arms C is pivoted by swinging straps F with staples or eyes that encircle the front piece to the inside of the leg-section, so that the arms may readily be folded downward on the jointly swinging back and leg section, as shown in Fig. 2.

The chair takes up, when folded, a narrow space, while, being readily opened or folded, as required, forming a strong and firm seat.

I am aware that a folding chair has been made with the arm extending below the seat, and forming the front support of chair, but drawing the back forward by the link; also, that a chair has been made in which the link draws the upper end of the arm back; but

What I claim is—

A folding chair with arms extending from the back to the upper ends of the front legs, to which they are connected by links secured to the brace uniting the lower extremities of said arms, as and for the purpose specified.

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