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Camp and Hunting Stool.

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Fig: 1

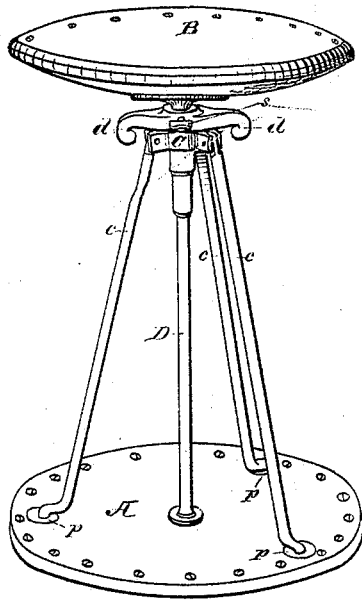


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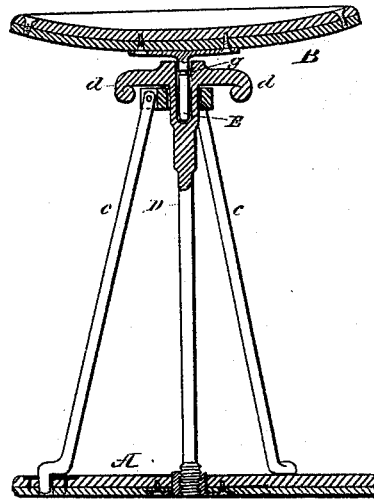


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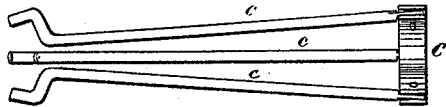


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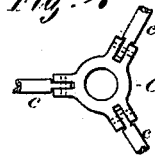


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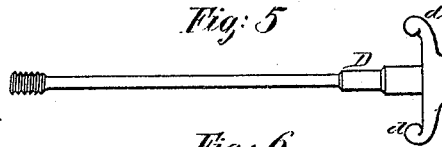


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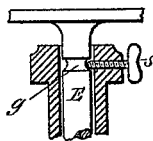
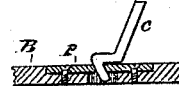


Fig: 7



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CAMP AND HUNTING STOOLS.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES POWELL, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Camp and Hunting Stools; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a stool intended for camp or field use, being especially adapted for use in hunting and fishing, wherein it is often necessary or desirable to rest the same on yielding ground.

The invention consists in the combination, with a broad disk or base piece, of a collapsible tripod adapted to be removably secured to the base-piece, and a second disk pivotally and removably applied to the head of the tripod parallel to the base-piece, so as to form a revolving seat. The whole is capable of being taken apart and packed in a small bag, which may be slung from the shoulder and conveniently carried from place to place.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a stool embodying my invention in a practical and desirable form. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a view of the tripod detached and folded. Fig. 4 is a top view of the tripod-head. Fig. 5 shows the central rod, by which the tripod is held to the base. Fig. 6 is an enlarged view of the seat-pivot, showing a circumferential groove therein entered by a thumb-screw in the head of the central rod, for the purpose of holding the pivot in its recess; and Fig. 7 shows an alternative form of foot for the supporting-rods.

A and B are two circular disks, of wood or other suitable material, A forming the base, and B the seat, of the stool. C is a metal head, to which are hinged the rods *c c c*, forming a folding tripod for the support of the seat B.

The disk A has three equidistant holes in its upper face for the reception of the ends of the rods *c c c*, as shown, the latter being preferably bent, especially when the disk is of thin wood, to bear upon the upper face of the disk rather than upon the bottoms of said holes, for the reason that a larger and more perma-

nent bearing is thus obtained, since the rods are of slight diameter, and would be likely to penetrate the wood. The holes in the base-piece described are preferably faced with plates *p p*, as indicated.

The tripod may be held to the base-piece by shaping the free ends of the former to hook inward, as seen in Fig. 7, and so connecting the rods to the head that after being spread apart to enter the holes they will spring and press inward upon the plates *p p*; but I prefer the more positive connection shown in Figs. 1 and 2, in which D is a central rod, threaded at one end to screw into the base-piece at its center, and provided at the opposite end with the thumb-wings *d d*, which form a shoulder to bear upon the head C of the tripod. This rod D passes down through a central aperture in the head C, and, being screwed into the base A, firmly holds the parts together.

The upper end of the rod D is recessed to receive the central pivot, E, secured to the seat B, as shown. In the absence of the rod D, as first above suggested, the pivot rests in the head C.

The pivot E may, if desired, be provided with the circumferential groove *g*, into which the thumb-screw *s* in the upper end of rod D may be run to hold the seat to the base. Such a device will be convenient to permit the stool to be lifted by the seat, for the purpose of moving it short distances.

In hunting especially my improved stool will be found extremely useful. Its broad or webbed base prevents its sinking in moist ground, while the rotary movement of the seat upon the base easily permits such free motion of the entire person in following the course of game with the gun as to preserve the utmost steadiness of aim. This movement is also particularly important when hunting or shooting from a boat.

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

1. A camp or hunting stool having folding legs connected, when in use, at their lower ends by a removable disk, substantially as set forth.

2. The base-board A, provided with sockets *p p p* and a central screw-socket, combined with the tripod having hinged legs *c c c*, adapted to be stepped in said sockets *p*, and a cen-

tral screw-rod, D, whereby said tripod and base are secured together.

3. The combination, with the base A and the folding tripod shown, of the screw-rod D, provided with thumb-wings *d d*, and recessed at the top to give pivoted support to the seat B, substantially as described.

4. A base-board, A, provided with sockets *p p p* to receive the lower ends of the hinged legs *c c c*, and a central socket to receive and hold the lower end of rod D, combined with socket in the head of said rod, and a seat, B, provided with a spindle, E, fitted to said socket, as set forth.

5. The hinged tripod-legs *c c c*, with their lower ends each formed with a horizontal sole and a toe turned inward and backward, combined with a socket, *p*, having corresponding inclination, substantially as shown in Fig. 7.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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