



Fig. 1. Lock detail.



DESIGNS

CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

If you have ever been a camper, hunter or tailgater, then some of the following designs will look familiar to you. Many of the remarkable folding chairs we use today have their origins during the 19th century (or earlier). The only changes have been to the materials: lightweight alloys and synthetic fibers have replaced brass, canvas and wood.

This short booklet focuses mostly on the Roorkee chair and its many children, though there are also images of other typical chairs, including a fair number from the Army & Navy Co-operative Society Catalog.

The following pages contain only a fraction of the images I collected during my active research for “Campaign Furniture.” Most of these images are widely available through other sources. Some were sent to me via e-mail. Other images were taken by myself personally.

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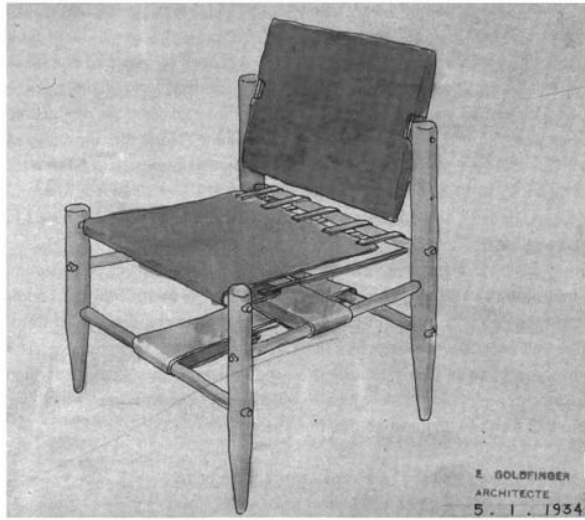








2.4
Safari chair
variation drawing,
dated 1934









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which are carried in a bag, forming a package 29 x 6 in., that weighs 8 pounds. This is the Indian "Rhorkee" chair, a favorite with old campaigners the world over. With the addition of a foot-rest of

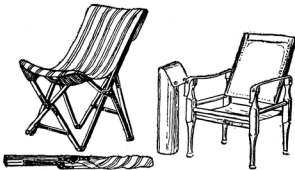


Fig. 24.—Folding Chair
Fig. 25.—Folding Arm Chair

some sort it makes a fairly comfortable bed. Caspar Whitney and Richard Harding Davis consider it the best camp chair made. Several of our sporting goods houses carry it in stock.

CAMP TABLES.—A small table in the tent is an-



Fig. 26.—Roll-up Table
Fig. 27.—Roll-up Table Top

other convenience that pays for its transportation. The model shown in Fig. 26, with roll top, comes in two sizes, 36 x 27 and 36 x 36 inches. It folds into a package about 6 inches in diameter, and weighs

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16 pounds. The top separately, weighing only 6 pounds, and costing but \$1.25, can be set up on forked stakes, as illustrated in Fig. 27.

The table shown in Fig. 29 folds into a package only 27 inches long, and weighs 15 pounds.



Fig. 28.—Table with Shelf
Fig. 29.—Compact Table

A stronger and more rigid table than either of these has legs that cross in four directions (Fig. 28). It may be bought either plain (16 pounds) or with a folding shelf underneath (23 pounds). The top is 36 x 27 inches; size folded, 36 x 7 x 5 inches. By an interlocking device, two or more of these tables may be fastened together, for mess purposes.

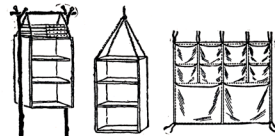


Fig. 30.—Folding Shelves
Fig. 31.—Wall Pocket

If boards are not procurable near the camp site, a portable dining table for a party of four to six is quickly rigged by setting up two roll table tops (Fig. 27) side by side.



















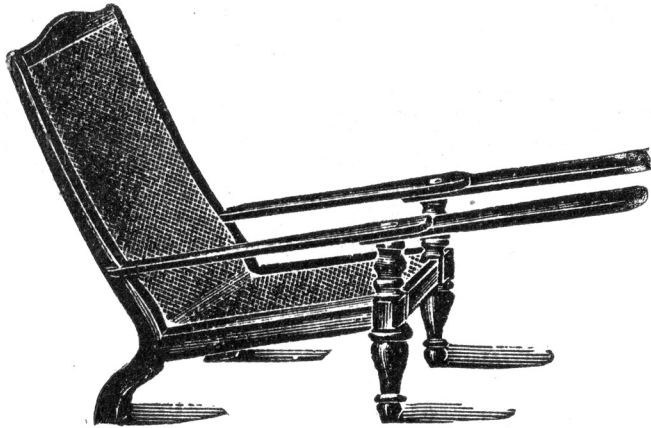




No. 30.

Portable Douro Pattern Chair, with leather strap arms, horsehair cushions, covered with leather 69/9
Tapestry covers for do. from 10/0
Box for above to form dressing table, on four legs, iron clamped and painted... 31/6

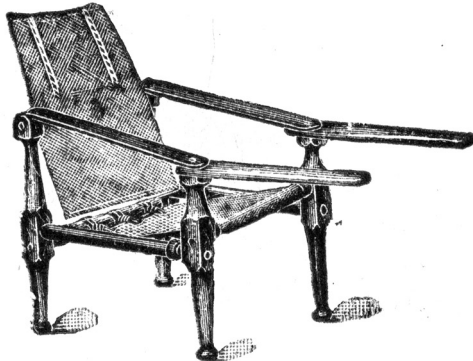
Indian Chair.



Solid teak frame, cane seat and back,
 extending arms to use as leg rest..... 64/9
 (Supply uncertain.)

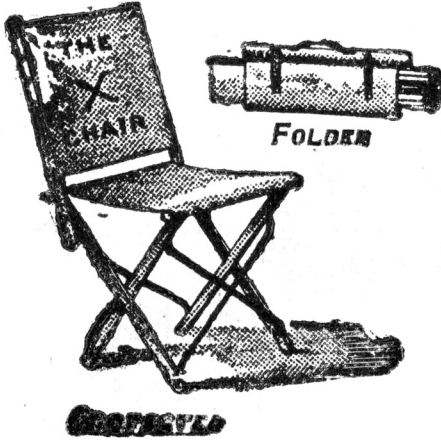
The Bartlett Chair.

(Registered design.)



An improved form of Roorkee chair, it having
 a leg rest.

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| In ash, with white canvas seat and back..... | 27/6 |
| Do., with extra high back | 29/3 |
| Bags to hold above | 2/3 |
| No. 26. Iron Folding Tent Chair | 18/3 |
| Do., on castors | 22/0 |



The "X" Chair.

Weight about 5 lb.

Striped material 4/2

Do., covered in green canvas 5/3

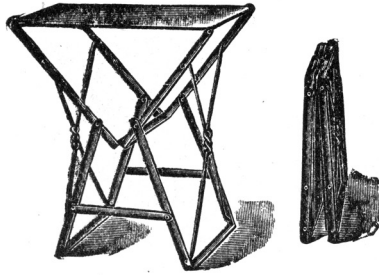
Lath Chair.



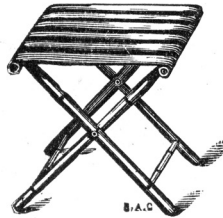
No. 14.

A comfortable chair in hardwood.

Polished	8/6
Stained and Polished walnut	10/0

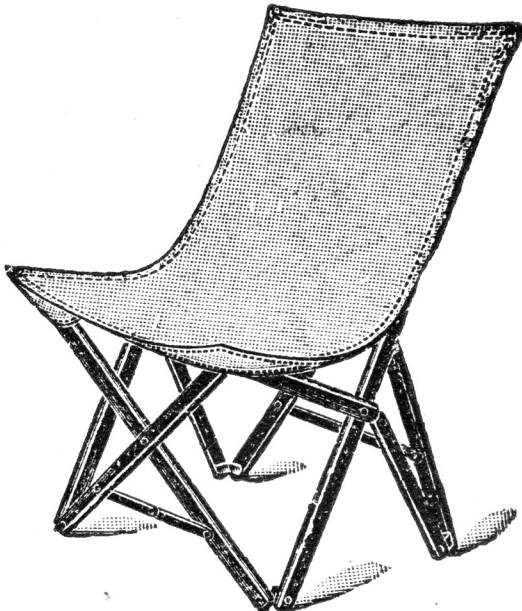


With iron frame and canvas seat each 2/1



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|---|------|-------|-----|
| Canvas seat | each | 0/9½ | 1/1 |
| ” ” with back | each | 1/4 | |
| Stronger pattern, hard wood frame, no back | each | 0/11½ | |
| Larger and stronger, hard wood frame, no back | each | 1/10 | 2/6 |

THE “ VERDUN ” FOLDING CHAIR



T.G.B. 89
 Frame made of selected Hardwood, with Japanned fittings. Seat of Green Rot-proof Canvas. Weight, 7 lb.

Price
 each 13/9