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<p>1. A combination of a chair and a stool base portion,</p> <p>said chair comprising:</p> <p>an upper portion providing a backrest for support for a first user; a lower portion connected to said upper portion and having a sitting portion for supporting said first user in a seated position;</p> <p>said stool base portion adapted to support said chair, and comprising a saddle adapted to releasably engage said chair;</p> <p>said combination is configurable in a first configuration with said chair being coupled to said saddle, and said sitting portion being positioned above said saddle;</p> <p>said combination is manually convertible between said first configuration and a second configuration, where said second configuration comprises said chair still functioning as a chair for said first user, and said stool functioning so that said saddle is accessible to said first user as a work surface or, alternatively, so that said saddle is accessible to a second user as a sitting surface; and</p>	<p>Article has two main parts: chair configured as a floor rocker, and stool base.</p> <p>The chair has a backrest assembly and a lower assembly providing seating for a user.</p> <p>Stool base supportingly receives the floor rocker, has a saddle, and includes a mechanism for releasably coupling the base to the floor rocker 100.</p> <p>When the floor rocker and base are coupled, the seat is spaced above the saddle.</p> <p>By manipulation of the coupling mechanism, the floor rocker can be released from the base while retaining its seating function; the saddle is of such size, height and surface configuration as to function as a stool or to provide a user seated in the floor rocker with a convenient work surface;</p>	<p>Figs. 1-4, 9, 10, 18, 19; col. 6, ll. 44-46; col. 9, ll. 48-119</p> <p>Back rest at 104</p> <p>Lower assembly at 106; Spec. col. 1, ll. 58-67; col 4, ll. 33-27</p> <p>Base at 300; Floor rocker at 100;</p> <p>Saddle at 310; coupling described at col. 4, ll. 66, 67; col. 5, ll. 55-67; col. 6, ll. 1-3</p> <p>Seat at 134; saddle at 310; Fig. 12</p> <p>Col. 6, ll. 44-67; col. 8, ll. 17-21; various drawings incl. Figs. 18, 19</p>	<p>The Wave chair has two main parts; a floor rocker and a 5-leg base.</p> <p>The floor rocker has a backrest and a contoured seat for a user.</p> <p>The base has a flat "work station", the base couples to the floor rocker, via a saddle under the seat, the coupling mechanism including two side latches for releasably, securely joining the floor rocker to the base.</p> <p>The floor rocker can be coupled to the base. The seat of the floor rocker is spaced above the saddle.</p> <p>Switches configurations by releasing the floor rocker from the base requires manipulation of two latches; saddle is used as a stool or, alternatively, as a laptop table for a person seated in the de-coupled floor rocker.</p>

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<p>said combination further comprises an assembly positioned below said sitting portion and forming at least a pair of base legs which are structured so as to function as rockers for said chair when said combination is in said second configuration.</p>	<p>The floor rocker has at least two generally parallel rail-type legs directly under the seat that function as rockers when the floor rocker is released from the stool.</p>	<p>Col. 6, ll. 44-46; Col. 9, ll. 46-53</p>	<p>Floor rocker has two generally parallel rail-type legs under the seat forming a "base"; the rails function as rockers.</p>
<p>2. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 1 characterized in that:</p>	<p>The claim includes everything found in claim 1.</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>See claim 1.</p>
<p>the lower portion comprises a first portion near said upper portion and a second portion spaced away from said first portion; and</p>	<p>The rear of the seat is just under the bottom of the back rest and the rest of the seat extends forward from that point;</p>	<p>Figs. 5, 9, 10</p>	<p>The rear of the seat is just under the bottom of the backrest and the rest of the seat extends forward from that point.</p>
<p>said base portion extends generally upwardly to said saddle</p>	<p>The base has a vertical post 334 that extends from the legs to the table top or saddle.</p>	<p>Fig. 5; col. 7, ll. 20-44</p>	<p>The base has a chromed or stainless post that extends from the star-legs to the workstation.</p>
<p>3. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 2 characterized in that:</p>	<p>The claim includes everything in claims 1 and 2.</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>See claims 1 and 2.</p>

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<p>the saddle further comprises a top surface and a perimeter edge incorporating the back and front edges, circumscribing the top surface with a rotationally asymmetric geometry; and</p>	<p>The saddle has a top surface, a perimeter edge and is structured so as to be coupleable to the rocker in only one orientation.</p>	<p>Col. 7, ll. 56-67; Col 8, ll. 1-11</p>	<p>The work station has front and rear edges that form part of a surrounding perimeter defining a modified rectangle; the modification involves the visual identification of the front edge indicia and the perimeter has asymmetric latch openings.</p>
<p>the lower portion receptacle and the saddle perimeter edge correspond with one another so that the base couples with the frame only in one specific rotational orientation.</p>	<p>The table top couples to the base only when the front of the table top aligns with the front of the seat, col. 7, ll. 55-62.</p>	<p>The overall objective of the asymmetric configuration is to be able to easily locate the front edge when re-coupling the seat to the base; col. 8, ll. 1-11, 44-54; coupling can only be achieved in one orientation.</p>	<p>The work station (table top) couples to the base only when the front of the table top aligns with the front of the seat; table top is clearly mounted to define "front", and the latch is asymmetric, works only in one orientation.</p>
<p>4. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 2 wherein a first of the two base legs extends generally arcuately downward from a lower portion left side and second portion, and from the lower portion left side and first portion, and a second of the two base legs extends generally arcuately downward from a frame lower portion right side and second portion, and from the frame lower portion right side and first portion, with the base legs defining the rockers.</p>	<p>Everything in claims 1 and 2 with further definition of the configuration and location of the "pair of base legs".  A front base leg (rocker) extends arcuately from the left rear of the seat toward the left front and a second leg extends arcuately from the right rear of the seat toward the right front of the seat whereby the legs define the floor-engaging rockers.</p>	<p>See above  Col. 6, ll. 45-53</p>	<p>See claims 1 and 2.  The rocker legs are both arcuate and extend forwardly on the left and right sides of the seat from rear to front to engage the floor and function as rockers when the chair and base are de-coupled.</p>
<p>5. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 4 wherein the rockers define protective rails</p>	<p>The rockers are of sufficient vertical height to provide a protective cage for the latch components, surround and protect the latch mechanism against damage from engagement with the floor. The rockers lie protectively outside of the latch mechanism.</p>	<p>Col. 6, ll. 45-62;</p>	<p>The Wave floor rocker rockers are configured to provide a protective cage for both latch mechanisms.</p>

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<p>6. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that said lower portion further comprises a latch moving between closed and open positions.</p>	<p>All of the elements of claims 1 and 2 wherein the coupling is defined as a "latch"; the term latch infers the mechanical entry of one component into a notch or cavity to hold two structures together, in this case the floor rocker and the stool base.</p>	<p>Col. 5, ll. 1-4, 19-66 Col. 6, ll. 1-34 Col. 9, ll. 1-44</p>	<p>The Wave floor rocker has "releases" on both sides to de-couple it from the stool base; both releases are configured as latches.</p>
<p>7. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 6, characterized in that said saddle cooperates with said lower portion latch so that said saddle is releasably captured by said latch.</p>	<p>All of the elements of claims 1, 2 and 6 wherein the latch captures something connected to the base table top.</p>	<p>See claim 6 above</p>	<p>The two releases of the Wave floor rocker capture the left and right sides of the table top or components connected thereto.</p>
<p>8. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the saddle further comprises a top surface that faces upward, and that defines at least one of a working surface, a writing surface and a sitting surface.</p>	<p>The table top is flat and faces upwardly.</p>	<p>Figs. 20; Col. 8, ll. 36-38 Col. 9, ll. 44-53</p>	<p>The Wave floor rocker includes a table top that is flat and faces upwardly.</p>
<p>9. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 1 wherein the base portion further includes a pedestal that extends generally upward to the saddle and includes a connector that operatively connects the saddle with the pedestal, the connector including at least one of a tilt mechanism whereby the saddle tilts relative to the pedestal and a swivel mechanism whereby the saddle swivels relative to the pedestal.</p>	<p>The term "pedestal" is given broad latitude in col. 7, ll. 9-19 to include anything with, for example, multiple legs to support a floor rocker frame. The connector includes the post and has a tilt mechanism whereby the saddle and floor rocker can be tilted as well as swiveled.</p>	<p>Col. 7, ll. 42-44; Col. 9, ll. 54-62</p>	<p>The Wave floor rocker has tilt and swivel capabilities provided by a tilt and swivel mechanism in a pedestal with a connector.</p>

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<p>10. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that said combination is manually convertible between said first configuration and said second configuration, without requiring any manual manipulation of bolts, screws or nuts, or the use of any tools by said first user.</p>	<p>Self-explanatory</p>	<p>Overall disclosure speaks only of manual operation for coupling and de-coupling</p>	<p>All of the elements of claim 1 wherein the coupling mechanism is operable without the use of tools.</p>
<p>11. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that said pair of base legs are spaced laterally from one another.</p>	<p>The rocker rails are spaced laterally from one another.</p>	<p>Figs. 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 17</p>	<p>The Wave floor rocker rocker rails are spaced laterally from one another.</p>
<p>12. A combination of a chair and a stool base portion, said chair comprising:</p>	<p>A convertible floor rocker/base combination wherein the floor rocker portion comprises</p>	<p>Col. 6, ll. 44-46; Col. 9, ll. 48-119</p>	<p>The Wave chair is a two-part combination.</p>
<p>a sitting portion;</p>	<p>A seat</p>	<p>Col. 1, ll. 58-67; Col. 4, ll. 66, 67; Col. 5, ll. 55-67</p>	<p>The Wave floor rocker has a contoured seat.</p>
<p>base legs attached to and depending downwardly from said sitting portion;</p>	<p>Rocker rails that are located beneath the seat and extend downwardly therefrom.</p>	<p>Col. 6, ll. 44-46; Col. 9, ll. 46-53</p>	<p>The Wave floor rocker has rocker rails that are beneath the seat and depend downwardly from the seat.</p>
<p>the stool base portion comprising floor engaging members and a saddle located generally at a top of said base portion;</p>	<p>The stool base has a table top attached to floor engaging legs</p>	<p>Col. 7, ll. 8-62</p>	<p>The work station has a table top attached to star-shaped base legs.</p>

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