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portion right side and second portion, and from the frame lower portion right side and first portion, with the base legs defining the rockers.

5 5. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 4 wherein the rockers define protective rails.

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.

10 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.

15 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.

20 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.

25 30 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.

35 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.

40 12. A combination of a chair and a stool base portion, said chair comprising:
a sitting portion;
base legs attached to and depending downwardly from said sitting portion;

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said stool base portion comprising floor engaging members and a saddle located generally at a top of said base portion;

said sitting portion including manually operable means for releasably engaging said chair to said base portion;

said chair and said stool base portion are configurable in a first configuration in which said chair is releasably coupled to said saddle by said engaging means; and

10 said chair and said stool base portion being configurable in a second configuration wherein said chair and said stool base portion are disconnected, said chair is supported by said base legs, and said base portion is positioned so as to serve as a side table or work surface, or as a stool for seating a second user; and

said base legs function as rockers when said chair is in said second configuration.

13. A combination of a chair and stool base portion in accordance with claim 12, characterized in that:

said base legs are spaced laterally from one another and create an open space between said base legs on an underside of said sitting portion;

said stool base portion further comprises a plurality of chair legs radiating outwardly, for supporting said base portion;

25 when said combination is in said second configuration, said chair and said stool base portion are disconnected, said chair is supported by said base legs, and said stool base portion is positionable in front of said chair with at least one of chair legs projecting underneath said chair, between said laterally spaced base legs, whereby a user can be seated in said chair and can use said saddle base as a work surface.

35 40 14. A combination of a chair and stool base portion in accordance with claim 13, characterized in that said base legs are sufficiently long so that the front of said chair allows said one of said chair legs to extend beneath said sitting portion, but sufficiently short so that when said chair is mounted on said base portion, said base legs do not engage any support surface.

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