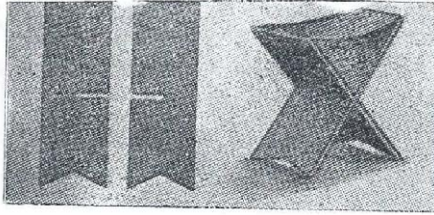


A PORTABLE STOOL THAT A BOY CAN MAKE



ANY BOY can make a simple stool or camp-chair out of two pieces of wood and a small strip of canvas.

The wood should be about half an inch thick, twenty-four or twenty-six inches long, and of suitable width. Half-way up each piece, through half of each piece of wood, cut a narrow rectangular slot, as shown in the picture. For this purpose use a small, sharp saw and a chisel. Then, at the bottom of each piece of wood, saw out a triangular piece, as shown in the picture. This will make feet upon which the camp-chair can stand securely.

Provide the seat to the stool by tacking the canvas to the wood with small

nails with large heads. The piece of canvas should be about twelve inches long. Nail one end to one piece of wood and the other end to the other piece of wood. In doing this, it is well to turn in the edge of the canvas.

The stool is now ready for use. Fit the two slots to one another and permit the legs to open as wide as the canvas will allow them. Set the camp-chair firmly on the ground or the floor, and it will hold considerable weight.

The wood may be stained or painted. In order that the camp-chair may have a neat appearance, it is important that the slots be cut to a point exactly half-way up the piece of wood. Then, when the two pieces are fitted together, each will fit exactly into the other. For folding up, the legs are pulled apart and are placed side by side.

The camp-chair can be used in a summer camp, or it would make a nice present.

A SPOOL TOP

DO YOU KNOW YOU can make a very good spinning top from a spool on which thread was wound? Ask mother for a good-sized spool after she has used all the thread from it. With a sharp penknife cut away one end until the spool becomes the shape of a pencil-point.

Then get a round piece of wood which is just the same size as the hole through the spool. Push it through the hole, having first put a little glue on it so it will stick tight. Then let the stick dry.

Next take the penknife and sharpen the end of the projecting stick in line with the spool, so that it will form a peg for the top. This sharpening must be done very carefully and evenly. In order that the peg may be perfectly smooth, rub it with fine sandpaper.

The part of the stick which appears above the spool may also be nicely smoothed off with sandpaper. It will then form a good stem or handle with which the top may be spun.