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Title Folding Armchair

Date 1860-1865

Primary Maker Captain Albert W. Peck

Medium Oak, carpet, metal

Description Oak folding armchair in the Neo-Grec style, with a slat back and a carpet seat. The back of the chair is formed by a crest-rail atop two stiles; below the crest rail are two horizontal slats that join the stiles. Each stile is curved slightly; the stile is curved inward just above the seat the curves back toward the top. The bottom of each stile ends at the back wear tail. Each arm of the chair is shaped in an S-curve, and extends from the top of each stile down to the front seat rail. The seat is upholstered with a rectangular panel of carpet, with red flowers on a brown, white and yellow background. The chair has two pairs of legs that meet in the center of each side of the chair; a stretcher connects these two joints. One pair is joined to the back seat rail and extend down toward the front of the chair; these are joined at the bottom by one stretcher. The other pair is located outside of the first, and extend from the front seat rail down to the back; these are joined at the bottom by a stretcher. Condition: The top upper edge of each arm has split. The split on the left arm is repaired with two screws. The split on the right arm is repaired in four areas where rusting wire is wrapped repeatedly around the arm. The carpet has split in two lines in the center of the seat. The carpet is worn at the back edge and other small areas throughout the seat. The carpet has probably been reattached to the seat rails. The finish is

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uneven. Design and Construction Details: The crest rail and slats are each bolted into one of three grooves, or cutouts, in the front of each stile. Each end of the back seat rail has a round hinge pin where the stiles and one pair of legs pivot; a bolt extends through the bottom of each stile. The arms, which extend from the upper portion of each stile down to the front rail, each have a deep groove on the interior side from the top about halfway down the arm. A metal bolt is inserted through the stile; this bolt extends into the groove and runs up and down the groove while the chair is folded and unfolded. Each end of the front seat rail has a round hinge pin where the lower end of each arm and one pair of legs pivot; a bolt extends through the bottom of each arm. The seat consists of a rectangular panel of carpet that is folded under at each side, and wrapped around and nailed at each end into the front and back seat rails. Each pair of legs pivot on a round hinge pin at either end of the center stretcher that connects the legs where the two pairs of legs meet; a bolt extends through each outer leg where it meets this joint. A stretcher is tenoned and pinned with a metal bolt into the bottom of each pair of legs.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 28 3/4 x 18 1/4 x 19 1/4in. (73 x 46.4 x 48.9cm)