

NEW CHAIR INDUSTRY STARTS IN HAWAII

The Outrigger club has given the initial impetus to a new industry in Hawaii. Needing chairs for its beach and spacious lanais, the club got up a design of a folding steamer chair and sent the model to the Hawaiian development lumber mills at Pahoa. Yesterday two crates of the new chairs made of native ohia arrived. These are the first steamer chairs ever made of ohia, but already the industry is started, for the Inter-Island officials seeing the new designs have ordered two dozen Outrigger ohia chairs for the steamer Mauna Kea.

One of the new chairs was placed in the window of the Public Service yesterday and attracted much attention, many stopping to register orders for duplicates for use in their lanais and on their lawns. The new chairs of native wood are probably the strongest chairs of their kind ever put together—they are intended to be "kid" proof on the Outrigger grounds.

In the first place the ohia is so hard that holes have to be drilled in which to drive the tacks that hold the four-ply canvas in place; not only that but the Hawaiian hardwood is bolted together with steel bars. It was the desire of the Outrigger people to patronize a home industry and demonstrate that outdoor furniture can be made at home, better, stronger and more cheaply than it is abroad, and they believe that the new steamer chair will prove this.