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American
Patent Model for Plywood Chair 1873
Two lengths of molded p. y.
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GEBRÜDER THONET, Austrian
company design
ARMCHAIR c. 1900
Steam-bent beechwood
Mfr.: Gebrüder Thonet, Austria
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