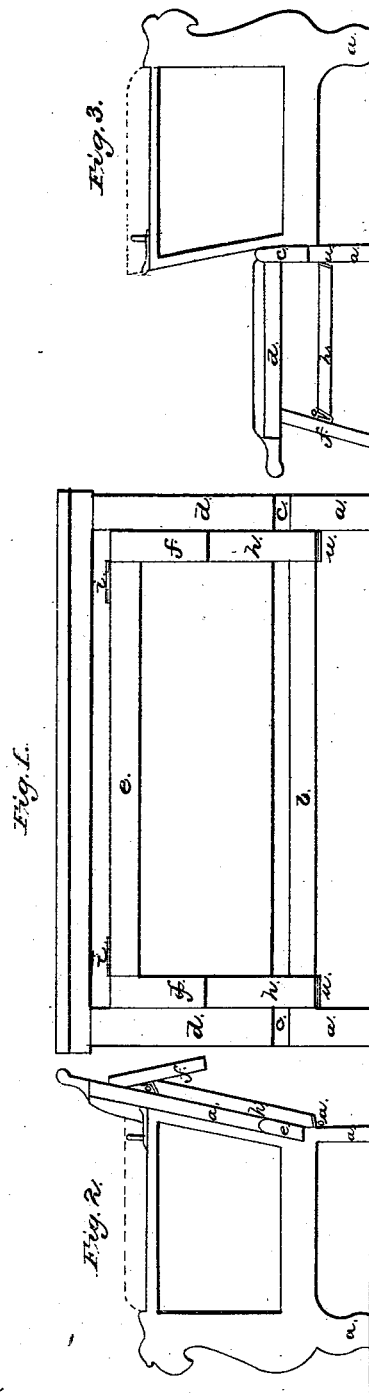


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SOFA-BEDSTEAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER D. FARRELL, of the city, county, and State of New York, cabinet-maker, have invented and made and applied to use certain new and useful improvements in the construction of the common sofa-bedsteads, by the application of parts intended to make such bedsteads more secure in use, for which improvements I seek Letters Patent of the United States, and that the said improvements and the means of constructing and using the same are fully and substantially set forth and shown in the following description and in the drawings annexed to and making a part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a sofa back with my improvements attached thereto and Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same. Both these figures represent the sofa as in common use while Fig. 3 is an endwise elevation of the same, with the back let down to form an open bedstead, the same letters as marks of reference applying to the same parts in all the figures, and *a, a*, being the standing legs and *b*, the back rail of the sofa bottom, the uprights *d*, of the back are hinge jointed at *c* to the back legs *a*, which are reduced to allow the uprights *d* to set flush when up and a pair of spring catches hold the back up in place and all these parts being made and fitted in any common and usual manner.

An auxiliary rail *e*, is to be hinged or jointed at *i* in any convenient manner to the

outside of the back of the sofa, and has two drop legs *f, f* fitted on the ends. Inside of these legs *f, f*, a joint or hinge *o*, see Fig. 3, connects each leg *f*, to one end of a spreader piece *h*. The other end of each of these spreaders is hinged or jointed at *u*, to the back rail *b*, of the sofa so that when the back is let down to form an open or double bedstead the two spreader pieces *h*, fix the position of the two drop legs *f, f*, as shown in Fig. 3, and retain them safely so that the back cannot fall below a horizontal line, and if it be desirable to add casters to the drop legs *f, f*, as well as to the standing legs of the sofa, the whole may be then conveniently moved without a necessity for raising the back when so doing.

I do not claim to have invented any of the parts herein described when taken separately from this arrangement, my whole claim for novelty and usefulness being limited to the application of the spreader pieces *h* to the purpose of preserving the proper position of the drop legs *f, f*, when in use, by the connection they form between the legs *f, f* and the bottom back rail *b* of the sofa.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the city of New York, and in the presence of the witnesses subscribing hereto this twenty fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

A. D. FARRELL. [L. S.]

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