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SOFA-BEDSTEAD.

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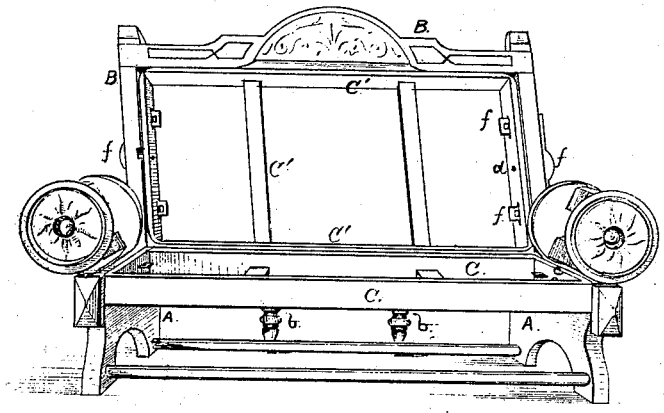
Fig. 1



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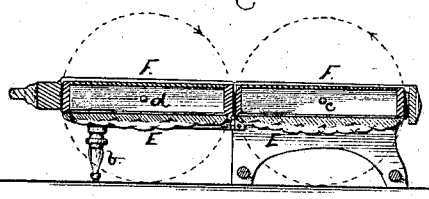

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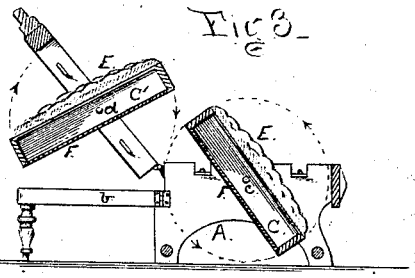

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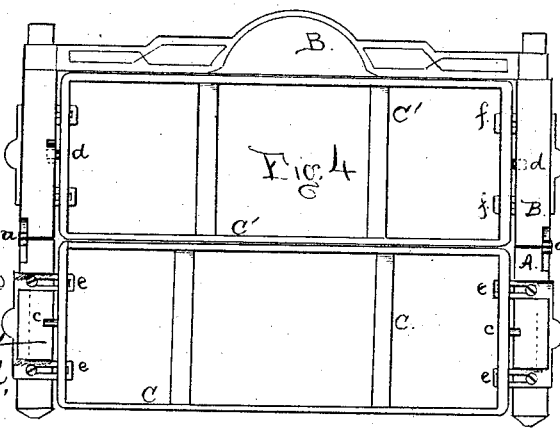

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IMPROVEMENT IN SOFA-BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SIMON BENDIT, of the city of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Bed-Lounge or Divan, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to that class of lounges or divans constructed to be used as a bed, when desired, by having the back arranged so as to turn down horizontally on a level with the seat, and the pillows or arms at the sides to open for the purpose of forming a surface to receive the bed-clothing; and my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the various parts, whereby a cheap and durable bed-lounge is obtained.

In order to better understand the nature and operation of my invention, reference is made to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved lounge, without the springs and upholstery. Figs. 2 and 3 are transverse sectional views in detail; Fig. 4, a plan view, with the back turned down, and the arms removed, to show more clearly the arrangement of the bolts or catches at the sides.

The frame of the lounge is composed of the seat and legs A, and the back B, the one connected to the other by hinges *a*, and the seat having arms or pillows at one or both sides, as shown in Fig. 1. In these respects the form and arrangement are the same as now in general use among the trade; but, instead of combining the stuffed and upholstered part of the back and seat directly and in a fixed manner with the frame-work, I arrange them upon independent pivot-frames C C′, with the cushioned and upholstered part E upon one side or surface, and with a plain or mattress surface, F, upon the opposite side; and these frames I hang upon pivots *c d* in the frame-work A B of the lounge, and hold them in place by sliding bolts or catches *e e f f*. The pivots *c c* of these frames are received in holes or slots in the sides of the lounge-frame, which are placed at such height from the floor that the frames may turn upon the pivots without obstruction, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3; and the two frames are arranged in such position with each other that the inner sides may be close together when the back is turned down, in order to form a continuous surface without a space between them, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4.

The sliding bolts or catches *e f* work in slots through the sides of the frame A B, and their ends engage in slots provided for them in the ends of the pivoted frames C C′, upon each side of the pivots *c d*, and they act to hold the frames of the back and seat in position, and prevent them turning from the weight of the persons or bedding put upon them. They may be made in the form represented in Fig. 4 of the drawing, or separate sliding bolts may be used; but the form and number of these bolts to hold the frames in position are not essential in the construction and operation of my invention, as many different styles and arrangements of the same may be employed for the purpose.

The back A, when turned down to convert the lounge into a bed, is supported upon the hinged legs and bars *b b*, that may be turned in toward the seat-frame A, when the back is raised, to put them out of the way.

From this description it will be seen that the revolving frames C C′, with their covered surface, are easily operated in changing the lounge from or into a bed; and the advantages gained by having a separate mattress-surface, without using the finely-cushioned and upholstered surface, will be evident to those using or manufacturing lounges or divans of this character. Such lounges are usually stuffed and covered in an expensive manner, and the double use to which they are put soon injures the covering and cushions by wearing the surface and flattening their form.

These frames C may be combined with other kinds of lounge and sofa frames, as well as those shown, and may be also arranged in the frames of invalid-chairs, and other articles of upholstered furniture where two surfaces may be desired, and the cushioned parts thus protected from injury and wear.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim therein as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The bed-lounge described, consisting of the seat A and back B, hinged together, the

frames C C′, pivoted at each end in the seat and back, and capable of an entire revolution therein, the sliding catches *e f*, for holding the frames C C′ rigidly in place, and the folding legs *b*, when the several parts are constructed, arranged, and combined substantially as described and shown.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day above written.

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In presence of—
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