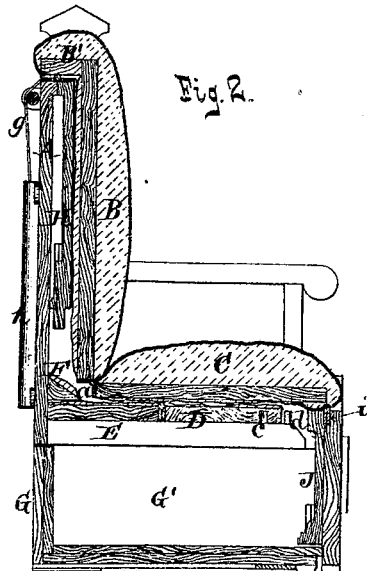
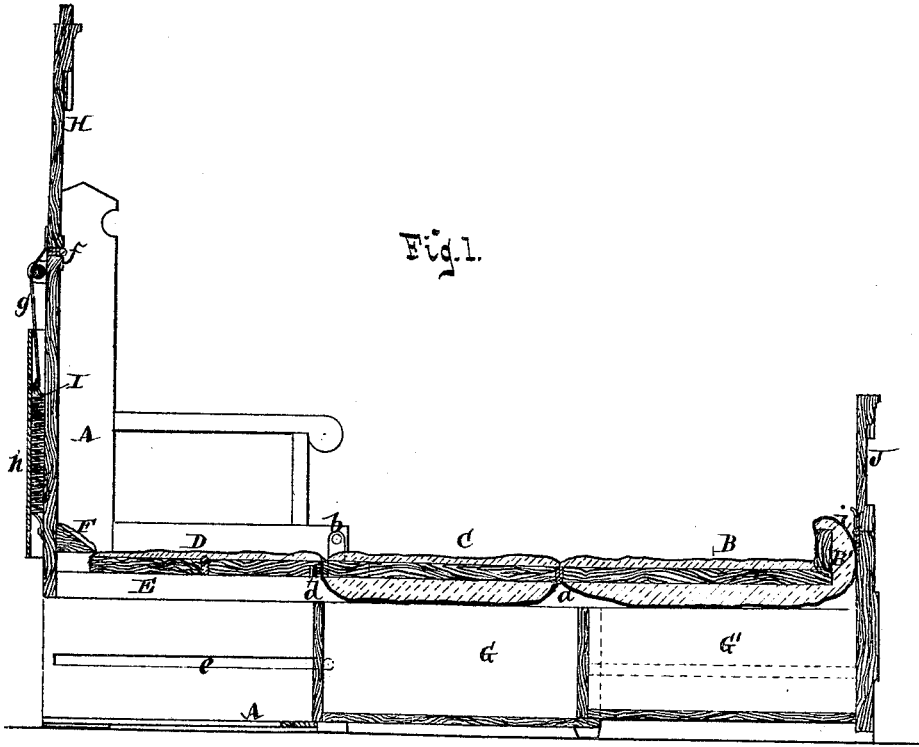


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IMPROVEMENT IN SOFA-BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES PABST, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sofa-Bedsteads, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a vertical cross-section of my improvement when extended for use as a bedstead. Fig. 2 is a like section thereof when folded together to form a sofa.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to improvements in the construction of sofa-bedsteads; and consists in combining, with the folding back and seat, and with the telescoping drawers, a filling-piece, which serves to fill the seat part of the sofa-frame when the back and seat are extended, the filling-piece being arranged to slide on the frame in such a way that it may be pulled up close to the seat when the latter is swung out, or pushed back and concealed when the parts are folded together, thus permitting the drawers to be shoved wholly under the seat.

It consists also in combining with the sofa-frame a hinged head-board, which is adapted to be swung over and alongside the back part of the frame, and thus hid from sight, or to be raised.

In the drawing, the letter A designates the frame of my sofa-bedstead, which may be made in any selected style. B is the back, and C the seat. The back and seat are connected together by hinge-joints *a*, and the seat is connected to the front part of the frame by joints *b*. Hence the back and seat may be extended, as shown in Fig. 1, so as to form a bedstead, or folded together, as shown in Fig. 2, to form a sofa. D designates what I term a "filling-piece," and which serves to fill the seat part of the frame A when the seat C is removed. This filling-piece D slides on ledges E, secured to the seat part of the sofa-frame, and it is made of a less width than such seat part, while it is fitted under a projection, F, on the back part of the frame. The filling-piece D, by being arranged to slide on the frame A, is adapted to be pulled out close to the seat C when the latter is swung out, as seen in Fig. 1, or

to be pushed back to the position shown in Fig. 2. The object of thus moving the filling-piece is, as to drawing it out, to form a continuous bedding-surface, and, in sliding it inward, to permit of shoving drawers, hereinafter referred to, bodily under the seat, so that the drawers may be made to hug the lower surface of the seat, and thus impart to the sofa an appearance of solidity. The filling-piece D is provided with sockets *c* in its lower surface, while to the ledges E are affixed dowel-pins *d*, in such a manner that when the filling-piece is drawn out the sockets *c* may be adjusted over the pins by slightly lifting the filling-piece, while when the latter is shoved inward its front edge is brought immediately behind the pins, and by this means the filling-piece is firmly held in place in either of its positions.

Beneath the seat part of the frame A are arranged drawers G G', which telescope or slide one within the other, the inner drawer G being connected to the frame by pins, which run in guide-slots *e*. (See Fig. 1.) These drawers G G' may be extended with the back B and seat C, as shown in Fig. 1, or folded up under the seat, as shown in Fig. 2. The drawers form convenient receptacles for bed-clothing, and when pulled out form supports for the extended back and seat.

The letter H designates a head-board, which is connected to the back part of the frame A by hinge-joints *f*. This head-board H is preferably made of an ornamental form, and, as seen in the drawing, can be either turned up, so as to form a continuation of the back part of the frame, or let down alongside this back part, being hinged in such a way as to fold inward, so that it can be brought between the back of the frame and the folding back B. In order to entirely conceal the head-board H when turned down, the folding back B is bent at the upper end, as at B', so as to cover not only the head-board, but also the upper edge of the back of the frame. To the head-board H is fastened one end of a cord, *g*, the other end of which is connected to a spring, I, or to a weight placed in a vertical casing, *h*, attached to the back of the frame A, and, by the action of the weight or spring I, the head-board is firmly held in position when elevated.

To the outer side of the telescoping drawer G' is connected a foot-board, J, which is fastened, in a similar manner to the head-board H, by means of hinge-joints *i*. This foot-board operates in a similar manner to the head-board H, and may be raised parallel with the side of the drawer G', or allowed to fall within the drawer; and, if desired, it may also be connected to a retaining-spring, or provided with a suitable fastening device.

It is apparent that by raising the head and foot boards H J, when the remaining parts have been unfolded, the whole acquires the appearance of a complete bedstead, while, by dropping the said boards and moving the parts together, a comfortable and handsome sofa is obtained.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with the folding back B,

folding seat C, and sofa-frame A, the telescoping drawers G G', constructed and arranged substantially as described.

2. The combination of a filling-piece, D, with the folding back B, folding seat C, sofa-frame A, and telescoping drawers G G', when arranged to operate substantially as described.

3. The combination, with a sofa-bedstead, of a folding head-board, H, constructed and operating substantially as described.

4. The combination, with a sofa-bedstead, of a folding foot-board, J, constructed and operating substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of February, 1876.

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