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BED-CHAIR.

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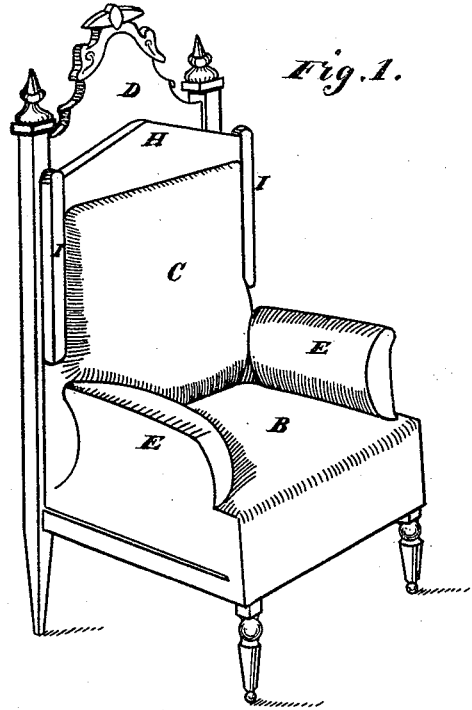


Fig. 1.

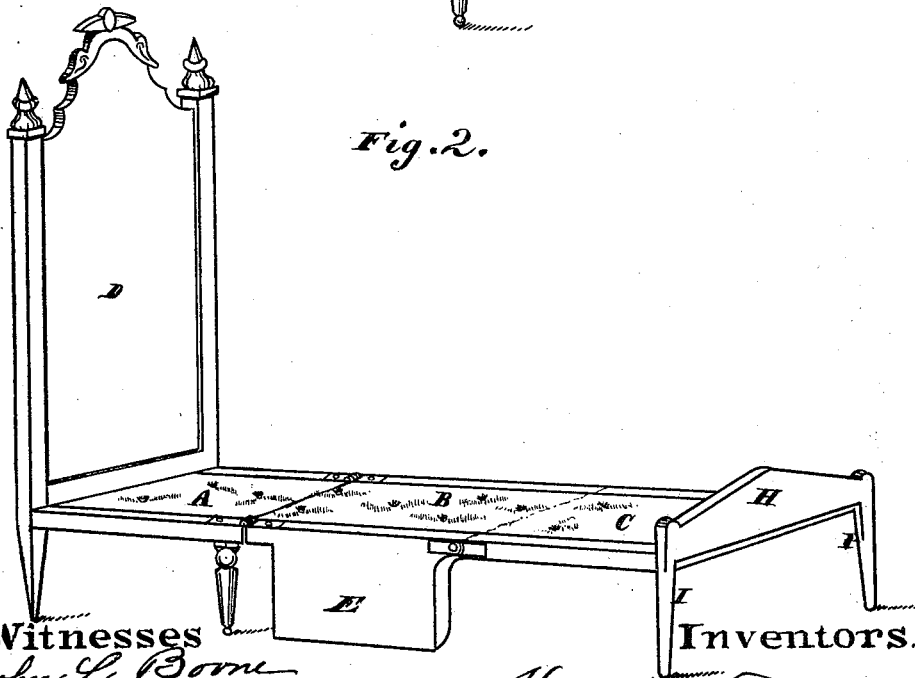


Fig. 2.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN BED-CHAIRS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, HENRY W. FORTUNE and AUGUSTUS H. ROBERTS, of San Francisco, in the State of California, have invented an Improved Bed-Chair; and we do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use our said invention or improvement without further invention or experiment.

Our invention relates to an improved manner of combining a bed with a chair-frame, so that when the bed is folded up into the chair-frame a neat and comfortable easy chair is provided.

In order to more fully illustrate and explain our invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the chair. Fig. 2 is a view of the parts unfolded.

Our convertible bed and chair are composed principally of three parts, viz., the chair-bottom A, middle section B, and end section C. The head-board D of the extended bed forms a back for the chair when the bed is folded up. The sections A, B, and C are hinged together, so that the middle section B will turn over and rest upon the chair-bottom A, while the end section C is carried over by the folding of the section B, so as to stand vertically against the back or head board D. The sections B C are upholstered upon both sides, the outside, when folded, being upholstered similar to an easy chair of ordinary construction. The section B has parts E E, which serve as arms for the chair when the sections are folded, but which rest upon the floor and serve as a support or as extra legs when the sections are extended. To the outer extremity of the section C is hinged a foot-board, H, which has a leg, I, secured at each side, and is folded up against the back or board D, as in Fig. 1, the foot-board then lying in the same plane with the section, the legs turning up

alongside of its edges, so as to form an ornament for the chair; but when the sections are extended into a bed the foot-board is turned so as to stand at right angles to the section C, the legs resting on the floor.

The sections can be folded up, when desired, with perfect ease, as by raising the frames B C they will fall into place, the frame B covering the chair-bottom A, so as to form the cushioned seat and arms while the frame C covers the back or head board, so as to provide the cushioned back.

By this means we provide a simple, neat, and convenient chair, which, when extended, forms a bedstead with head and foot-boards and stationary mattress.

We are aware that extension-chairs have been constructed in sections, which fold and unfold similar to ours, forming a chair when folded and a bed when unfolded. But in these chairs the arms were rigidly attached to the chair-frame, and the chair did not lose its identity when unfolded as a bed. The arms of the chair remained the same. By our construction of section B we make the arms of the chair become the main support of the bed when unfolded, and when properly made up our device has the neat and tidy appearance of a bedstead and bed.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The back or head board D, and seat-bottom A, made rigidly in one piece, in combination with the hinged seat B, having rigid arms to form legs for the central portion, and hinged false back C, having the hinged foot-board H and legs I I, all constructed, arranged, and operated as set forth.

In witness whereof we hereunto set our hands and seals.

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