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REVERSIBLE BACKS FOR LOUNGES.

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Fig. 1.

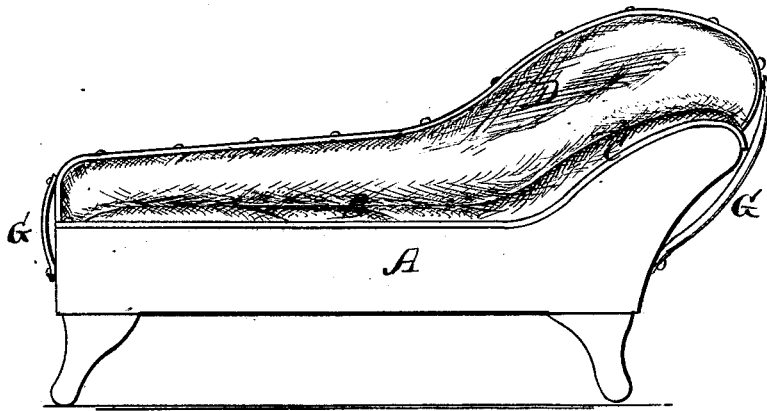
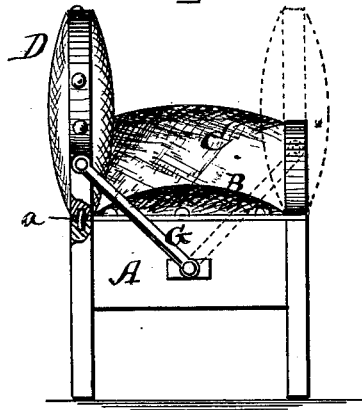


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN REVERSIBLE BACKS FOR LOUNGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN SULLIVAN, of Tippecanoe City, in the county of Miami and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reversible Back for Lounges; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to lounges; and it consists in a shifting or reversible back applied to a lounge, and in the construction and combination of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a lounge embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same.

A represents the frame of a lounge, with seat B and head-piece C. D is the back of the lounge. These parts are all constructed in any of the known and usual ways and of any desired form and size, with the following exception: The back of a lounge is usually made permanently fast in its place to the frame; and in some cases it is hinged so as to be let down out of the way when the lounge is to be used as a bed. I make the back D entirely free and independent from the lounge-frame, and provide it with suitable upholstering on both sides. This back D is then con-

nected by pivoted arms or braces G G to the ends of the frame A, the braces being pivoted to the frame in the center, or at equal distances from the front and rear edges.

In the lower edge of the back D are a number of dowel-pins, *a a*, projecting below the same; and in the top of the frame A, along both front and back edges, are made corresponding dowels or holes, into which said pins may enter.

The back D may be shifted to either edge or side of the lounge, and be held in either place by means of said dowel-pins and the pivoted braces, and thus adapt the lounge to any side or corner of the room as may be desired.

I am well aware that reversible backs for car-seats, and other seats, are not new; hence I do not claim such as being, broadly, my invention.

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

The combination of the lounge-frame A having dowels or holes, as described, the back D upholstered on both sides, and provided with projecting dowel-pins *a a* in its lower edge, and the pivoted connecting-braces G G, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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