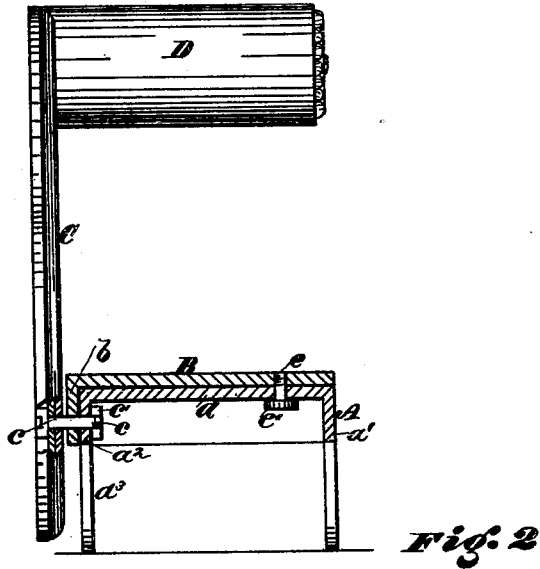
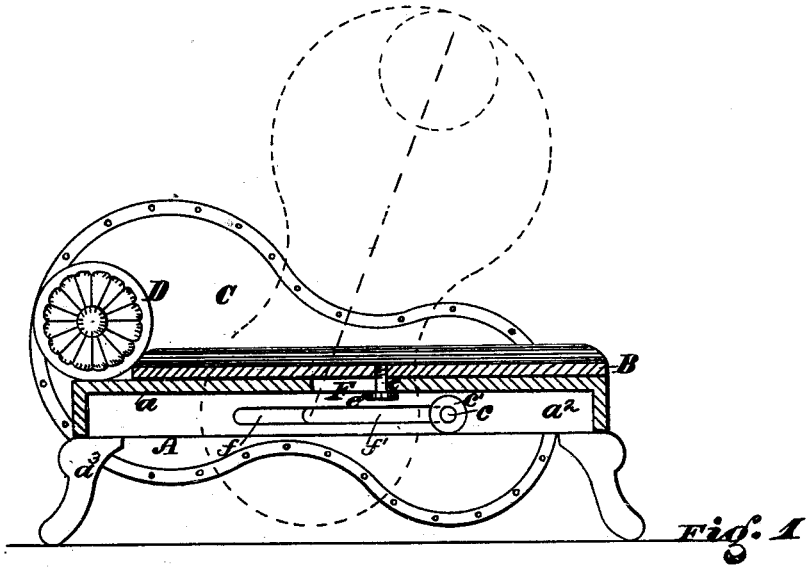


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## IMPROVEMENT IN LOUNGES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. COBURN, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lounges; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal vertical section, and Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section, of my invention.

The object of my invention is to provide a lounge the pillow or head-rest and back of which may be reversed or changed from end to end of the body, so as to make either a right or left hand lounge at will, to suit the comfort or convenience of the occupant, or to adapt the article to the peculiarities of the apartment in which it is placed.

My invention consists in the peculiar construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, A represents a bench, composed of the board *a*, side rails *a*<sup>1</sup> *a*<sup>2</sup>, and legs *a*<sup>3</sup>, these several parts being constructed in the usual or any suitable manner. B represents another board, of greater width than the board *a*, but not quite as long as the latter. To the inner or back side of the board B is fastened a side rail, *b*, which rests against the side rail *a*<sup>2</sup>. C represents the back of the lounge, to which is firmly secured the pillow or head-rest D. Said back C is secured to the bench A by a pivot or rod, *c*, which passes through slots *f f*<sup>1</sup>, formed in the side rails *a*<sup>2</sup> *b*, a washer or nut, *c*<sup>1</sup>, being secured on the end of said pivot or rod. F is a slot in the board *a*, through which passes a screw, *e*, having a washer or enlarged head, *e*<sup>1</sup>, said screw entering the board B. Said board B, as well as the back C and head-rest D, is upholstered in any suitable manner.

The board B rests on the board *a*, so that their two ends will be flush or in a line at the foot of the lounge. Owing to their unequal length at their opposite ends, they will

not be flush—a space of, say, four or six inches being left between said ends, forming an offset, in which the pillow D rests. The screw *e* and pivot *c* are now in the ends of their respective slots nearest the foot of the lounge.

To reverse the lounge, or change it from a right to a left hand lounge, or vice versa, the back C and pillow D are moved from one end to the other of the bench, said back swinging on its pivot *c*, and the pillow moving with it. The board B is now slid along on the board *a*, so as to form the offset for the pillow on the opposite end of the bench from where it previously was, the screw *e* moving at the same time from one extremity of the slot F to the other. The back C is now moved longitudinally until its rod or pivot *c* has traversed the entire length of the slots *f f*<sup>1</sup>, by which time the pillow D will be in line to drop down into its offset, into which it is then moved, the back C, to which it is attached, swinging on its pivot *c* for that purpose.

The necessity for the longitudinal movement of the back C and the employment of the slots *f f*<sup>1</sup> is, that as said back (to conform to the present style of lounges) must be more than half the length of the bench or body, it must be pivoted on that side of the center of the lounge opposite the pillow or head-rest, and when the latter is reversed the pivot or point of oscillation must be correspondingly changed.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A lounge formed with a pivoted back, and pillow or head-rest attached thereto, adapted to be swung from end to end of the bench or body, for the purpose of reversing the same, substantially as set forth.
2. The bench-board *a* and cushion-board B, of unequal lengths, secured by a connection, *e*, the board B being adapted to slide on the board *a*, so as to form an offset for the reception of the pillow or head-rest D.
3. The combination of side rails *a*<sup>2</sup> and *b*, having slots *f f*<sup>1</sup>, with the back C and pivot or rod *c*, substantially as shown and described.
4. In combination with a lounge bench or body, A, a back, C, pivoted thereto on one side of a line drawn transversely through the

middle of said bench or body, the pivot of said back being adapted to move across said line when said back is moved for the purpose of reversing the lounge, as set forth.

5. The combination of bench A, sliding board B, pivoted back C, and pillow or head-rest D, when the parts are constructed and arranged as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of February, 1877.

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