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Wardrobe-Bedsteads.

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Fig. 1.

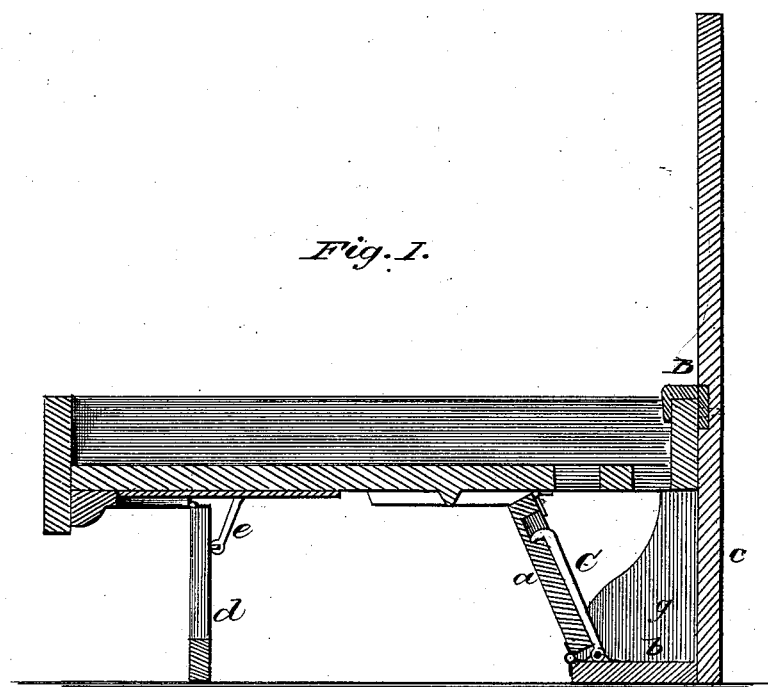


Fig. 2.

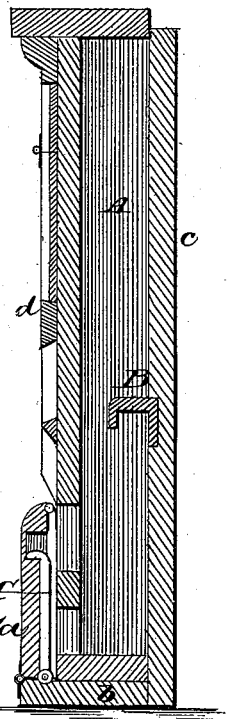
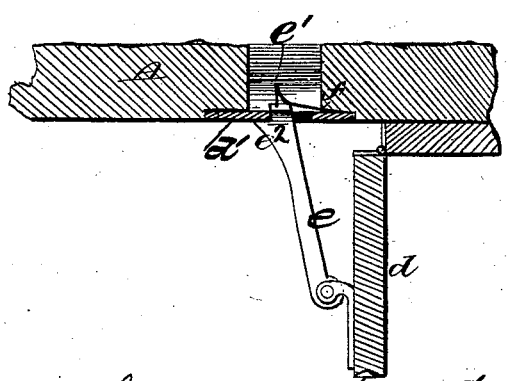


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WARDROBE-BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. MONTGOMERY, JR., of Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal vertical section of my improved folding bedstead in position to receive the bedding. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same folded up, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view, showing the retaining spring-catch of the legs supporting the foot end of the bed.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like letters.

This invention appertains to certain improvements in folding bedsteads; and it consists in hinging the bottom or frame constituting the side and end pieces thereof, at a point a short distance from its forward end, upon a supporting board or legs, in turn hinged or pivoted to a rearwardly-projecting piece of the head-board or directly to the head-board, and holding the bottom frame in position in connection with the head-board by a hook projecting from the latter, and securing the forward supporting board or legs in place by a hooked lever, the rear legs or supports being locked in position by a spring-catch, substantially as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the drawing, A marks a frame constituting the side and end pieces of the bedstead, the under side of which may be closed or boarded up and finished off with molding, and so carved or configured as to cause it to present the appearance of a secretary, book-case, or other ornamental and useful article of furniture, as seen in Fig. 2, when the bedstead is folded up. The foot or rear end of the frame A may be also provided with molding to form the head-piece for the secretary or article of furniture which the bedstead, in its folded position, is intended to represent. The frame A is hinged or pivoted at a point a short

distance from its forward end to or upon a supporting board or legs, *a*, in turn hinged or pivoted to a rearwardly-projecting foot-piece, *b*, of the head-board *c*, or it may be thus connected directly to the head-board. When thus supported in position the forward end of said frame fits under a hook, B, projecting from and secured to the head-board *c*, as seen in Fig. 1, to retain it in such position. C is a hooked lever pivoted to the foot-piece *b*, and whose hook catches into a recess in the supporting-board *a* and behind a plate secured across the lower end of said recess or notch; or the notch may be made so as to enable the said lever to be fastened therein without the use of said plate.

It will be noticed that as the frame A is lowered or unfolded the hook of the lever C will fall into the notch of the hinged supporting-board *a*, and thus of itself secure the said board in a fixed position.

The foot end of the frame A is supported upon a frame or legs, *d*, hung or pivoted to said frame, to permit of its being folded against and flush with said frame. *e* is a lever or brace pivoted to the frame or legs *d*, with its opposite end entering a socket or recess in a plate, *d'*, fastened to frame A, which socket is extended into the frame, as shown in Fig. 3. This extension of the socket permits of the passing of the lever *e* into the frame A when the legs or frame *d* are folded against or flush with the frame A, as in Fig. 2. The extreme inner end of the lever *e* is provided with a lateral projection, *e'*, to prevent its detachment from the socketed plate *d'*. This lever is provided at the same end, a short distance from the lateral projection *e'*, with a second projection, *e''*, by which, in connection with a spring, *f*, fastened to the inner side of the socket-plate *d'* and bearing against said lever, as shown in Fig. 3, the holding of the lever *e* and legs or frame *d* is effected, as seen in same figure.

Ornamental side pieces *g g* may be secured to the head-board *c* and the foot *b*, enlarging the same at the lower end when in an upright position, to render the article of furniture steady.

This bedstead, in addition to being folding,

is also very simple in its construction, easy of manufacture, and cheap, besides serving, when out of use, as an ornament for the room.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. In a folding bedstead, the frame A, hinged or pivoted to a supporting board or legs, *a*, in turn hinged or pivoted to the head-board *c*, in combination with the head-board hook B and hooked lever C, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a folding bedstead, the combination, with the frame A, of the hinged legs or frame *d* and lever *e*, pivoted to said legs and engaging with a spring-catch, *f*, in the frame A, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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