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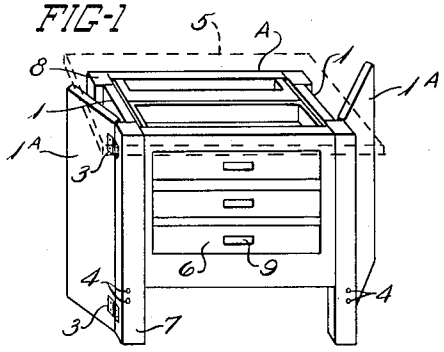
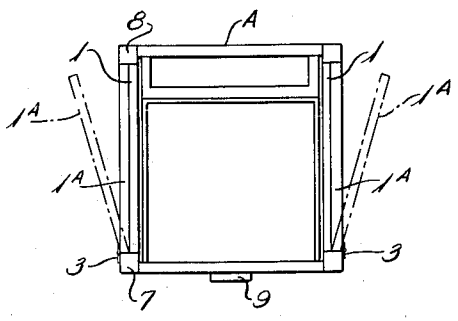


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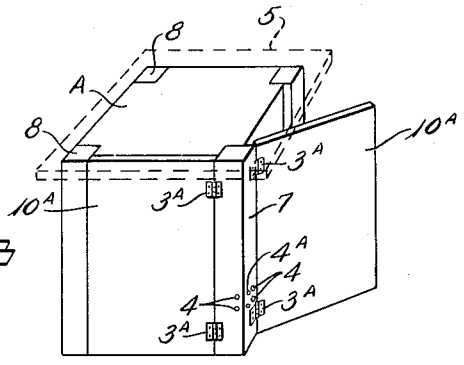


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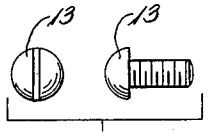
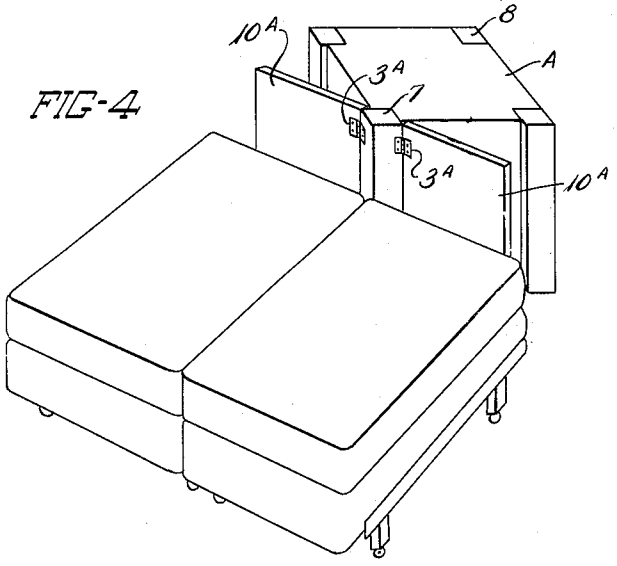


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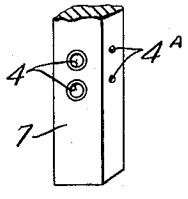


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My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in a piece of furniture combined with a headboard, and/or a head board and foot board, the headboard to be an intrinsic part of the piece of furniture.

One of the principal objects of this invention is to provide a piece of furniture, adjustable in such a manner that the headboard is retractable when not in use, thus permitting a saving of room space.

Another object of this invention is to permit the piece of furniture to be used as a permanent piece of furniture, with or without attached headboards.

Other objects of this invention will be readily discerned from a reading of the description and a reference to the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a piece of furniture with two adjustable headboards, for use along one wall, the headboards being attached at **3**.

Fig. 2 is a top view of the piece of furniture showing the two headboards to be swung into the middle of a room for use with a bed.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the piece of furniture with two headboards to be positioned in various positions, for use in a corner of a room.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of an article of furniture showing the two headboards and how the headboards can be brought into alignment to position two beds in adjacent relation.

Fig. 5 is a slotted screw for attaching side rail plates to head, or footboard posts by insertion in holes in a post **7**.

Fig. 6 is a fragment of a headboard or footboard post with the studs **4** retained within the post **7** by the pins **4A**.

Referring more in detail to the drawings: A is a piece of furniture designed for use in different places in a room. As described later herein, **1** are the sides of such piece of furniture to which headboards **1A** are attached by means of a hinge, or other pivoting means **3** which permits such headboards to be swung into any position relative to **1** and yet remain securely attached to part **1**. **4** are tapped sleeves in post **7** and are held therein by means of pins **4A** and which sleeves permit the attaching of side rails to post **7** by means of the threaded screw bolts **13** in a conventional manner (not shown). **5** refers to the top of the device and **6** are drawers slidably received in the front side of the piece of furniture A with hand holds **9**, to provide a means of access to the interior space of A. **7** refers to a headboard post, and **8** refers to the rear corner posts of the device. **13** is a threaded screw bolt for attaching side rails to headboard posts **13** being inserted into the tapped sockets, or holes **4** which, as shown, are imbedded in the post **7** and retained therein by means of pins **4A**, as described.

In the use of the device a footboard (not shown) may be attached to a headboard **1A** by means of side rails and legs (not shown), or any other means desired, thus permitting such entire unit to be swung into the room for use as a bed, either from a corner, side wall, or any desired place in a room.

It will be observed that the device A as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, may be constructed so that the headboards shown at **10***a*, may be swung out into several convenient positions for use in positioning beds. As shown in Fig. 4, such headboards may be swung out into a room to position two single, or twin beds. The device A may be used in the same structural, i. e., square form as shown in Fig. 2 with the headboards attached on opposite sides of the same corner post **8** of the device A (shown in Fig. 4) so that the headboards when so attached to post **8** are permitted to be swung out into a room in a straight line, as indicated in Fig. 4. With the headboards in such position, complete beds may be attached thereto to form a "double bed" as desired. The headboards **10***a* are secured to the article of furniture by hinges **3***a*.

It is also to be noted that access to the interior of the device A may be by means other than by the ones described, namely, drawers.

It will be observed from the foregoing description that the invention provides a device that is most convenient and useful in many ways, namely, that the units may be used as ordinary pieces of furniture and then when desired the headboard parts can be pulled out for use as parts of regular beds. Saving of floor space is provided, when headboards are closed to permit other use of such floor space.

The invention is particularly desirable for use in places wherein living space is limited or where it is necessary to combine living and sleeping space in one room. However, the invention can also be used in any place desired.

I have shown my invention in a desirable design and structure. However, I do not desire to be confined, or limited to such particular design, or structure, as adaptations in the use of my invention may require modifications in form, or structure, or both without departing from the basic features or the spirit of the invention.

What I claim in my invention and for which I desire to secure Letters Patent is:

An article comprising a furniture member having at least one protruding corner post, a pair of bed headboards, means on said bed headboards to facilitate securing bed side rails thereto, and means pivotally securing said headboards to opposed corners of a corner post of said member along a vertically extending edge of each headboard, said furniture member having angularly related side walls providing corners thereon, said headboards being adapted to be swung into alignment to extend in opposite directions from said corner post and being adapted to be swung in to abut against the outside surfaces of the adjacent edges of said furniture member extending from said protruding corner post.

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