

M. Crosby,
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Fig 1

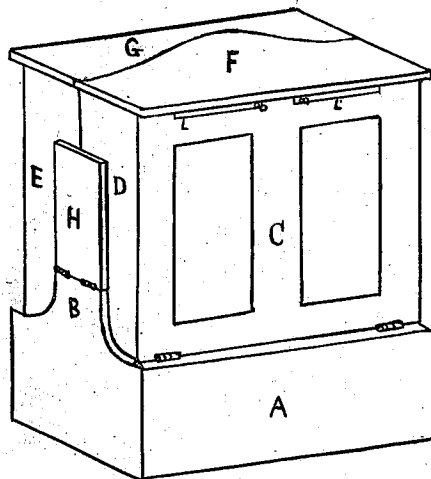
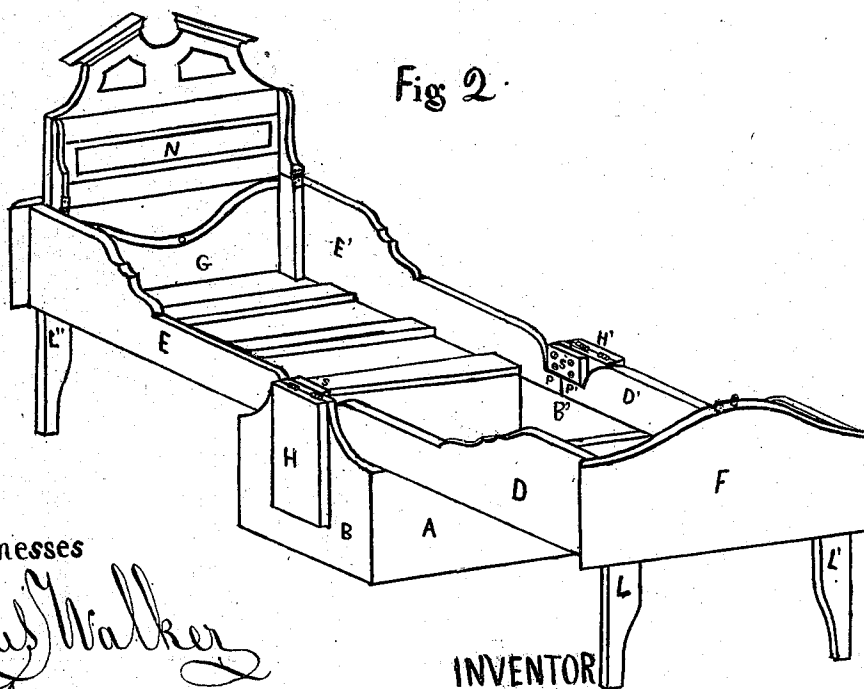


Fig 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN PARLOR-BEDSTEADS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, MARK CROSBY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and improved French Parlor-Bed; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention pertains to improvement in that class of bedsteads which is adapted to fold when not in use, so as to resemble a bureau, sideboard, or other similar article of furniture; and

The invention consists in so constructing and arranging the side pieces or rails of the bedstead, with relation to each other and the base to which they are hinged, that, when folded or brought together in a vertical position, openings will be formed for the admission and passage of air, hinged pieces being provided for covering said openings.

The invention also consists in the arrangement of stops, with shoulders formed on the ends of the side rails, all as hereinafter described.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention when closed up.

Figure 2 is a like view when open for occupancy as a French bedstead.

A represents the base, to which the front C is hinged, having the side pieces D D' attached.

E E' represent the other side pieces, which are hinged in like manner to the opposite side of the base.

B B' represent the ends of the base, and having projections rising up, to which the pieces H H' are hinged, so as to swing up or down, as desired, it will be particularly observed that the side pieces are cut down at their central portion to about half their extreme width, so, when closed up together, they leave

an opening between them that air may circulate through the bed freely when closed up. This ventilation through the center of the bed is of very great importance. The doors or pieces H H' close up the apertures so formed, when desired. By the sides being cut down a very serious objection is removed from this class of beds as heretofore constructed. The sides, when of a uniform width, are greatly in the way of getting into or out of bed, and their appearance is very displeasing and cumbersome.

F and G represent the foot and head pieces. To the latter is hinged an ornamental top piece, which folds down between the mattress when closed up. The head and foot pieces F and G are sawed apart on a curved line, so as to fit each other when closed together, as shown in fig. 1.

Projections P P' on each of the side pieces, when open, bear against the stop piece S to give greater strength, and, with the legs L L' L'', support the bed when it is open for occupancy.

Having thus described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The stops S S' attached to the upper part of the end pieces B B' of the base, and the shouldered ends P P' of the side rails D D' E E', and the legs L L' L'', all constructed and arranged as shown, for the purpose specified.

2. The side rails D D' E E', so cut out and hinged to the base A B B' as to form vertical side openings for the admission and passage of air, when folded or brought together in a vertical position, all as herein shown and described.

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