

WARDROBE BEDSTEAD.

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Fig. 2.

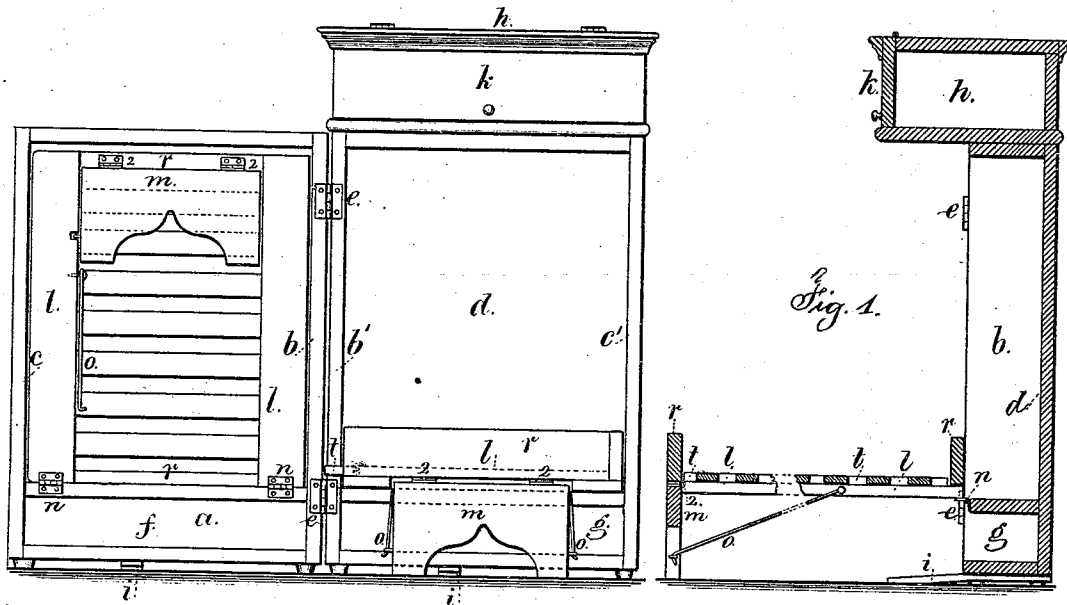
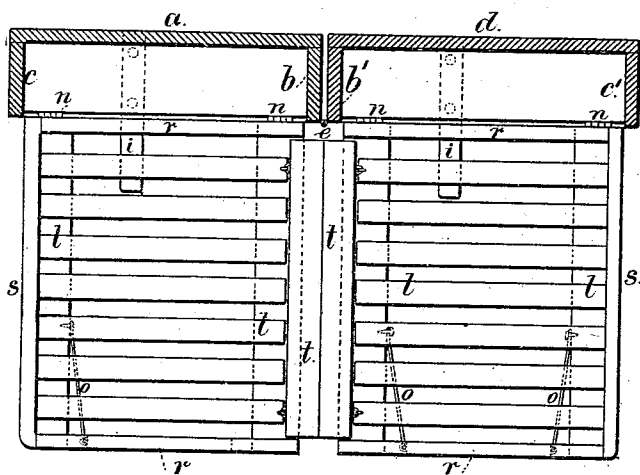


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WARDROBE-BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM McNAUGHTON, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Folding Bedsteads, of which the following is a specification:

This bedstead occupies a case resembling a wardrobe when folded. This case is in two parts, the line of division being a vertical plane parallel to the front, and the bed-bottom is in two parts, that turn down from the case after it is opened, so that the bed is made up with the side thereof adjacent to the case; hence the bed does not project into the room as far as usual with folding beds heretofore made, and, if desired, only half of the bed may be made up as a child's crib.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a vertical section of the bedstead unfolded. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the bedstead as unfolded; and Fig. 3 is a sectional plan of the same.

The wardrobe-case is made of two principal parts, the front portion being composed of the front *a*, sides *b c*, and the back portion being made of the back *d* and sides *b' c'*. The sides *b* and *b'* are hinged together at *e*, so that the front portion *a b c* can be swung around horizontally, the hinges *e* being the vertical pivots of the same. When closed, the parts of the wardrobe set together, and the line of division, are a vertical plane, parallel or nearly so with the front, and within these portions the bedstead proper is contained. There are spaces *f g* below the bedstead, into which pillows or bedding may be placed, or drawers may be inserted at these places for the reception of the bedding. I have also shown a box-head, *h*, to the bedstead, with a swinging front, *k*, into which box the bedding can be placed.

The foot-pieces *i i* are employed beneath the halves of the wardrobe-case to prevent the risk of the case tipping forward when open, and I remark that suitable casters or wheels should be applied at the bottom of the

swinging portion of the case, to lessen friction as the parts are moved.

Each part of the wardrobe contains one-half of the bed-bottom. These are similar to each other, and each bed-bottom is composed of a frame, *l*, with slats, hinged to the wardrobe at *n*, and there is a swinging leg, *m*, hinged at 2 to the frame *l*, and one or more brace-hooks, *o*, to hold the swinging leg in position when the bed is unfolded. These brace-hooks *o* are to be unhooked to allow the leg *m* to hang down when the bed-bottom is swung up, as seen in Fig. 2.

There are side boards *r* and foot and head-boards *s* to support the bed-clothes, and to close the space between the adjacent frame *l*. I make use of the folding leaves *t*, that are hinged at one edge on the respective frames, and fold down toward each other. These are turned up before the bed-bottom is swung into its place in the wardrobe.

I claim as my invention—

1. A wardrobe-bedstead in which the case is divided in a vertical plane parallel or nearly so with the front, and united by hinges at one of the sides, and the bed-bottoms are attached to the two halves of the case and fold downwardly, as set forth.

2. The combination, in a wardrobe-bedstead, of the case divided vertically, the two parts of the bed-bottom hinged to the case, the folding leaves *t*, and hinged leg *m*, substantially as set forth.

3. In a wardrobe-bedstead, the hollow projection head-piece *h*, forming a receptacle for bedding, in combination with the case divided vertically, the movable front portion *a b c* of which folds beneath the head-piece *h*, substantially as specified.

Signed by me this 8th day of December, A. D. 1876.

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