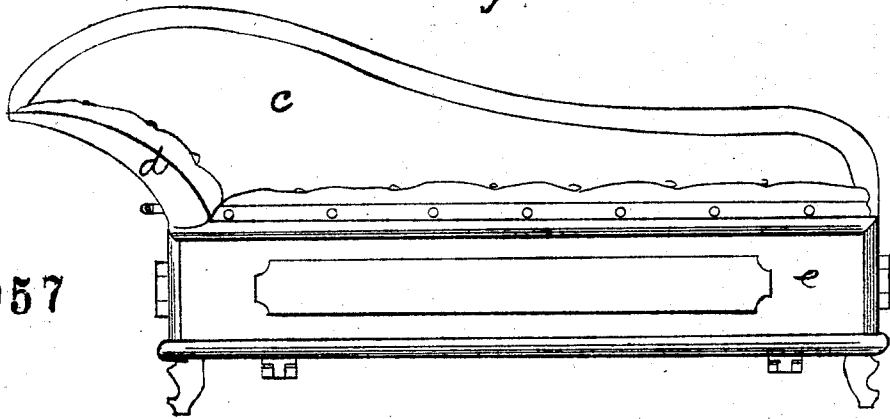


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Fig. 1.



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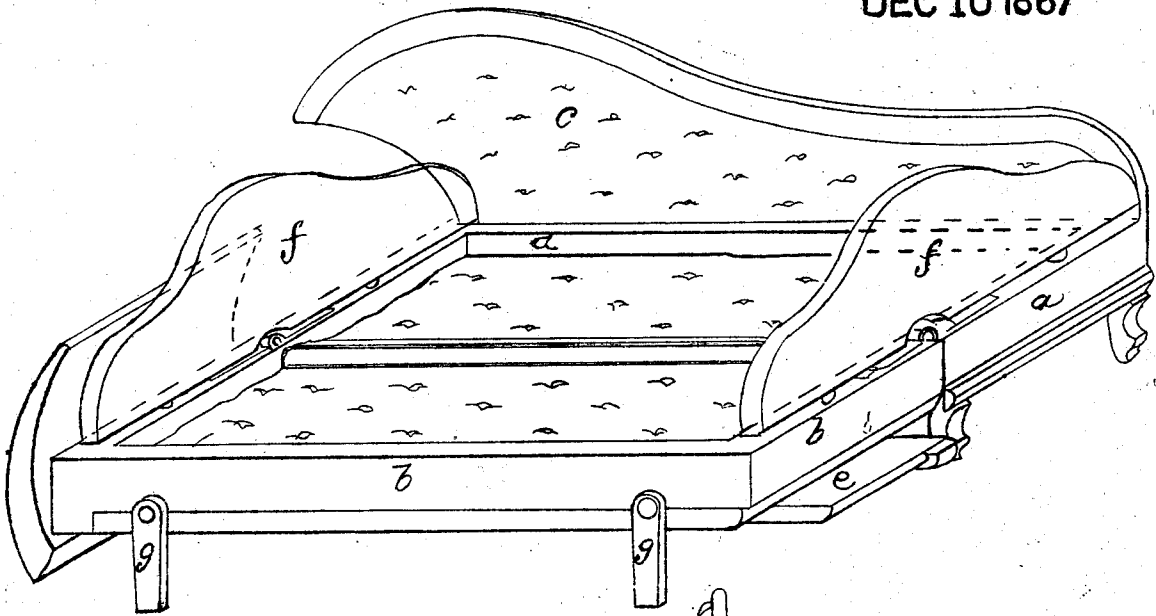
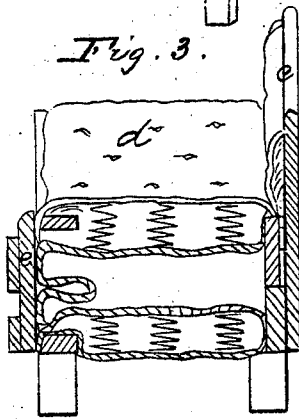


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVED SOFA-BEDSTEAD.

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

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. BERRY, of East Somerville, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sofa-Bedsteads, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a sofa-bedstead embodying my improvements.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the same, when opened and ready for use as bedstead, and

Figure 3 is a transverse section of fig. 1.

Similar letters indicate like parts in the several figures.

The object of my invention is to provide a sofa-bedstead, which may be readily changed from a sofa to a bedstead, the latter being prepared for occupancy as soon as opened, without the trouble or necessity of "making up" the bed; and the invention consists in so constructing a sofa that the inside may be upholstered and fitted with a mattress, and that the space inside will be sufficient to contain the bed-clothes, without requiring any portion of the same to be removed to enable the sofa to be closed.

Referring to the drawings, *a* represents the main or stationary portion of a sofa or lounge, and *b* the movable or upper portion, the latter forming the seat, when the article is used as a lounge. *c* represents the back, made in the usual form. *d* is the arm or head-piece, hinged to the upper or seat-portion of the lounge, so that, when the latter is opened, it will turn over out of the way, as shown in fig. 2, and thus render available the entire length inside. The front portion or panel *e* of the lounge is hinged to the main portion at the lower part, so that, when let down in the position shown in fig. 2, the upper or seat-portion may be turned over, and the corresponding inner edges of the upper and lower portions will come close together, and allow of an even surface to the upholstered portion within. When closed, a sufficient space will remain to hold all the necessary clothes and pillows. The upper and lower portions may be fitted with springs, as shown in fig. 3, those of the upper serving for the seat when closed, as well as for the bed when open. *ff* represent a head and foot-board, which may be used, if desirable, for the bedstead, and, when not in use, they may be placed under the lounge or hung to the rear portion of the same. The arm or head-piece *d* may be provided with a spring-catch, so as to be firmly retained in position when closed, and the panel *e* may also be secured in the same way when closed. The front portion *b*, when opened, may be supported by legs *g g*, as shown.

By this construction the bed may be made up, and all the necessary clothes be contained between the upper and lower portions, and the parts be closed to form the lounge, so that, when opened to form the bedstead, the bed will be all ready to be occupied, without the necessity of again making the bed or bringing the mattress and clothes from another apartment or receptacle.

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

The combination of the lower portion *a*, the seat *b*, and head *d*, and the hinged or movable panel *e*, in a sofa or lounge, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

CHAS. H. BERRY.

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