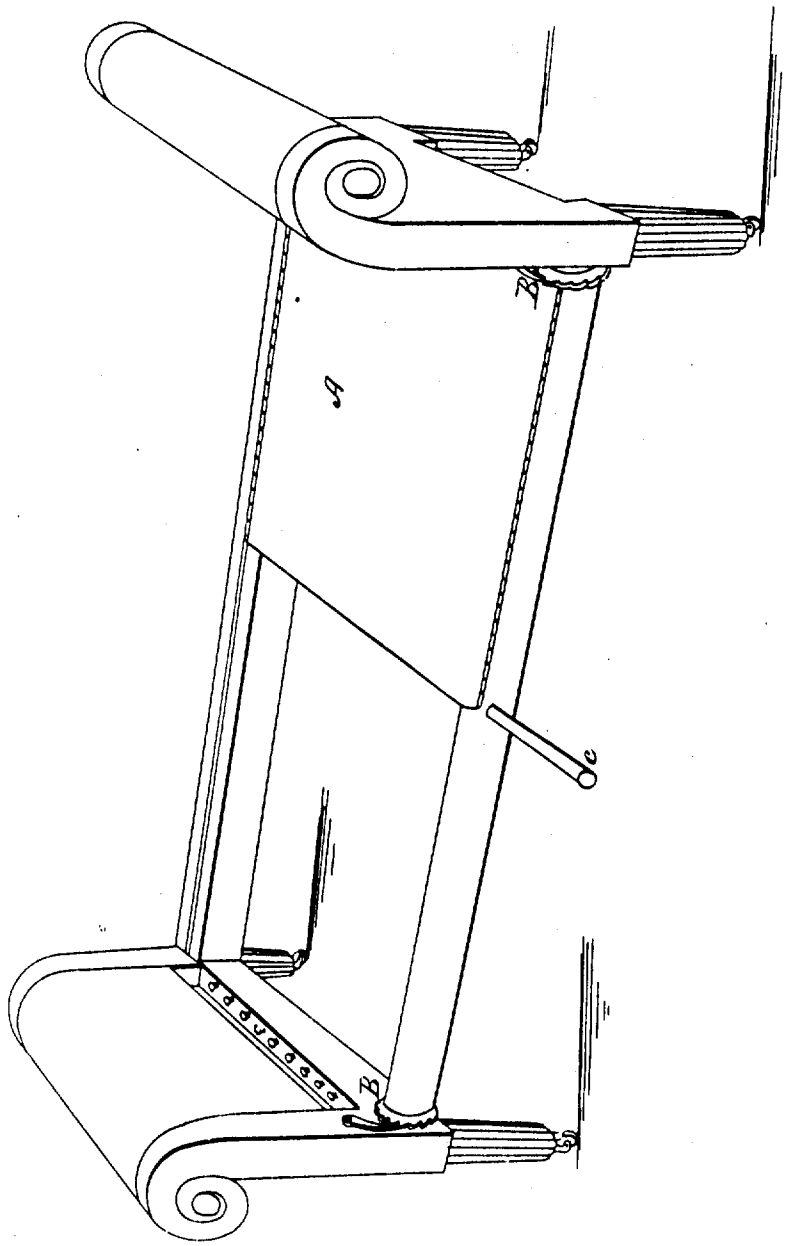
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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same containing a description in the words of the said Charles Adams himself of his said improvement in the art of constructing and manufacturing couches, sofas, settees and chairs

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To all persons to whom these presents shall come. Charles Adams of the City of Boston County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts cabinet maker sends greeting. Be it known that I the said Charles Adams have invented constructed made and applied to use a new and useful improvement in the art of constructing and manufacturing couches, sofas, settees and chairs which I call the swivel back couch, sofa, settee or chair. What I claim as my improvement in the manufacture of the above mentioned articles consists in the application of the swivel back principle in binding and holding together the parts and tightening the cushioning or other material upon which the cushions lie which affords advantages before unknown. To give a clear illustration of this it is necessary to describe the several parts in the construction which are as follows. The several beams or rails (the front back and end beams or rails) are formed with round tenons at each end so that they may be turned in the posts by a small lever, each beam or rail having at one or both ends a ratchet or shank a segment of one onto the teeth of which a small click falls to hold fast what the lever gains this click is swivelled on the side of the post just above the ratchet. On the opposite side of the end rails are three or four short pins with button heads around which a strong cord passes and alternately through eyelet holes made in the ends of the cushioning each end of the cord made fast. so that by turning the rails the cushioning is tightened lengthwise. The front and back edges of the cushioning may be nailed fast to the front and back beams or rails or it may be hitched on button headed pins inserted into the rails and then be tightened widthwise by turning said beams or rails. It is proper to observe that the front rail or beam may be framed firmly into the posts so as to not turn and the cushioning tightened by turning the back rail only. By this application

application of the windlass the frames of the above mentioned articles may be kept tight and firm at all times. The seats are rendered more firm, elastic and comfortable with less expense of material and labor in the stuffing than if made in the common way. The frames can be taken apart at any time and rendered capable of easy removal from place to place and through small and narrow passages. They are rendered more portable and much expense of freight may be saved when shipped in consequence of close packing and the whole article may be manufactured at less expense.

In testimony that the above is a true specification of my said improvement I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one

Witnesses
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