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Fig. 1.

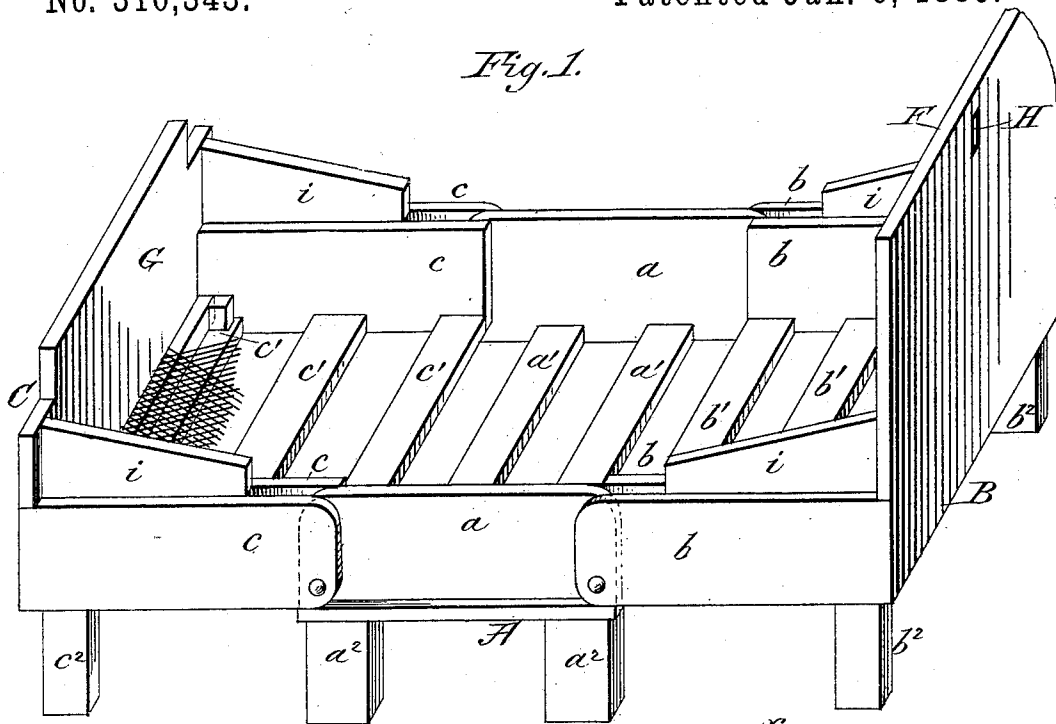
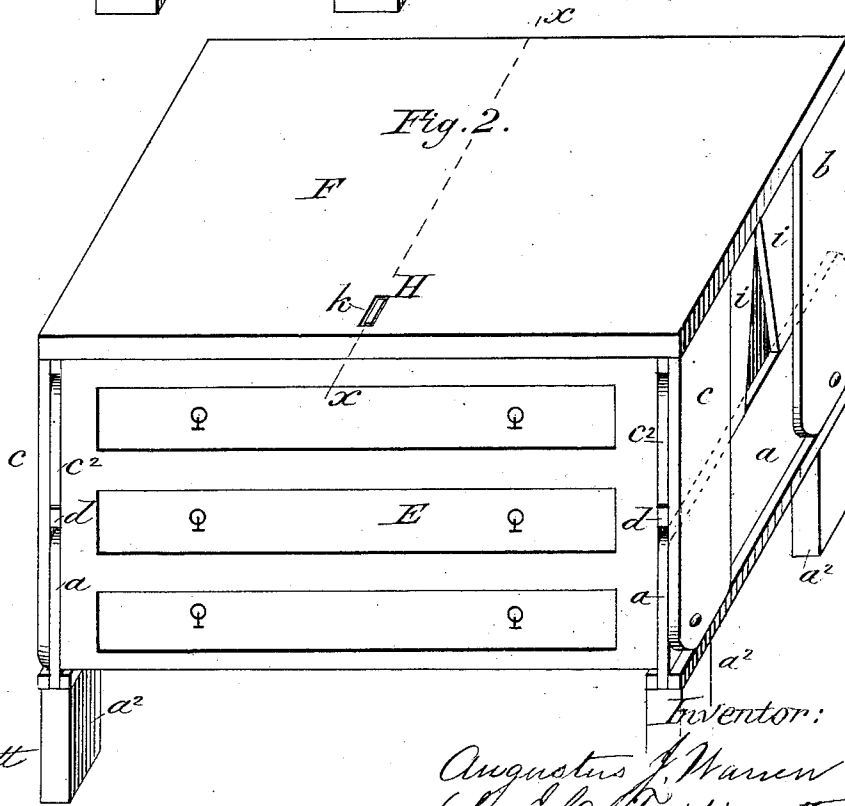


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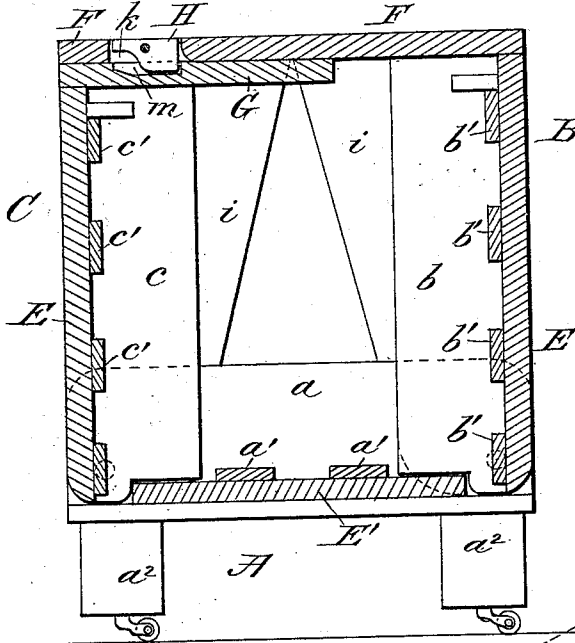


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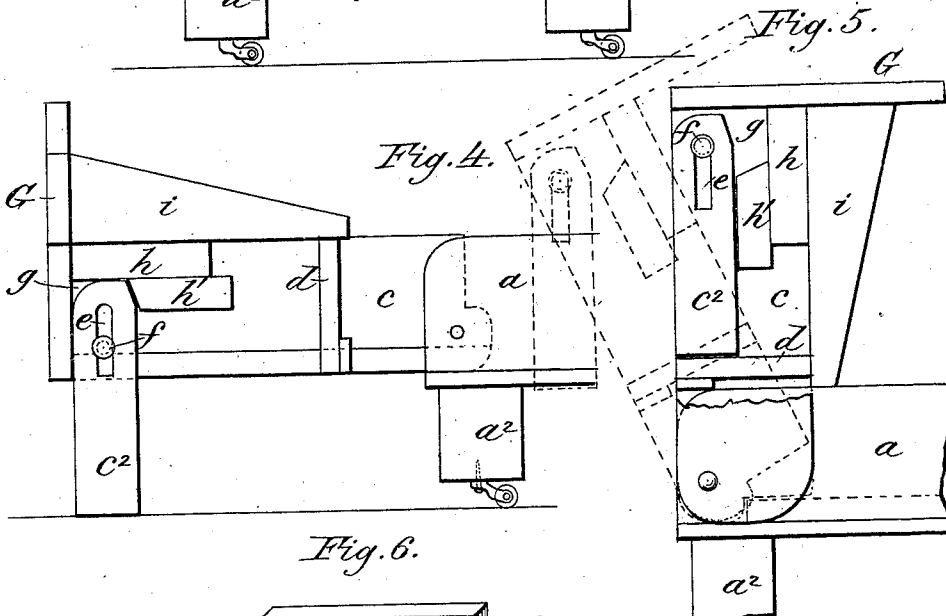
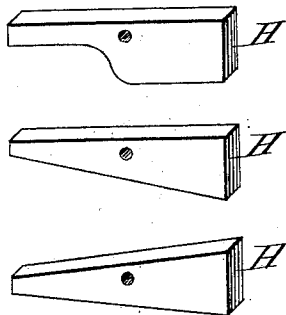


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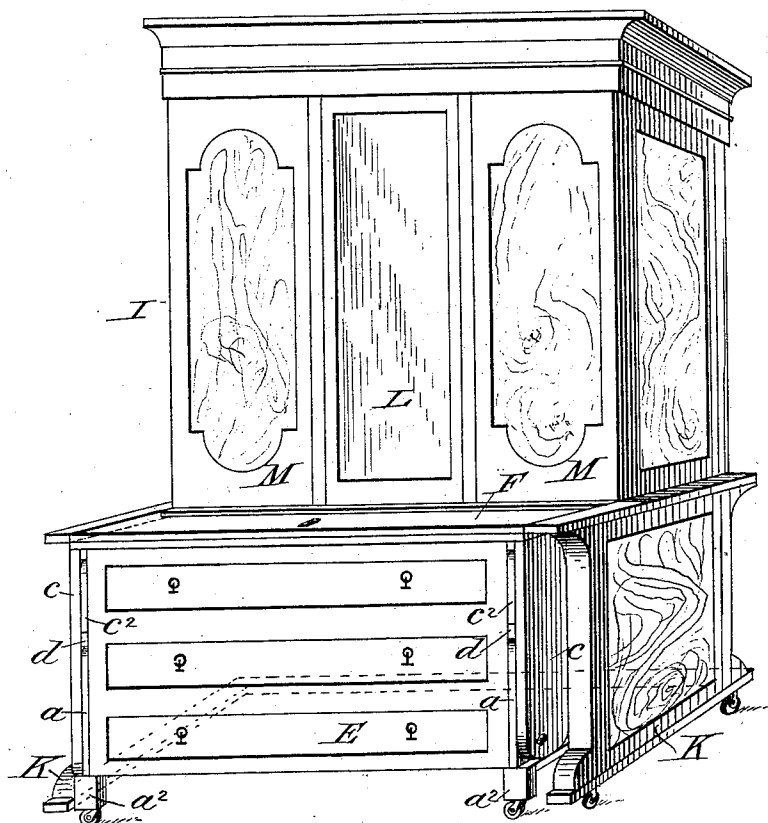


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS J. WARREN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobe-Bedsteads; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a combined wardrobe and folding bedstead; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the annexed drawings, illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the folding bedstead opened or extended for use. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same folded. Fig. 3 is a central vertical section of the folded bedstead on the line *xx* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a partial side view of one end of the bedstead, the outer rail being removed to show the manner of arranging the pivoted legs. Fig. 5 is a similar view of the same, showing how the pivoted legs are arranged when the bedstead is folded. Fig. 6 represents perspective views of a catch for securing the head and foot sections of the bedstead when folded. Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the combined wardrobe and bedstead.

Like letters of reference designate like parts in the several views.

The central section or base, A, of the bedstead is composed of side rails *a a*, that are connected by slats or bars *a' a'*. This central section is provided with fixed legs *a² a²*, that rest, preferably, on rollers or casters, in the usual manner.

To each end of the side rails *a a* are pivoted the head section B and foot section C, respectively. These sections are composed of side rails *b b* and *c c*, similar to the side rails *a a*, except that they are preferably double, thereby forming recesses, in the inner ends of which the opposite ends of the side rails *a a* are received, as shown in Fig. 1. They are

also connected in a similar manner by slats *b' b'* and *c' c'*. In the outer ends of the recesses formed by the double side pieces *b b* and *c c* are pivoted the swinging legs *b² b²* and *c² c²*, which may also be provided with rollers or casters. The space between the double side rails *b b* and also the side rails *c c* is divided by a bar or cleat, *d*, Figs. 2 and 4. When the bedstead is folded, this bar or cleat fills the interval between the ends of the side rails *a a* and the pivoted legs *b² b²* and *c² c²*, as shown in Fig. 2, thereby presenting a neat finish. The swinging legs *b²* and *c²* are pivoted between the outer ends of the rails *b b* and *c c*, respectively, by means of slots *e* and pins, studs, or screws *f*, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. When the bedstead is opened or unfolded, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, the legs *b²* and *c²* swing outward automatically and assume a vertical position, their lower ends resting upon the floor, while their upper slotted ends move along the pivots *f f* and enter a recess, *g*, formed by blocks *h h'*, that are secured between the outer ends of the double side rails. The ends of the bedstead are thus supported by the blocks *h h'*, resting on the upper ends of the swinging legs, as shown in Fig. 4. When the bedstead is folded, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 5, the slotted ends of the legs *b²* and *c²* drop down along the pins or pivots *f f*, and as the head and foot sections are made to overlap, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, these legs swing back in the space between the side rails and rest against the blocks *h'*, Fig. 5, their lower ends being nearly or quite in contact with the cleats *d*. It will be seen that the swinging legs *b²* and *c²*, at opposite ends of the bedstead, are thus arranged to move automatically as the bedstead is folded or unfolded. The head section B and foot section C beneath the slats *b' b'* and *c' c'* are each inclosed by panels E, that give an ornamental appearance to the bedstead when folded, and the central section, A, beneath its slats *a'*, is also preferably inclosed by panels E' in a similar manner. The head-board F and foot-board G are each preferably provided with wings or side pieces, *i i*, that fit over the space between the double side rails *b b* and *c c*, except that portion which is occupied by the side rails *a a* when the bed-

stead is folded. The sides of the bedstead, when folded, are thus almost entirely inclosed.

It will be observed that the foot section C, with its foot-board G, is slightly shorter than the head-section B, so that when the bedstead is folded the head-board F will extend entirely over the top, thus concealing the foot-board. When in this position the points may be secured by any suitable fastening; but I prefer the gravity-catch H, Figs. 3 and 6. This catch H is pivoted in a slot, *k*, that is framed in the head-board F, and is adapted to engage in a recess or mortise, *m*, formed in the foot-board. It will be seen that in folding the bedstead the enlarged end of the catch will press against the foot-board and be thrown up in the slot *k* until the mortise *m* is reached, when it will drop therein, as shown in Fig. 3, the straight side of the catch assuming a position flush with the outer surface of the foot-board. The folded head and foot sections are thus firmly locked. By pressing down the outer or thin end of the pivoted catch H, its thick end will be thrown out of the mortise *m*, so as to enable the head and foot boards to be disengaged. It is obvious that any other suitable fastening might be employed, though the one above described is deemed preferable. The folded bedstead is pushed or rolled beneath a cabinet or

wardrobe, I, that is supported by standards K K, Fig. 7, the whole forming a convenient and ornamental article of furniture. The wardrobe I is preferably made with a stationary central panel, L, in which, if desired, may be placed a mirror, doors M M being arranged on each side.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is--

In a folding bedstead, the combination of the central section, A, composed of side rails *aa*, slats *a'a'*, panel E', and legs *a'a'*, the head section B, having double side rails *b b*, slats *b' b'*, pivoted legs *b' b'*, and head-board F, and the foot section C, provided with double side rails *c c*, slats *c' c'*, pivoted legs *c' c'*, and foot-board G, the pivoted legs *b' c'* being slotted at *c* and having their inner ends arranged to fit in recesses formed by the blocks *h h'* between the double side rails, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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