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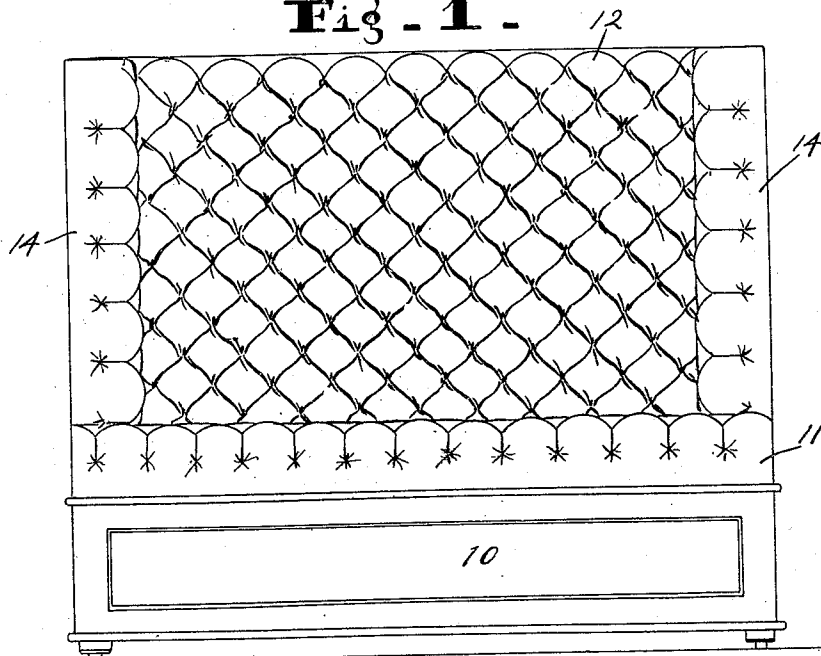


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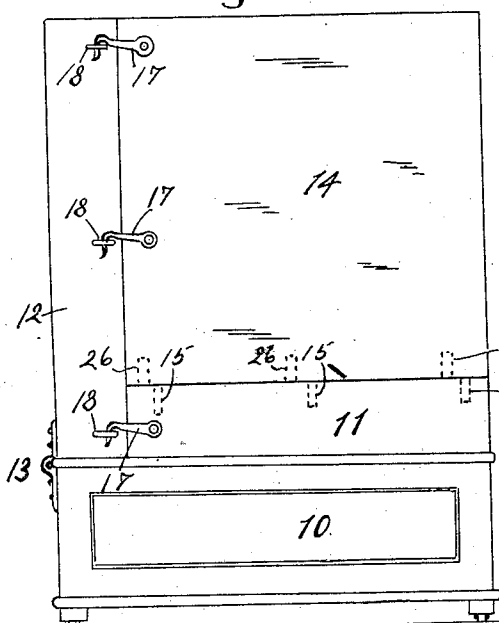
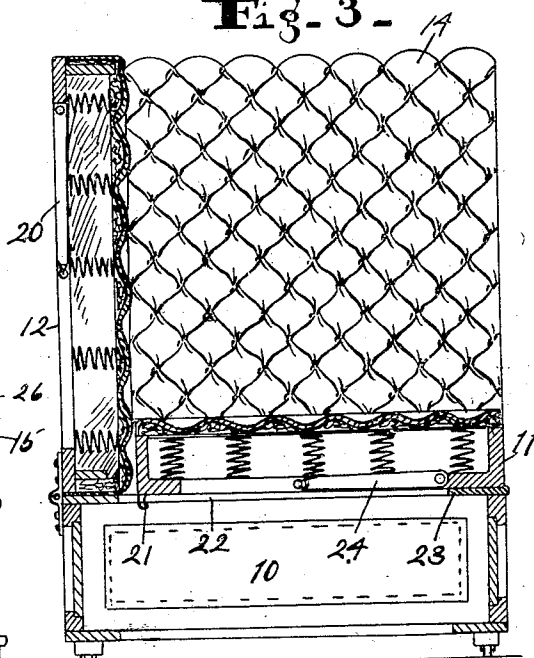


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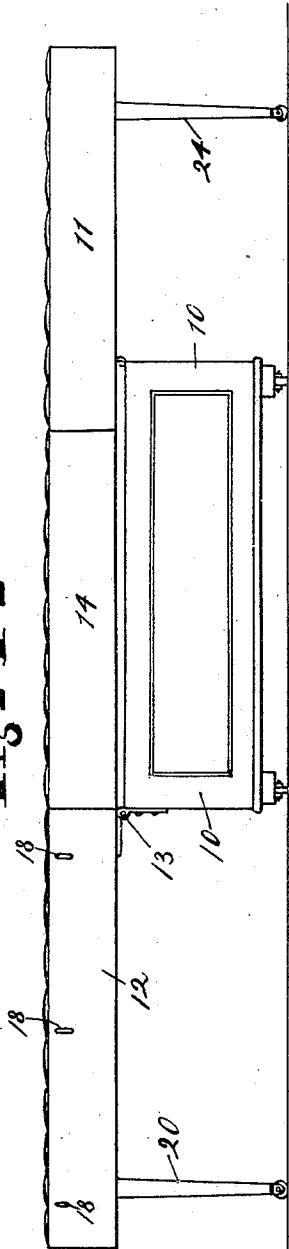


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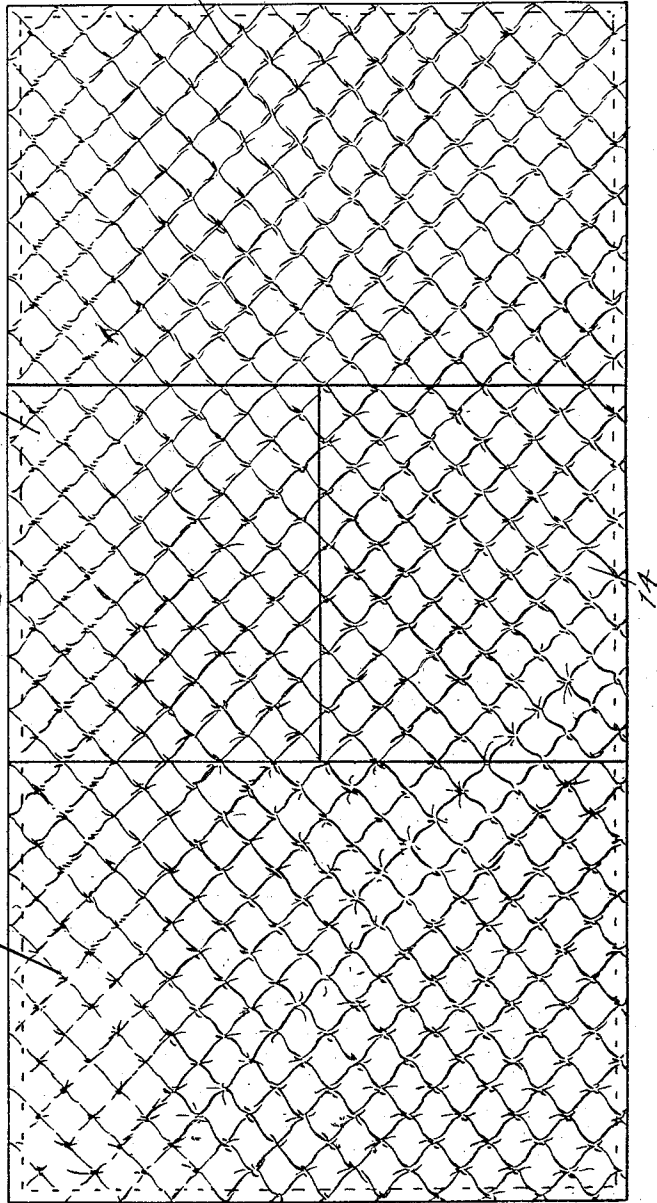
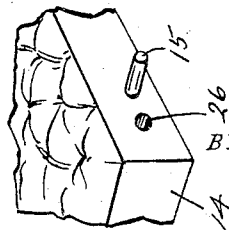


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. LAMBERT, of Anderson, county of Madison, and State of Indiana, have invented a certain new and useful Bed-Couch; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals refer to like parts.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved folding bed couch or davenport.

The chief feature of the invention consists in utilizing the ends of the couch for the central section of the bed between the two outside sections thereof which are formed by the seat and the back of the couch respectively.

The nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawings and the following description and claims:

In the drawings Figure 1 is a front elevation of the couch. Fig. 2 is an end elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a side elevation when converted into a bed. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the bed formed from the couch. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a lower corner of an end portion, the major part of said portion being broken away.

In detail there is shown a frame 10, which constitutes the bottom of the couch and the supports for the central portion of the bed. Upon it there is a seat 11 of the couch which rests upon said frame 10.

12 is the back of the couch, the lower edge of which rests upon the frame 10 and is hinged to said frame by the hinges 13 at the rear so that the back can be turned down rearwardly.

14 are the ends of the couch, which rest upon the ends of the seat portion 11, having downwardly projecting pins 15 that enter recesses or holes 16 in the wooden frame portion of the seat 11, whereby the ends are held in place along the bottom edges. Hooks 17 are pivoted on the outer surfaces of the ends 14 and adapted to engage eyes 18 in the ends of the back 12, as seen in Fig. 2. In this manner the ends of the couch are held securely in place.

In converting the couch into a bed, the hooks 17 are released from the eyes 18 and the back 12 is turned down to a horizontal position as shown in Fig. 4. The back

has legs 20 hinged thereto so that they swing down to a vertical position as shown in Fig. 4, and support the outer edge of the back, and when the back is folded up rest in a recess, as shown in Fig. 3. The ends 14 are lifted off the seat portion 11 when the seat portion is drawn outwardly from the position shown in Fig. 3 to that shown in Fig. 4, until the stop-lugs 21 on the inner edge of the seat portion, and which project and slide through slots 22 in the bottom frame 10, reach the outer ends of the slots at 23. Thus the inner edge of the seat 11 is held from escaping from the bottom frame 10 and is supported thereby, while the outer edge is supported by legs 24 that are hinged to said seat member, so as to drop down to a vertical position when pulled out and support the same, and at another time is folded into a suitable recess in the seat, as heretofore known in furniture art. Then the ends 14 are slipped in between the back 12 and seat portion 11, as shown in Fig. 5. Each end along its lower edge is not only provided with pins 15 heretofore described, and which on the two ends are staggered with relation to each other, but also there are holes 26 in the bottom surface of said ends, whereby when they are turned in the horizontal position against each other, the lugs on one end portion will enter the holes in the other end portion somewhat like the leaves of a dining table, and thus enable the end portions to be brought adjacent each other and also hold them from lateral movement.

For converting the bed into a couch the ends are first drawn out from between the other members of the bed, the back turned up to a vertical position, the seat pushed in against the back, and the ends mounted upon the seat and fastened to the back.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A convertible bed couch having a base portion, a back portion hinged at its lower edge to said base portion so it can be turned rearwardly from the vertical to a horizontal position, pivoted legs for supporting the outer edge thereof, a seat portion slidable horizontally upon said frame, means for limiting the outward movement of said seat portion, folding legs for supporting the outer edge of the seat portion, end portions adapted to be lowered between the back and seat portions when arranged for a bed, and

means for holding said end portions in connection with said seat and back portions when forming a couch.

2. A convertible bed couch including a
5 base frame with a back portion pivoted at its lower edge to said base frame so that it can be folded down to a horizontal position, folding legs for supporting the outer edge thereof, a seat portion slidable on said frame,
10 lugs extending down from the rear edge of said seat portion, stops on the frame for engaging said lugs and limiting the outward movement of said seat portion, folding legs for supporting the outer edge of said seat
15 portion, end portions adapted to be slipped in against each other and between the back and seat portions when formed into a bed,

the bottom edges of said end portions having pins thereon and holes therein adapted to register with each other when brought together to form a bed, said seat portion having holes at the ends thereof to receive the pins in the end portions when forming a couch, and hooks and eyes for connecting the end portions with the back portion when
20 forming the couch.
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In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of the witnesses herein named.

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