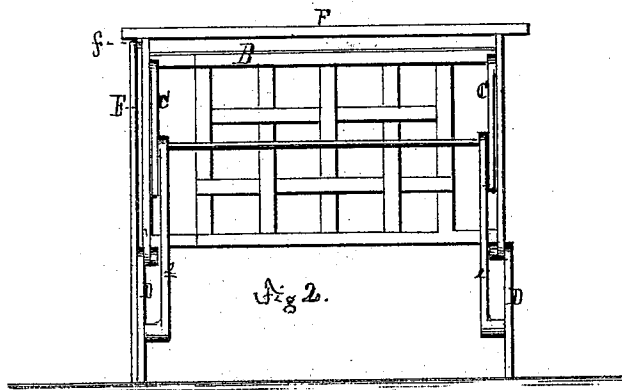
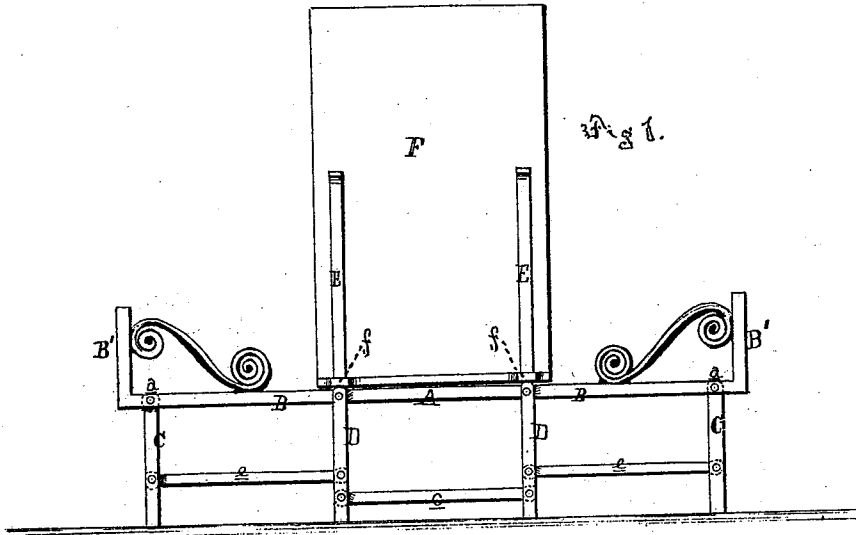


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IMPROVEMENT IN BEDSTEADS AND TABLES.

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

To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WILSON, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combined Iron Folding Bedstead and Table; and I do declare that the following is a true and accurate description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon, and being a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, showing the device as formed into a bedstead.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the device, when folded into a table.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

The invention has for its object the construction of a folding iron bedstead, in such a manner that, when folded up, it may be converted into a table, and its character concealed, by throwing over it a suitable cloth.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction of the bedstead in three parts, hinged together, and operating in the manner hereinafter described, and provided with an adjustable wooden cover, to convert it into a table, when folded up, as hereinafter set forth.

In the drawing—

A represents the central section of my bedstead, consisting of a light wrought-iron frame, to the sides of which are riveted the ends of light interlaced straps. At the outer corners, *b*, are pivoted the standards, D, forming folding legs, the pair on each side of the bedstead being connected together by a bar, *c*, whose ends are pivoted to studs in the lower part thereof.

B are the head and foot sections, constructed in the same manner as the central section A, to which they are pivoted at *b*. They are provided with a light frame-work, projecting upward, at right angles with the extremities, to form the head and foot boards B'. At the outer corners of the head and foot sections legs C are pivoted thereto, as shown at *a*. Radius bars *e* are pivoted, at either end, to the legs C and D respectively.

E is a pair of vertical standards, secured to and rising from the outside of one of the pairs of the legs D, at one side of the bed, the upper ends of the standards curving slightly inward.

F is a board, whose width equals that of the head

and foot board together, and whose length is the width of the bed. At its lower inner corners are secured metallic slides, through which the standards E pass.

When the device is extended for use as a bedstead, the board F stands vertically at one side of the bed, sliding down the standards for that purpose. To convert the bedstead into a table, occupying one-third of the superficial area of the bedstead, the end sections are folded up on their pivots, so that they exchange their horizontal for the position shown in fig. 2, the radius bars *e* causing the end legs C to fold in close to the sides as the change is effected; the head and foot boards form a firm foundation for the board F, which is now drawn up to the top of the standards E, whose curved ends allow it to be laid in a horizontal position, covering the whole, and thus forming the table.

The mattress for this bed should be made in sections, conforming in size to the sections A B of the bedstead, so that they may be stowed away with the necessary bed-clothing in the receptacle formed by turning up the end sections.

A suitable table-cover thrown over the whole effectually conceals its true character.

It is not deemed necessary to enlarge upon the benefits and advantages of this construction and combination, as its utility will be apparent to the most casual observer.

I am well aware that iron folding bedsteads of various kinds are in use, and, while I expressly disclaim the invention of such,

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

1. The construction and arrangement of the central section A, end sections B, provided with head and foot boards B', and pivoted together, as shown, the legs C D, bars *c*, and radius bars *e*, substantially as and for the purposes herein described.

2. The combination, with one of the pairs of legs D, of a folding bedstead, constructed as herein described, the standards E and board F, whereby the same may be converted into a table, substantially as described.

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