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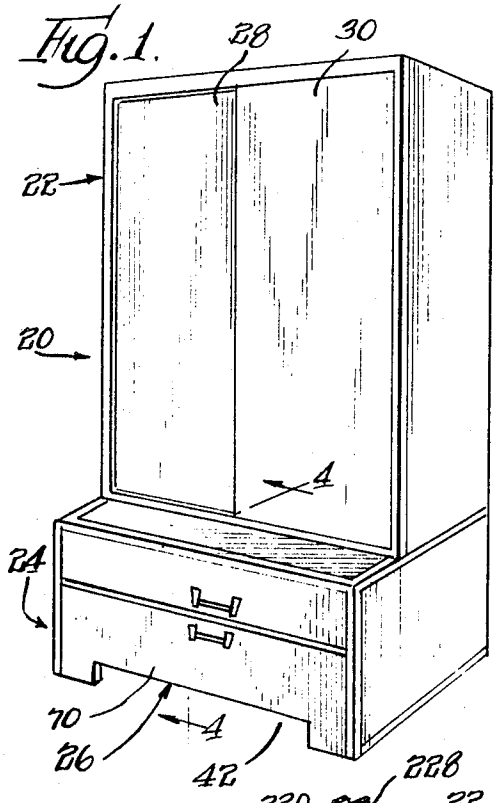


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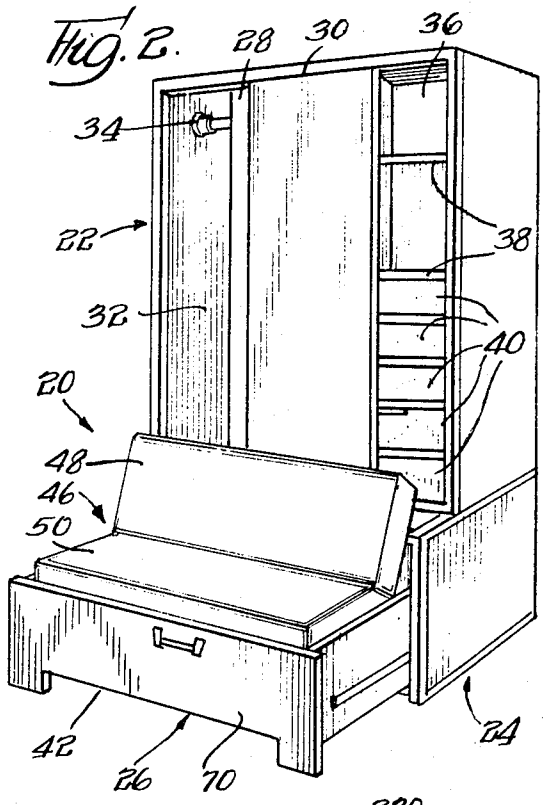
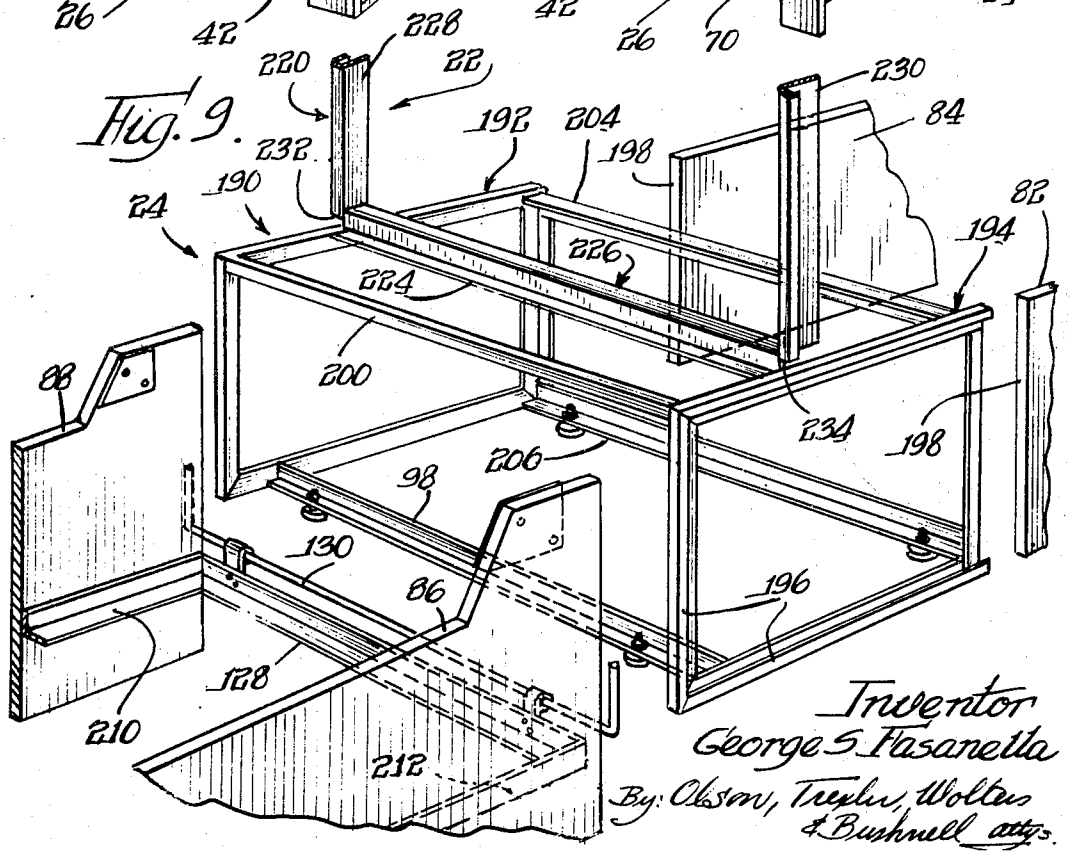


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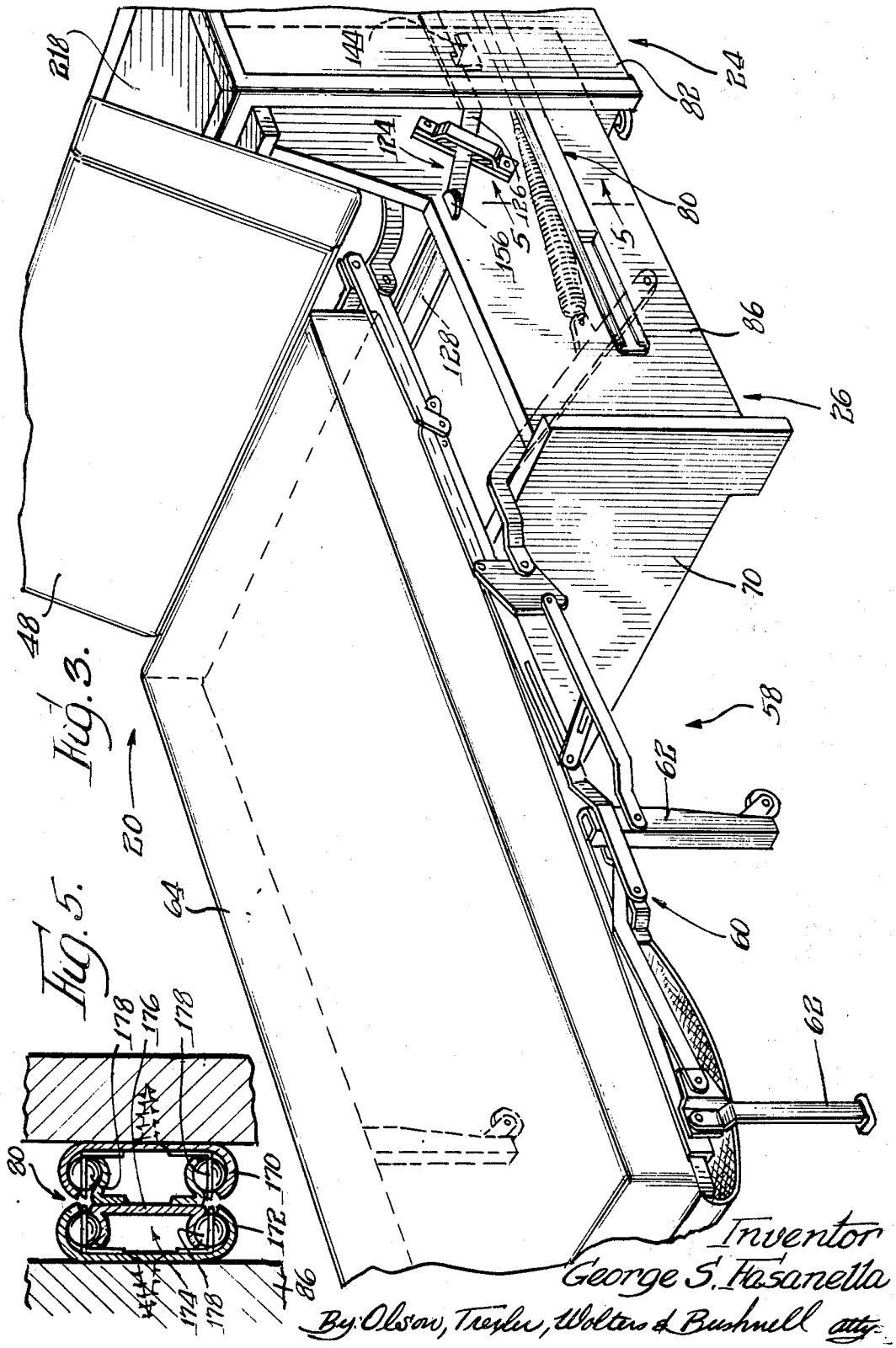


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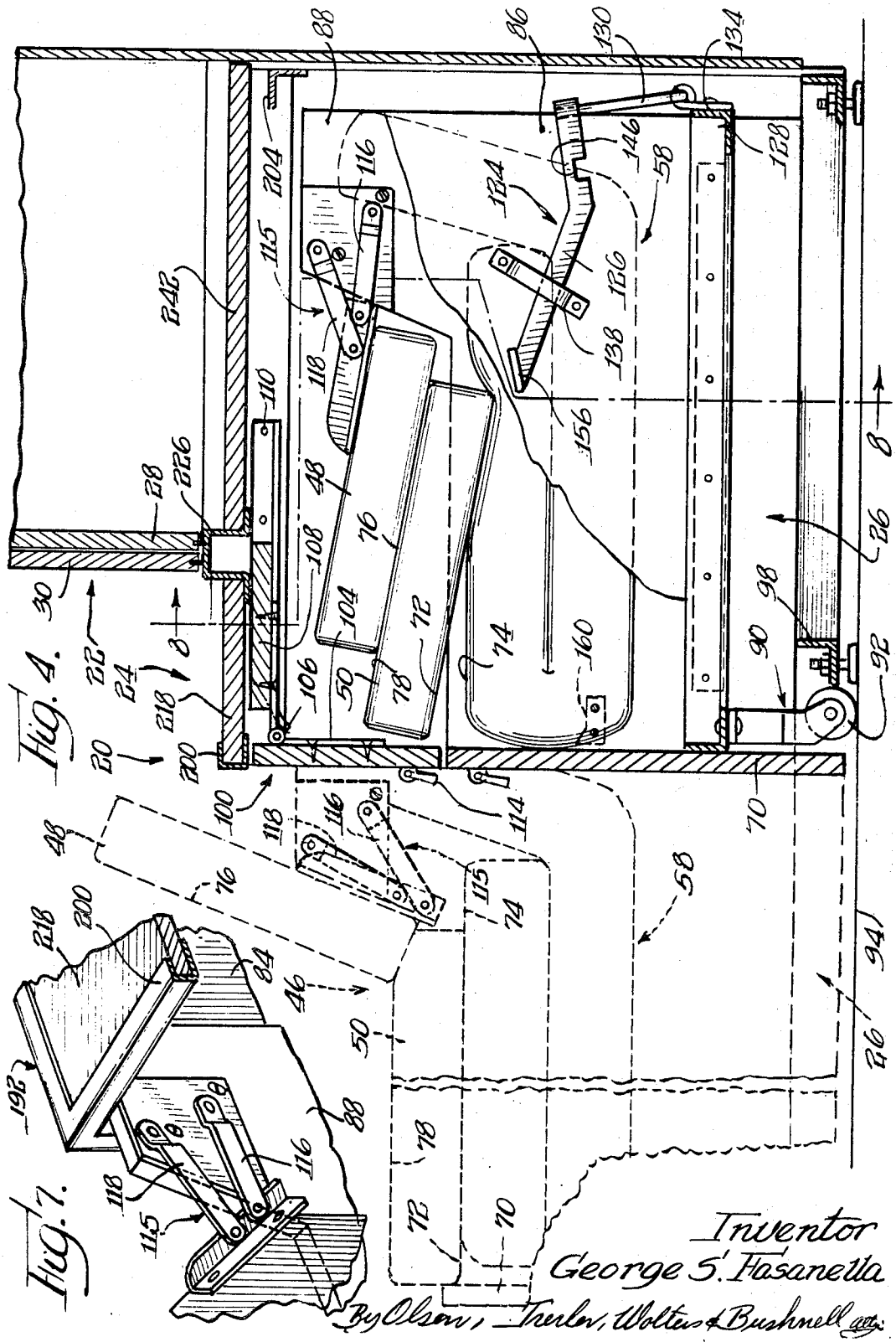


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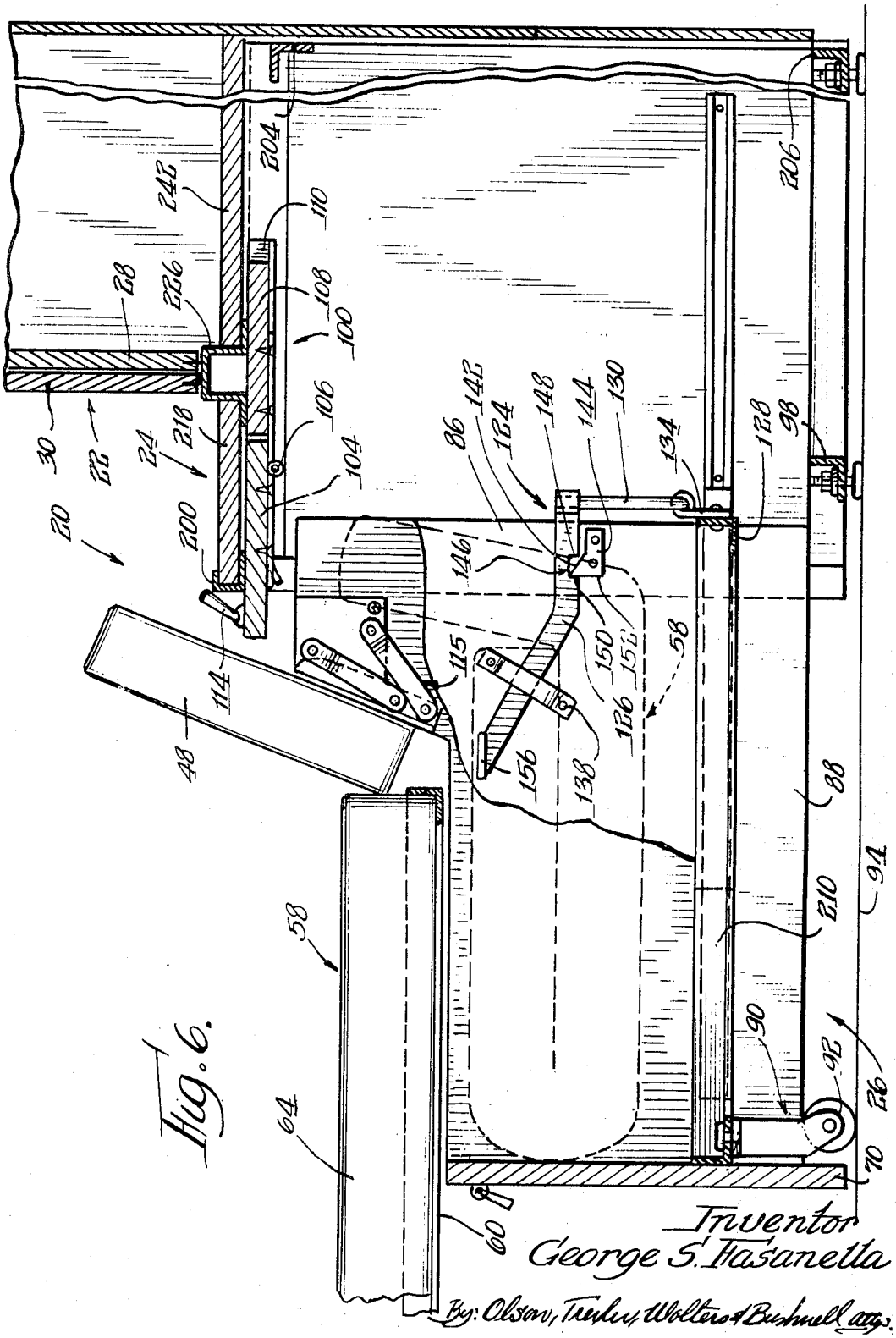
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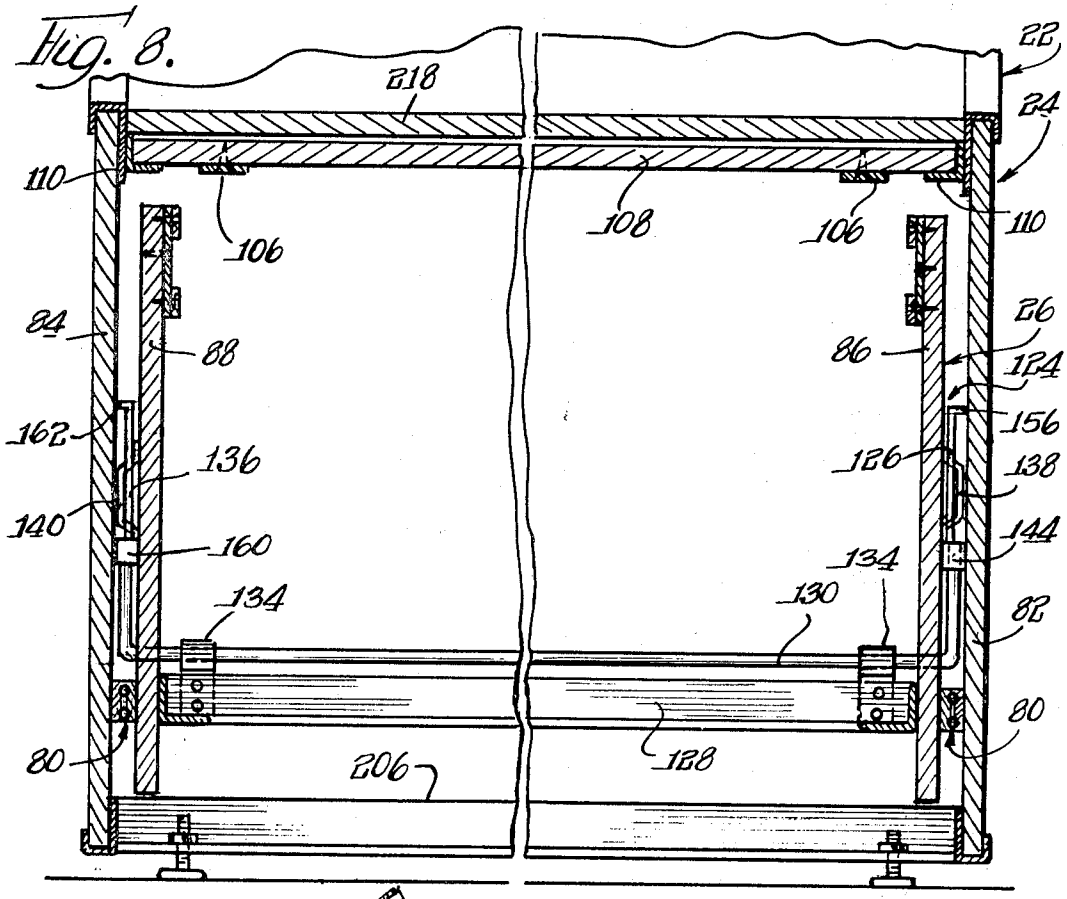


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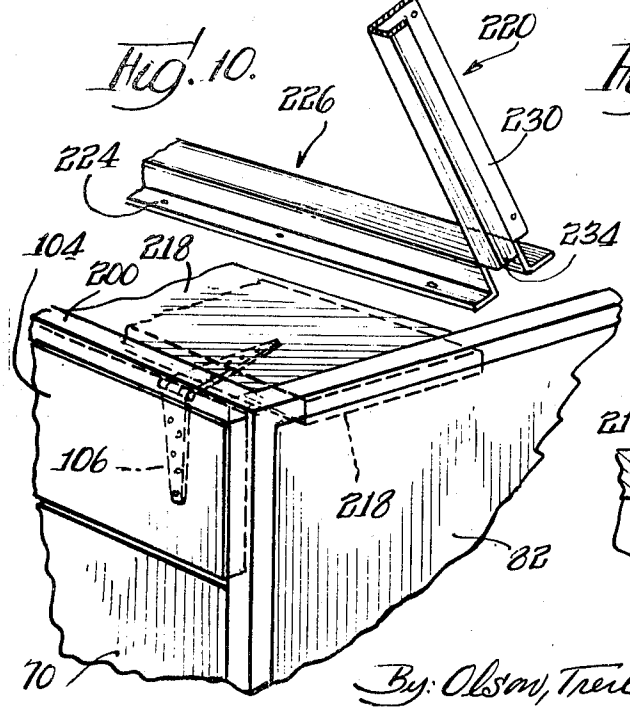
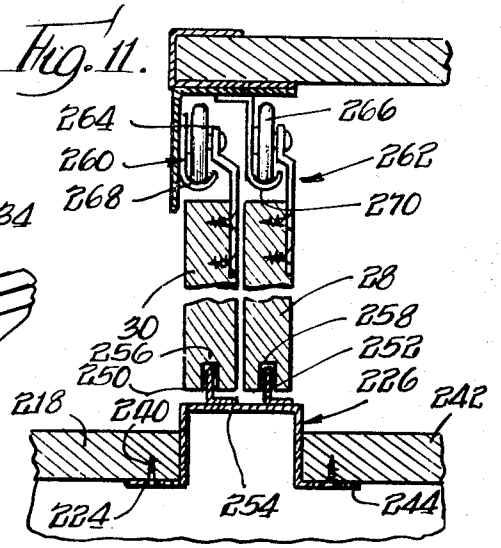


Fig. 11.



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A combined bed, bench, closet and dresser wherein the bed and bench are both concealed within a base compartment from which they may be selectively withdrawn for their functional use.

The greatly increasing student enrollment at most colleges and universities has required the erection of additional dormitory facilities. These dormitory facilities must make efficient use of all the available space to provide the requisite student housing. In previous dormitory constructions, the individual living and study area provided for each student included space for a bed, closet, desk, dresser and an occasional chair or bench. The floor area required for these furnishings dictates, to a considerable extent, the size of the room for each student. Of course, the number of students which can be housed in a given dormitory structure is a direct function of the size of the room required for each student.

Attempts have been made in the past to provide compact student furnishings to reduce the living space required by each student. These previous efforts have resulted, for the most part, in the provision of convertible beds which are used during the day as couches. The use of convertible beds has increased the number of students which can be comfortably housed in a given dormitory structure. However, the space required for each student's convertible bed, closet and dresser is relatively large.

Therefore, it is an object of this invention to provide a highly compact furniture ensemble which combines the functions of a bed, bench, closet and dresser.

Another object of this invention is to provide a durable and compact furniture ensemble which is also appealing to the aesthetic senses of a viewer.

Another object of this invention is to provide a furniture ensemble which combines the functions of a bed, bench, closet and dresser which can be constructed with a minimum of effort and tools.

These and other objects and features of the invention will become more apparent upon reading the following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a furniture ensemble forming a preferred embodiment of the invention;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the furniture ensemble of FIG. 1, illustrating the ensemble with doors for a closet section of the ensemble open to reveal the structure of the closet section, and with a drawer or carriage in a base section of the ensemble pulled out to form a bench;

FIG. 3 is an enlarged partial perspective view of the furniture ensemble of FIG. 1, illustrating the ensemble with a collapsible bed structure projecting outwardly from the drawer in the base section;

FIG. 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of FIG. 1, illustrating the relationship of the collapsible bed structure and drawer to the base section of the furniture ensemble when the bed is in a storage position within the base section;

FIG. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view, taken along the line 5—5 of FIG. 3, illustrating the construction of a guide and support track assembly for the drawer;

FIG. 6 is an enlarged sectional view, similar to FIG. 4, illustrating the positioning of the drawer and collapsible bed structure relative to the base section of the furniture ensemble when the bed is in a normal or operational position illustrated in FIG. 3;

FIG. 7 is an enlarged fragmentary view illustrating a linkage assembly for attaching a bolster cushion to the drawer;

FIG. 8 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view, taken along the line 8—8 of FIG. 4, illustrating the relationship of a latch assembly to the drawer and base section when the drawer is positioned in the base section as shown in FIG. 4;

FIG. 9 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view illustrating a frame structure for supporting panels to form the furniture ensemble of FIG. 1;

FIG. 10 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view partially illustrating the assembly of the furniture ensemble; and

FIG. 11 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view illustrating the construction of sliding doors for the closet section of the furniture ensemble of FIG. 1.

Referring now to the drawings in greater detail, a furniture ensemble or assembly **20** forming a preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in FIG. 1. The furniture ensemble **20** includes a closet or upper storage section **22** for holding wearing apparel or other articles, and a base or lower storage section **24** into which a relatively large drawer or carriage **26** is slidably received. The closet section **22** includes a pair of sliding doors **28** and **30** which have been moved into alignment with each other in FIG. 2 to reveal the interior structure of the closet section **22**. As is seen in FIG. 2, the interior of the closet section **22** is partitioned into a first or left-hand compartment or receptacle **32** in which clothes can be hung in a well-known manner from a horizontally extending support shaft or clothes bar **34**. A second or right-hand compartment or receptacle **36** is positioned adjacent to te receptacle **32**, and includes a plurality of shelves **38** and drawers or receptacles **40** for holding miscellaneous items of wearing apparel. Access to the closet section **22** of the furniture ensemble **20** is facilitated by a recess or cutout **42** in the lower front portion of the drawer **26**. The recess or cutout **42** is adapted to receive the feet of a person who is opening the sliding doors **28** and **30** and removing objects from the interior of the closet section **22** (see FIG. 1 also).

The drawer **26** is shown in FIG. 2 in a position extending transversely outwardly from the base section **24** to provide a support structure for a bench or seat **46** which is formed by a back or bolster cushion **48** and a base or seat cushion **50**. The bench **46** is positioned immediately in front of the base section **24** and extends longitudinally across the base section. The bolster **48** is positioned a short distance in front of the closet section **22** to provide access to the lowermost drawers **40**, even though the bolster **48** extends above an upper surface of the base section **24**. While the upwardly extending bolster **48** does, to a limited extent, reduce the access to the drawers **40**, the relatively large upwardly extending transverse width of the bolster is required to provide a comfortable support for the back of a person sitting on the bench **46**.

The furniture ensemble **20** is shown in FIG. 3 in a third position with the base cushion **50** removed and a collapsible or folding bed structure **58** extending outwardly from the drawer **26**. The collapsible or folding bed structure **58** includes an articulated frame assembly **60** which is supported by a plurality of outwardly and downwardly extending legs **62** which engage a floor or

other support surface. A mattress **64** is positioned on the frame **60** to provide comfortable support for a person lying on the folding bed **58**. It should be noted that the bolster **48** is retained in the same position shown in FIG. 2 to provide a head section for the bed.

The bed **58**, bolster **48** and base section **50** are shown in FIG. 4 in a storage position which corresponds to FIG. 1. The drawer **26** is enclosed within the base section **24** so that a front panel **70** of the drawer forms an outer surface of the generally rectangular base section **24**. In the storage position, the bed structure **58** is collapsed, in a well-known manner, with a lower or inner surface **72** of the cushion **50** against a bottom or base surface **74** of the bed structure **58**. The bolster **48** is pivoted downwardly into a storage position with a support or back engaging surface **76** in planar abutting engagement with an outer or seat engaging support surface **78** of the base cushion **50**. When so positioned, the bed **58**, base cushion **50** and bolster **48** form a compact structure or assembly which is readily enclosed in the base section **24** and supported by the drawer **26**.

The drawer **26** is supported in the base section **24** by a pair of guide rail assemblies **80** (see FIG. 5 taken in conjunction with FIGS. 3 and 8). The guide rail assemblies **80** are mounted intermediate opposite end panels or walls **82** and **84** of the base section **24** and side walls **86** and **88** of the drawer **26**. As will be explained in greater detail subsequently, the guide rail assemblies **80** function to both support the drawer **26** and to guide the movement of the drawer from the position shown in solid lines in FIG. 4 to the position shown in dashed lines in FIG. 4. The drawer **26** is also supported by a caster assembly **90** (see FIG. 4) which includes a wheel **92** which is positioned in rolling engagement with a support surface **94**. The wheel **92** engages a rail **98** when the drawer is in the closed position of FIG. 4. The rail **98** acts as a stop member to limit rearward motion of the drawer **26** relative to the base section **24**.

An articulated sliding door assembly **100** is movably mounted on the base section **24** to conceal the bolster cushion **48** and base cushion **50** from view when they are stored in the base section. The door assembly **100** includes a first or closure panel **104** which is connected by hinges **106** to a second or guide panel **108**. The guide panel **108** is slidably mounted on a pair of tracks or channels **110** (only one of which is shown in FIG. 4) which are connected to the opposite end panels **82** and **84** of the base section. The channels **110** act as guide and support track assemblies upon which the panels **104** and **108** slide from a closed position shown in FIG. 4 to an open position shown in FIG. 6. The door assembly **100** is moved from the closed position to the open position by grasping a handle **114** on the panel **104** and pivoting the panel about the hinges **106**. Contemporaneously therewith, a rearward force is exerted on the handle **114** to slide the door panels **104** and **108** rearwardly on the channels **110** to the open position shown in FIG. 6. When the door assembly **100** is moved to the open position, the drawer **26** can be moved outwardly relative to the base section from the closed or storage position shown in solid lines in FIG. 4 to an open or operational position shown in dashed lines in FIG. 4.

Referring now to FIG. 4, taken in connection with FIG. 2, when the drawer **26** is moved from the storage position shown in solid lines in FIG. 4 to the open position shown in dashed lines in FIG. 4, the bolster **48** can be pivoted upwardly, as shown in FIG. 2, to form a back support for the bench **46**. This pivoting movement of the bolster **48** is controlled by a pair of linkage assemblies **115** which are mounted adjacent opposite ends of the bolster **48** and connected to the sidewalls **86** and **88** of the drawer **26**. One of the linkage assemblies **115** is shown in perspective in FIG. 7 and includes a pair of connector links **116** and **118** which securely connect the bolster **48** to the sidewalls of the drawer **26**. The links **116** and **118** are both pivotally connected at one end to the sidewalls of the drawer **26** and at the other end to the bolster **48**. This pivotal connection between the links, the bolster and the drawer, enables the bolster to be pivoted from the storage position, shown in solid lines in FIG. 4, to the open position shown in dashed lines in FIG. 4.

Once the bolster **48** has been moved to the open position shown in dashed lines in FIG. 4, the linkage assembly **115** holds the bolster in an upwardly extending position relative to the drawer **26** so that it does not slip when an individual is sitting down on the bench **46** or rising from the bench. In the open position, the bolster **48** is held by the linkage assembly **115** with the support surface **76** positioned for engagement with the back of a person sitting on the bench **46**. The base cushion **50** is positioned in abutting engagement with the lower edge of the bolster cushion **48** (as shown in dashed lines in FIG. 4) to provide a support for the buttocks of a person seated on the bench **46**. The cushion **50** is supported in this position by the bottom or base surface **74** of the collapsed bed **58** which is located immediately beneath the cushion.

The drawer **26** is locked in the position shown in dashed lines in FIG. 4 by a latch assembly **124** which is best seen in FIGS. 6 and 8. The latch assembly **124** prevents the drawer **26** from moving rearwardly into the base structure **24** when a person sits on or rises from the bench **46**. The latch assembly **124**, as seen in FIG. 6, includes a latch bar or lever **126** which is pivotally connected to a frame or support member **128** of the drawer **26** by a generally U-shaped link **130**. The generally U-shaped link **130** extends longitudinally across the rear of the drawer **26**, and is connected to the frame member **128** by a pair of brackets **134**, as shown in FIG. 8. A second latch bar or lever **136** is connected to the link **130** on the opposite side of the drawer **26** and is substantially identical in construction and function to the latch bar **126**. The latch bars **126** and **136** are limited in their movement relative to the drawer **26** by a pair of brackets **138** and **140** which are mounted on opposite side walls **86** and **88** of the drawer **26**. The bracket **140** is substantially identical in shape to the bracket **138** which is perhaps most clearly seen in FIG. 6. The bracket **138** projects outwardly to form a guide channel in which the latch lever **126** is freely moved upwardly from the released or unlatched position shown in FIG. 4 to the latched or retaining position shown in FIG. 6 when the drawer is open.

Opening the drawer causes the latch lever **126** to engage a cam surface **142** on a latch lug **144** mounted on the sidewall **82**. Sliding engagement between the cam surface **142** and the latch lever **126** forces the lever **126** upwardly from the position shown in FIG. 4 toward the position shown in FIG. 6 as the drawer **26** is pulled forwardly out of the base section **24**. The forward movement of the drawer continues until the latch lug **144** engages a latch recess **146** which is formed in the latch lever **126**. When the latch lug **144** engages the latch recess **146**, a rearmost stop surface **148** of the recess **146** engages the cam surface **142** of the latch lug **144** to halt the movement of the drawer **26**. A forward surface **150** of the recess **146** is positioned to engage a forward surface **152** of the latch lug **144** to prevent the drawer **26** from being moved rearwardly from the open position of FIG. 6 to the storage position, shown in FIG. 4 in solid lines, until the latch assembly **124** is released. The latch assembly **124** is released by manually lifting an outer end portion or release handle **156** of the latch lever **126** to pivot the latch lever upwardly and thereby disengage the recess **146** from the latch lug **144**. As is seen in FIG. 8, a latch lug **160** is mounted on the sidewall **88** and is associated with the latch lever **136**. The latch lug **160** and latch lever **136** cooperate in much the same manner as do the latch lug **144** and the latch lever **126**. The latch lever **136** is released by moving an outer end portion or

release handle 162 to pivot the latch lever 136 out of engagement with the lug 160.

The two latch levers 126 and 136 are interconnected by the link 130. Therefore, when either one of the latch levers 126 or 136 is pivoted to a released position, the opposite latch lever is also pivoted to a released position so that the drawer 26 can be moved rearwardly into the base section 24 from the open position shown in FIG. 6. This feature enables the latch assembly to be released or disengaged from either side of the furniture ensemble 20. It should be noted that the latch levers 126 and 136 project outwardly from the base section 24 when the drawer 26 is open so that the release sections 156 and 162 of the latch levers are readily accessible. However, when the drawer 26 is in the storage position, as shown in solid lines in FIG. 4, the latch levers 126 and 136 are positioned within the base section 24 where they are concealed and do not catch on the clothing of a person passing by the furniture ensemble 20.

The construction of the guide rail assembly 80 for the right-hand side of the ensemble is seen in FIG. 5. The guide rail assembly 80 includes a first rail 170 which is fixedly mounted on the end panel 82 of the base section 24. A second rail or track 172 is fixedly mounted on the sidewall 86 of the drawer 26. The two rails 170 and 172 are interconnected by a carriage assembly 174. The carriage assembly 174 includes a central frame member or cage 176 upon which a plurality of ball bearing elements 178 are mounted. The bearing elements 178 are positioned in rolling engagement with arcuate inner surfaces of the rails 170 and 172 to interconnect the two rails and support a rear end portion of the drawer 26 while guiding the outward movement of the drawer as it is moved from the position shown in FIG. 4 to the position shown in FIG. 6. The construction of guide rail assemblies, similar to the assembly 80, is well known to those skilled in the art, and need not be described in greater detail at this time.

The construction of the ensemble 20 is illustrated in FIGS. 9, 10 and 11. Referring to FIG. 9, the base section 24 is advantageously fabricated from a rectangular metal framework or assembly 190 which provides a rigid support structure for the furniture ensemble 20. The framework 190 includes a pair of spaced apart, substantially parallel, rectangular end frames 192 and 194 which are formed by rigidly interconnected channels having a generally J-shaped cross section. The J-channels are positioned with a hook section 196 of the channels turned inwardly toward ech other to form a generally U-shaped frame which encloses an outer end portion or area 198 of end panels 82 and 84. The panels 82 and 84 are forced into the rectangular frames 192 and 194 in abutting engagement with the hook sections of the J-channels to form opposite end walls of the base section 24. The J-channels protect the outer ends 198 of the panels 82 and 84, and prevent the panels from being damaged by severe usage.

The end frames 192 and 194 are interconnected by longitudinally extending rails 200, 204, 206 and the rail 98 to define a rigid rectangular box frame into which the drawer 26 slides. The drawer 26 includes a pair of spaced apart parallel side rails 210 and 212 which are interconnected by the end rail 128. The sidewalls 86 and 88 are mounted on the side rails 210 and 212 and are interconnected by the front panel 70 (see FIG. 3) to form a generally U-shaped drawer or carriage.

As is perhaps best seen in FIGS. 6 and 10, a panel 218 is mounted on the base frame with a forward end of the panel enclosed by the J-shaped rail 200. A frame 220 for the closet section 22 is connected to the panel 218. The inner or rear edge of the panel 218 rests on a flange 224 which extends from a flanged-U or hat-shaped channel or rail 226 of the frame 220. The hat-shaped channel 226, as is best seen in FIG. 9, extends for the entire longitudinal length of the frame assembly 190. The hat-shaped channel 226 is mounted in abutting engagement with upwardly extending shank portions of the J-shaped channels forming the frames 192 and 194. The frame 220 includes a pair of upwardly extending J-shaped rails or channels 228 and 230 having ends 232 and 234 which abut the frameworks 192 and 194 and are connected to the hat-shaped channel 226 to support the channel 226 in the position shown in FIG. 4. The rearmost edge of the panel 218 is attached to the hat-shaped channel 226 by suitable connection means, such as the screws 240 of FIG. 11. A panel 242 is connected to an opposite flange 244 of the hat-shaped channel 226 to form a floor for the closet section 22.

Referring to FIG. 11, a pair of guide angles 250 and 252 are mounted on an upper surface or bite section 254 of the hat-shaped channel 226. The two guide angles 250 and 252 are positioned in mating engagement with slots 256 and 258 which are formed in lower ends of the doors 28 and 30. The doors 28 and 30 are connected at their upper ends to a pair of hanger assemblies 260 and 262 which include wheels 264 and 266 supported on a pair of spaced apart parallel tracks 268 and 270. It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the hanger assemblies 260 and 262 support the doors for transverse sliding movement relative to the base section 24 of the furniture ensemble 20. The movement of the doors relative to each other and the base section is guided by the angles 250 and 252 which engage the slots 256 and 258 in the lower end portion of the doors 28 and 30.

For purposes of affording a more complete understanding of the invention, it is advantageous now to provide a functional description of the mode in which the component parts cooperate. The furniture ensemble 20 includes a closet section 22 and a base section 24. It is contemplated that the closet section 22 will be shipped disassembled or "knocked down" to a dormitory or other location where the furniture ensemble 20 is to be used and assembled at the location. The assembly of the furniture ensemble 20 is facilitated by the utilization of a basic frame structure 190 into which panels 82 and 84 will be inserted to form the sides of the base section 24. A forward upper panel 218 (see FIG. 10) will then be positioned in engagement with a forward channel 200 of the base section 24 as shown in FIG. 4. The closet frame 220 and hat-shaped channel 226 are then attached to the base section 24 by rocking the frame in a clockwise direction from the position shown in FIG. 10 to the position shown in FIG. 9 to position a forward flange 224 of the hat-shaped channel 226 beneath the panel 218 as shown in FIG. 11. The next stop in the construction of the furniture ensemble 20 involves the attaching of the floor panel 242 to the rear flange 244 of the hat-shaped channel 218. The construction of the furniture ensemble 20 is then completed by securing other panels to the closet frame 220 and hanging the doors 28 and 30 as shown in FIG. 11.

The drawer 26, with the bed assembly 58 therein, can then be positioned within the base section 28, as shown in FIG. 4 to form a compact furniture ensemble. When it is desired to position the drawer 26 to form a bench adjacent to the front portion of the closet 22, as shown in FIG. 2, the articulated door assembly 100 will be moved to the open position shown in FIG. 6, and the drawer 26 will be pulled out of the base section 24 to the open position shown in dashed lines in FIG. 5. The bolster 48 will then be pivoted upwardly to the position shown in dashed lines in FIG. 5 to form a back section for the bench 46. The base cushion 50 will be located in juxtaposition with the upper surface 74 of the collapsed bed 58 to form a support for the buttocks of a person seated on the bench 46. The bench 46 is locked in the position shown in dashed lines in FIG. 5 by means of a latch assembly 124 to prevent the drawer from moving relative to the base section when a person is seated on the bench 46.

The collapsed bed 58 can be readily extended to the

position shown in FIG. 3 by merely removing the cushion **50** and grasping a forward end of the frame **60** of the bed and lifting the bed upwardly and outwardly to unfold the articulated frame **60** of the collapsed bed. As the frame **60** is unfolded or extended, the bed will assume the position shown in FIG. 3. As previously indicated, folding or collapsing bed structures, similar to the bed structure **58**, are well known to those skilled in the art and the method of operating them need not be described in greater detail at this time.

As will be apparent to those skilled in the art, to retract the bed into the drawer **26** it is merely necessary to reverse the steps for extending the bed. Thus, the forward end portion of the bed will be folded over and the bed **58** will be pushed inwardly and downwardly to move the bed into the position shown in dashed lines in FIG. 5. After the base cushion **50** has been positioned on the bed **58**, the bolster **48** will be pivoted downwardly toward the position shown in solid lines in FIG. 5. The drawer **26** will then be pushed inwardly, and the articulated door assembly **100** will be pulled outwardly and downwardly to complete the storage of the bed **58**.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it will be apparent that the furniture ensemble **20** combines the functions of a closet by the provision of the section **22**, a dresser by the provision of the drawers **40** and shelves **38**, a bench by the provision of a drawer **26** containing a bolster **48** and base cushion **50** which can be pulled out to the position shown in FIG. 2, and a bed by the provision of the collapsible bed structure **58** which is stored in the drawer **26** when it is not being used. The assembly of the furniture ensemble **20** is facilitated by the utilization of a frame structure having J-shaped channels which receive panels to form the sides of the base section **24** and closet section **22**. The assembly of the furniture ensemble **20** is further facilitated by the use of a hat-shaped channel **226** which serves to interconnect the closet section **22** and base section **24**, and to provide a guide for the sliding doors **28** and **30**.

What is claimed is:

1. A furniture ensemble comprising: a base section providing a compartment beneath the storage section with an access opening; an upstanding storage section connected to said base section for holding articles of wearing apparel; a drawer connected to said base section and containing an articulated bed structure and a seat assembly both concealed within the compartment when the drawer is in a first position, said drawer being movable from said first position to a second position extending outwardly from said base section, and a panel assembly movably mounted on said base section, said panel assembly being movable from an outer position obscuring a portion of said compartment when said drawer is in said first position to an inner position within said compartment in which said portion of said drawer is exposed, said articulated bed structure being movable from a storage position within said drawer to an operational position extending out of said drawer when said drawer is in the second position.

2. A furniture ensemble as set forth in claim **1** wherein: said base section is formed of a rigid metal frame assembly on which a plurality of panels are mounted, said frame assembly including a plurality of channel members which enclose at least a portion of an outer edge area of said panel to mount said panel on said frame assembly.

3. A furniture assembly as set forth in claim **2** wherein: said frame assembly includes a stop member and said drawer is supported by roller means for movement from said first portion to said second position, said roller means being in abutting engagement with said stop member when said drawer is in said first position.

4. An assembly comprising: a base means; a closet structure mounted on and extending upwardly from said base means; a carriage assembly connected to said base means and movable from a first position within said base means to a second position extending outwardly from said base means; a bolster cushion means mounted on said carriage assembly, said bolster cushion means being movable from a storage position within said carriage assembly to a support position extending upwardly from said carriage assembly when said carriage assembly is in said second position; a collapsible bed assembly connected to said carriage assembly, said collapsible bed assembly being movable from a collapsed storage position within said carriage assembly to an extended position projecting outwardly from said carriage assembly when said carriage assembly is in said second position; and a base cushion means, said base cushion means being movable from a storage position within said carriage assembly to a normal position supported by said collapsible bed assembly in engagement with a lower section of said bolster cushion means to form a seat assembly when said carriage assembly is in said second position, said bed assembly is in said collapsed storage position, and said bolster cushion means is in said normal position.

5. An assembly as set forth in claim **4** further including: a panel assembly movably mounted on said base means, said panel assembly including a panel member pivotally connected to a guide member, said panel member being movable from a first upright position concealing an upper portion of said carriage assembly when said carriage assembly is in the first position to a substantially horizontal storage position above said carriage assembly to enable said carriage assembly to be moved from the first position to the second position.

6. An assembly as set forth in claim **5** further including: latch means for locking said carriage assembly in said second position, said latch means including first and second latch release levers mounted on opposite sides of said carriage assembly to enable said latch means to be readily released from either side of said carriage assembly, said latch release levers being enclosed by said base means when said carriage assembly is in said first position and said latch release lever is projecting outwardly of said base means when said carriage asesembly is in said second position to facilitate actuation of said latch release levers when said carriage assembly is in said second position.

7. A furniture ensemble comprising: a base section; an upstanding storage section connected to said base section for holding articles of wearing apparel, said storage section includes a plurality of receptacles mounted for sliding movement in a first direction and a plurality of doors mounted for sliding movement in a second direction to conceal said receptacles; and a drawer connected to said base section and containing an articulated bed structure, said drawer being movable from a first position within said base section to a second position extending outwardly from said base section, said articulated bed structure being movable from a storage position within said drawer to an operational position extending out of said drawer when said drawer is in the second position.

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