

Sanford S. Burr's Folding Bedstead.

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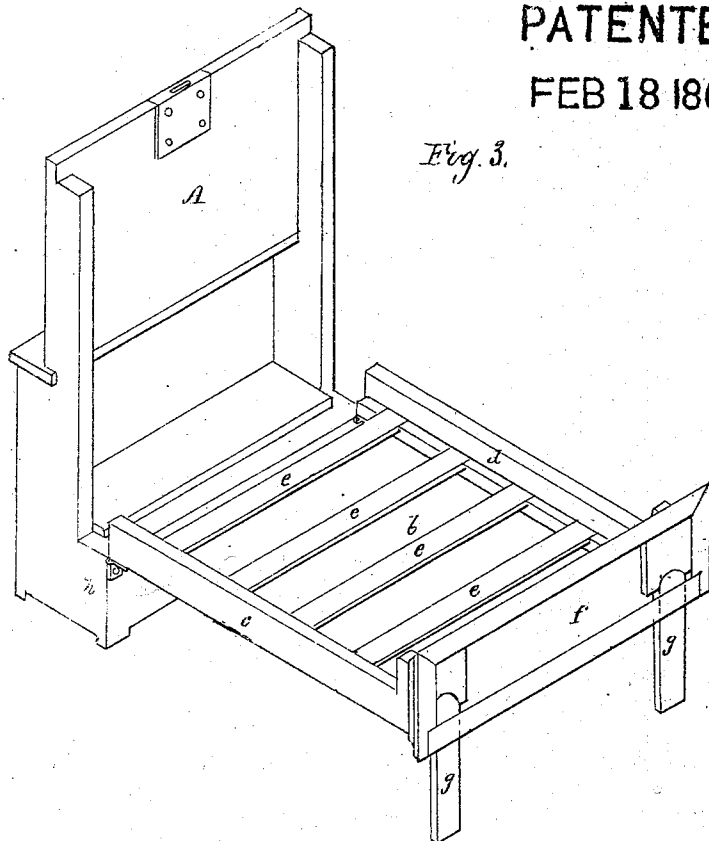


Fig. 1.

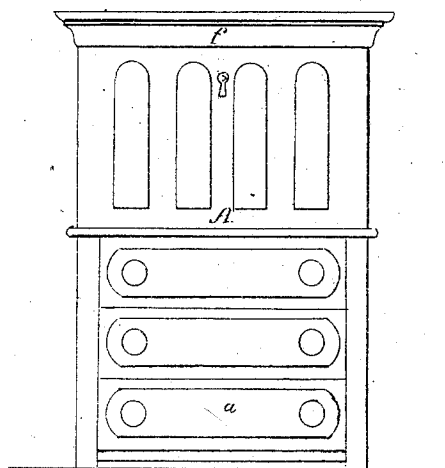
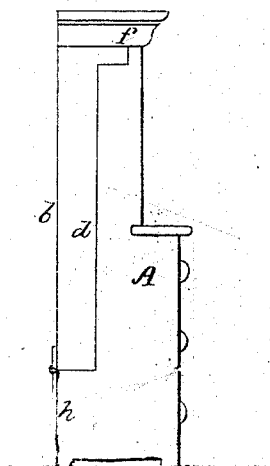


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED FOLDING BEDSTEAD.

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

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Be it known that I, SANFORD S. BURR, of Dedham, county of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Folding or Disguised Bedstead; and do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, due reference being had to the accompanying drawings making part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, and

Figure 2 a side elevation of my invention.

Figure 3, a perspective view of it, as lowered or unfolded and ready for use.

The object of my present invention is to produce an economical and effective folding bedstead, for use in an apartment where the room ordinarily occupied by a bedstead is greatly needed in the day-time, such bedstead, when constructed as hereinafter described, occupying but little space when not used as a bed, and being ornamental in appearance.

The invention consists in an upright box or case, having the appearance in front of an ornamental piece of furniture, but open at its rear side, and provided with a folding bedstead in such manner that when wanted for sleeping purposes the bedstead may be lowered from the rear side thereof into a horizontal position, in manner as hereinafter explained, and as shown in the drawings above referred to, as illustrating my invention.

In such drawings, A denotes an upright case or box, open in rear and in front, made in imitation of or to resemble in appearance a book-case or other appropriate article of furniture, and which may be ornamented to any extent desired. The lower portion of the case A is to be enlarged, and as shown at *h*, and provided with a drawer, *a*, for containing the various articles or utensils needed in a sleeping-apartment. The folding bedstead is shown at *b*, as composed of two side rails, *c d*, the usual slats *e e e*, &c., and with a head-board, *f*, such head-board, when the bedstead is closed, making the top or cap of the false cabinet or article of furniture, such head-board or cap being provided with suitable folding or adjustable legs, *g g*, for the purpose of supporting it and the outer end of the bedstead upon the floor of the apartment when lowered into a horizontal position. The under or rear side of the bedstead or bed-bottom is to be covered with any suitable cheap material for the purpose of preventing entrance of dust to the bed and clothing, or escape of lint, &c., therefrom into the apartment. The side rails *c d* are hinged or pivoted to the upper corner of the enlargement or extension *h*, as shown in the drawings, the depth of such enlargement or extension being equal to the width of the said rails *c d*, in order that when the bed is turned into an upright position these side rails shall make part of and complete the sides of the false piece of furniture.

A suitable lock or catch is to be applied to the upper edge of the front of the case, for the purpose of securing the bedstead in an upright or folded position. The lower portion of the case A, or that usually occupied by the upper drawers of an ordinary book-case, will serve to contain the pillows or extra bedding, &c., the bedstead of course being provided with suitable bedding.

The device above described, when not in use, cannot be distinguished from an ordinary piece of furniture, and occupies but very little space. When wanted at night, it is to be turned round so as to bring its rear side facing the apartment, and the bedstead is to be lowered into a horizontal position, its legs *g g* being turned down into such a position as to support its outer end upon the floor, the bedding being lowered with the bedstead.

The peculiar construction of my invention admits of extreme cheapness, as the front is entire, and not movable nor divisible. As the bedstead, when not in use, is out of sight, it may be made very light, and consequently can be raised and lowered very easily, which would not be the case if the front of the device were movable, as is now the case.

If desirable, a small drawer, for containing toilet articles, may be added to the case A, over the drawer *a* before mentioned.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the upright case or false cabinet, of a folding bedstead, hinged to the rear of the same, and constructed as herein described, so that when folded up its head-board shall constitute the cap or cornice of the cabinet, substantially in the manner shown and set forth.

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