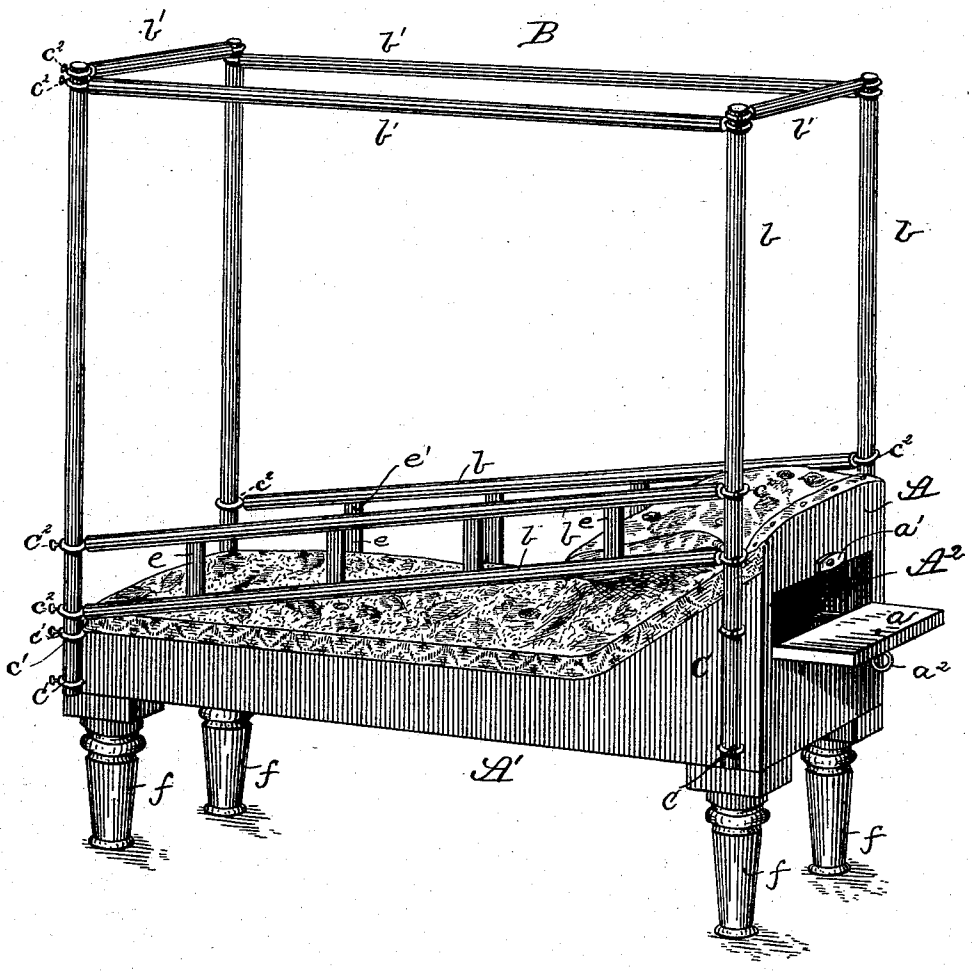
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT C. MILLINGS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Charleston, in the county of Charleston and State of South Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Couches, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to a lounge or other bedstead; and it consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of the different parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of this invention is to provide a receptacle for the deposit of bed-clothes when not in use, and in a new style of netting-frame, the purposes of which are obvious.

In the drawing, A is the receptacle or repository, constructed in the head end of an ordinary bedstead, A′, and serving as a bolster for the pillow, the mattress being upon the repository, as shown. The repository or receptacle may be of any size, form, or shape without departing from the spirit of my invention; but I prefer the one shown in the drawing.

a is the trap-door or lid, opening outwardly, and may be only partially let down in order to take out or return the bed-clothes to said repository A; or it may be so constructed as to let down entirely and rest against the lower part of the head-board, and fastened or held in position, when closed, by button *a′* (or a lock and key may be employed) on upper part of the aperture or opening A^2 in the head-board of the bedstead. The trap-door or lid *a* is manipulated by the knob or ring *a″*, placed centrally in and near the top of the trap-door *a*.

B is the netting-frame, placed in position and ready to receive the net thereon, as seen in the drawing, and *b* shows the side rails of frame B, to prevent the rolling out of bed of the occupant thereof. These rails *b* are placed in position elevated from the foot of the bedstead toward the head thereof, the head end of one of the rails *b* being placed up as high as the top of the head-board, and the other rail *b* placed in position above and parallel with the lower rail at a distance sufficiently higher to prevent the occupant from tumbling out of the bed. Side rails, *b*, have at their ends and screwed therein eyebolts *c*, which slip up and down on the uprights of the frame B, and are held in any position desired by thumb or set screws *c′*.

b′ shows the top rails of the frame B, which are constructed and operated in like manner as side rails, *b*, and also step over the uprights C of frame B and work up and down thereon, being held in position by thumb or set screws c^2 in like manner as side rails, *b*.

e are supports or uprights, arranged at equal distances apart between side rails, *b*, for reasons which are obvious, and may be constructed and fastened into and between said side rails, *b*, by any known device or in any suitable manner.

I further provide as a portion of my invention that the legs be detachable, and can be placed in the receptacle in the head of the bed when not in use and it is desired to transport the bed from one place to another.

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

1. The combination, with the bedstead A′, of the frame B, with its side rails, *b*, and top rails, *b′*, uprights C, set-screws *c′* c^2, and eyebolts *c*, whereby the said frame B is secured to the bedstead A′, substantially as shown and set forth.

2. The frame B, having side rails, *b*, top rails, *b′*, uprights C, set-screws *c′* c^2, eyebolts *c*, and uprights or supports *e*, constructed and arranged substantially as set forth.

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

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