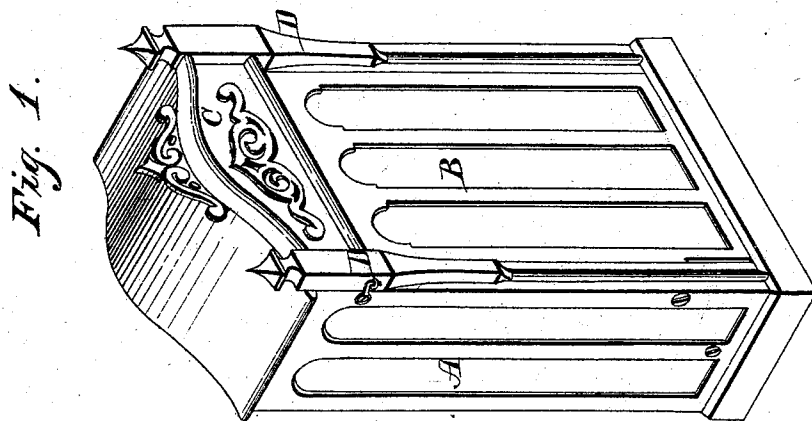
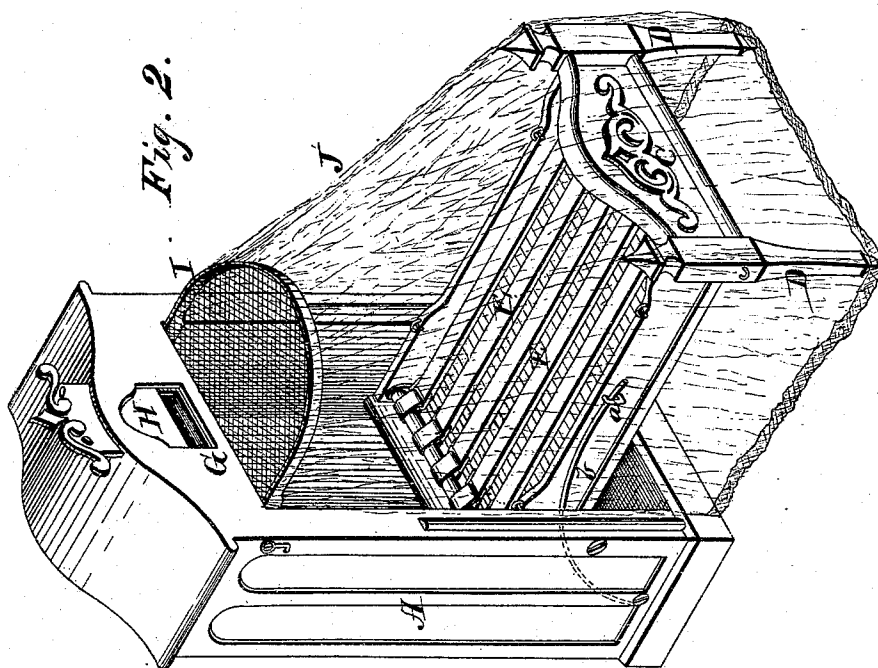


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IMPROVEMENT IN WARDROBE-BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. POST, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of certain parts of a folding or wardrobe bedstead, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my bedstead when folded. Fig. 2 is a similar view thereof when opened for use.

A represents the case, made in the form of a wardrobe, with the front B pivoted between the sides thereof in such a manner and at such a distance above the bottom that when turned down, as shown in Fig. 2, the lower end of said front will be within the case and close to the back thereof. At the upper end of the front B is hinged an end piece, C, with legs D D to support the outer end of said front when thrown down to be used as a bed. When the front is thrown up to close the case A, this end piece folds on the outside thereof, forming an ornament or finish thereto. The front B is provided with suitable side rails to form the sides of the bed, and in a loop, *a*, on each side thereof, is inserted the end of a spring, *b*, the other end of which is secured on the inner side of the case A. These springs assist in raising the bed to close the same. These springs are simply straight or slightly curved bars of tempered metal, and they are secured in a very

cheap and simple manner, by having a loop at their lower ends to receive a screw, by which they are fastened to the frame A. The other end is then loosely thrust through the loops *a* on the side rail of the bed frame, where they may have such amount of play as the circumstances of the case demand. Thus the springs when broken, or otherwise rendered useless, may be at once and readily taken off and new ones inserted without serious expense or trouble.

In the top of the case A is a space, G, with sliding door H for the reception of a chamber, and this space and door are completely hid from view by the end piece *c*, when the bedstead is folded.

I am well aware that it is not new to apply springs to aid in folding the bed-frame of a wardrobe-bedstead, and this I do not claim broadly.

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

1. In a wardrobe-bedstead, the combination of the bed-frame B D, pivoted to the frame at a point between the head and foot, and the single bar-spring *b* attached to the frame by a loop at its lower end, and playing loosely in the staple *a*, which is secured to the side rail, as and for the purpose described.

2. An outer frame or case for a wardrobe-bedstead, having a hollow top, G, provided with a sliding door, H, in combination with the folding foot-board D, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

JOHN W. POST.

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