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Sofa Bedstead,

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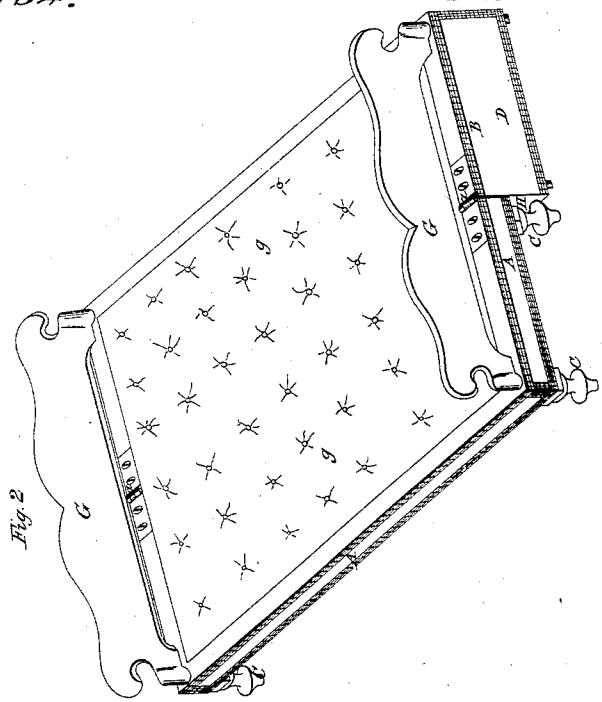


Fig. 2

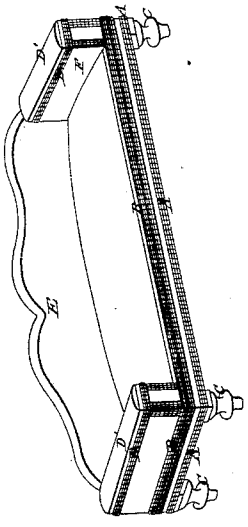


Fig. 1

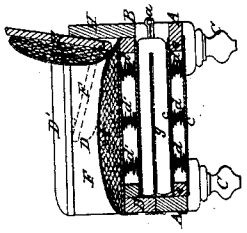


Fig. 3

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SOFA AND BEDSTEAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SEWALL PEARSON, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Sofa-Bedstead; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1, represents a perspective view of the sofa bedstead as a sofa. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same converted into a bedstead. Fig. 3 is a section taken transversely through the sofa as represented in Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

This invention has for its object the construction of a neat and cheap article of furniture which may be made to serve the purposes of a bed with a spring bottom and a sofa with a spring bottom, the same to be constructed in such a manner that the use of the sofa as a bed will not injure it in the least and vice versa. The sofa as a bed will not have the least appearance of a sofa, and when converted to a sofa it will not appear unnatural as such. It will combine in one four distinct articles viz—a sofa, bed and pillows—spring bed—and bedstead.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand my invention I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

In the drawings A, represents the lower, and B, the upper portions of a sofa, which are divided horizontally through the middle of the seat and hinged together at the back at the points *a*, *a*. The lower portion A, is mounted on four legs C, C, and furnished with springs *d*, *d*, that are placed between and secured to transverse strips *c*, *c*, which rest on the two rails *e*, *e*. These springs which are like the ordinary sofa springs are covered on top by a suitable mattress *g*, that is used when the sofa is converted into a bed as shown in Fig. 2.

In the bottom of the upper portion of the sofa are arranged springs *d'*, *d'*, similar to *d*, *d*, that come just over these springs *d*, *d*, when the parts are in the position represented in Figs. 1 and 3, and form in conjunction with the springs *d*, *d*, the springs for the sofa seat the mattress *g*, covers the underside of the springs of the upper portion B, as shown in Figs. 2, and 3.

The portion E, forming the back of the sofa is hinged at *h*, to two short arms that project up from the bottom of portion A, so that this back may be closed up as shown in red lines Fig. 3 so that it will not be in the way when the sofa is to be altered to a bed.

D, D, are the arms of the sofa which in height are equal to that of the legs C, C, so that when the parts are in the position shown by Fig. 2, these arms will serve for legs for the upper portion which will bring the mattress *g*, in a horizontal plane.

The arm cushions D', D', are attached to the arms D, D, so that they can be readily removed and the end cushions F, F, may also be removed at pleasure and will serve as pillows for the bed. G, G, are the head and foot boards, which are the only parts of the contrivance that are not brought into use to form the sofa. These may be stored away in any convenient place out of sight and out of the way.

The manner of using this article of furniture so as to have a comfortable bed and pillows, and a good looking bedstead and a handsome and easy sofa which will not have the appearance of a bed-stead is as follows: The upper and lower portions A, B, are brought together by simply folding them up as represented in Figs. 1, and 3, and the back is opened and rested against the back board H, the pillows are put in the inside of each arm D, and the arm cushions are placed on top of the arms and secured by a pin or in any other suitable manner. This forms a neat and comfortable spring sofa. Now to convert the sofa to a bedstead the arm cushions D', and pillows F, are removed, the back E, is folded over and fastened as shown in red lines Fig. 3, and the two portions A, B, are opened and spread out as shown in Fig. 2, forming a double bed independent of the back of the sofa furnishing ample room for two persons. The

double spring bottom sofa now forms a single spring bottom bed.

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

The arrangement of the hinged arms D D, back board H, hinged back E and part B, with the part A, mattress *g* and springs *d*, *d'*, all as herein shown and described for the purposes set forth.

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