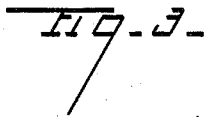
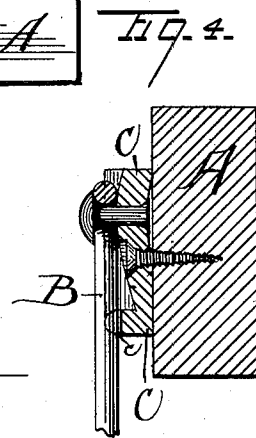
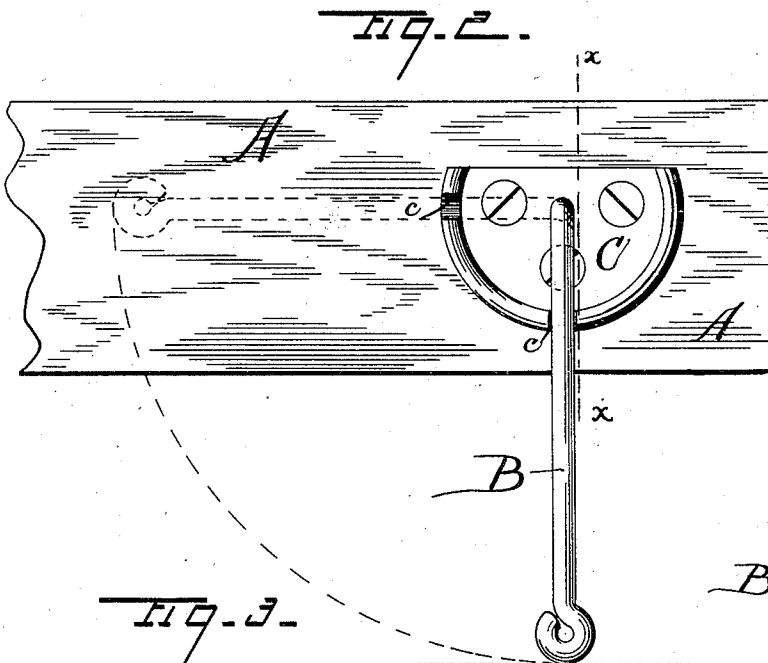
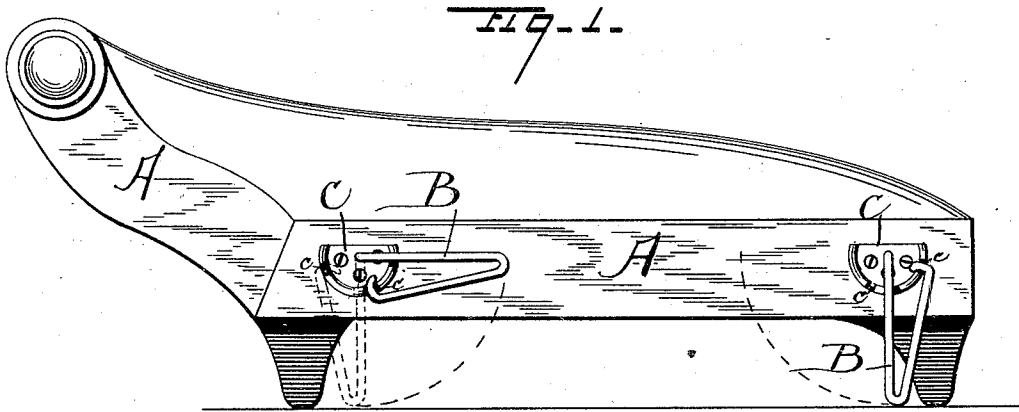


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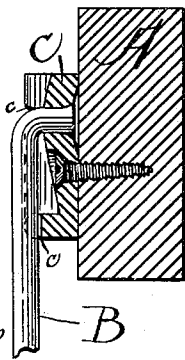
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM I. BUNKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Furniture-Legs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is intended for use on lounges, tables, beds, and other articles of furniture; and it consists in the features and combinations hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a lounge with my improved legs applied thereto, one of the legs being shown as resting on the floor and one as folded up; Fig. 2, a side elevation of a portion of a lounge, showing the adjustable leg in a modified form; Fig. 3, a cross-section taken in line *x x* of Fig. 2; and Fig. 4, a cross-section of the leg and casting riveted together.

A is the lounge; B, the leg; C, the casting, and *c* retaining-notches therein.

Although my invention is adapted for use on various kinds of furniture I have for convenience shown it, and now describe it, as applied to an ordinary folding bed-lounge. Thus described, the legs are secured by suitable castings to the sides of the lounge, the castings being secured thereto by screws or otherwise. The connection of the leg to the casting may be made by having the upper end of the leg pivoted or riveted directly to the casting, or by having it bent and passed through a hole in the casting and its end then upset, or a head or other suitable means for securing it formed thereon; or, when made of cast metal, the upper end of the leg may have a projection adapted to extend through the casting and be secured thereto. All that is really necessary in this respect is that the attachment be secure and made in such a way as to permit the leg to be turned or folded.

The leg may be of any form desired; but I prefer to make it of heavy steel wire, inasmuch as this will enable it to be of suitable strength to sustain the weight and at the same time not too large to allow it to be turned or folded conveniently. Thus made, it will have sufficient elasticity to enable it to snap and fit into the retaining-notches in its casting. As shown in Fig. 1, one of the legs is resting on

the floor with one of its parts fitted into the retaining-notch of the casting adapted to hold it in position for use, and the other folded up with one part fitted into its retaining-notch adapted to hold it in this position. As shown in Fig. 2, the leg is resting on the floor and its position, when folded, indicated by dotted lines.

When it is desired to fold the legs, so as to get them out of the way for any purpose, the part fitting into the notch is raised or pulled out, and the leg then turned around until it or some part of it reaches the next notch, into which it may be readily inserted and secured by its own elasticity. The operation is reversed when it is desired to open the legs out for use again.

Some of the advantages of my improved furniture-leg are that it is cheap, durable, simple in construction and easy of operation, readily adapted to almost any kind of furniture where a folded leg is desired, and capable of being held and retained in position automatically by its own elasticity, and of course it may be manufactured and sold separately from the furniture to which it is to be applied as an ordinary article of cabinet hardware.

I claim—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a furniture-leg comprising a casting to be secured to the furniture having retaining-notches, and a metallic leg having its upper end placed against the side of and pivotally secured to the casting, the leg being adapted to turn and fit in the retaining-notches of the casting and be held therein by its own elasticity, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a furniture-leg comprising a casting having retaining-notches to be secured to a piece of furniture, and a metallic leg having a projection at its upper end, substantially at right angles to its length, passed into and through a hole in the casting and secured at the inner side thereof, the leg being adapted to turn and fit in the retaining-notches in the casting and be held therein by its own elasticity, substantially as described.

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