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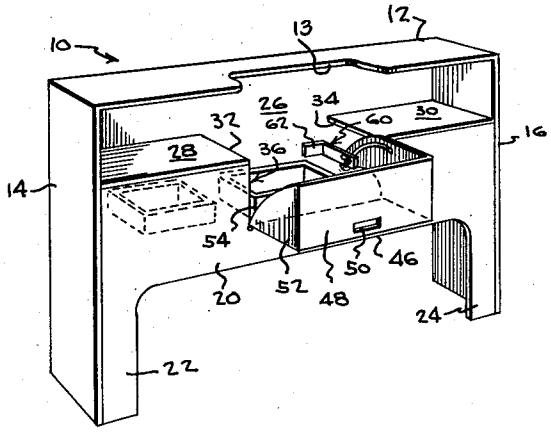


FIG. 1

FIG. 3

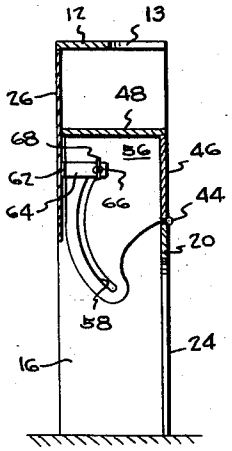
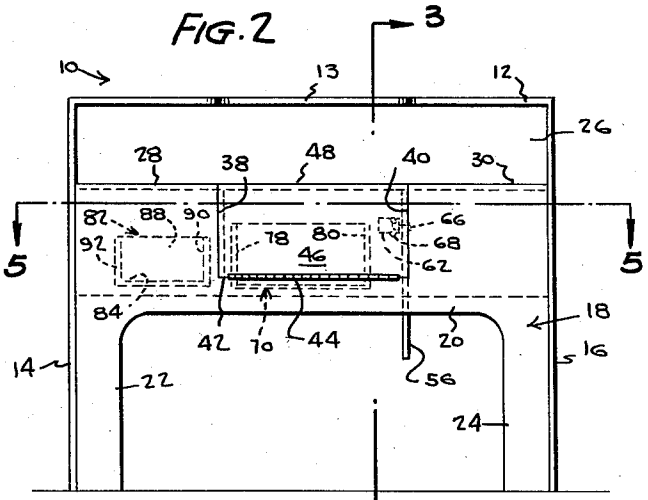


FIG. 2



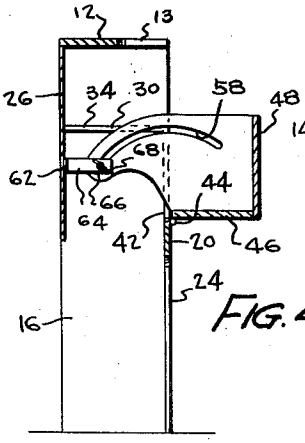


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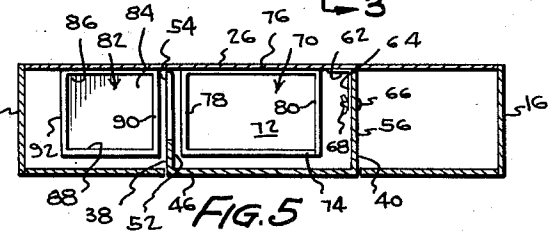


FIG. 5

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This invention relates to an article of furniture and, more specifically, the present invention pertains to a headboard for bedsteads, and/or optionally, the article of furniture may be admirably utilized as a bookcase.

One of the primary objects of this invention is to provide a headboard for a bedstead of the type described which is provided with book shelf means and is compartmentalized to receive loose articles adapted for the convenience of the user.

Another object of this invention is to provide a headboard for a bedstead of the type generally referred to supra, together with means for establishing a back or headrest for the occupant of the bed.

A further object of this invention is to provide a headboard for a bedstead of the type described, including the aforesaid backrest, together with means for adjusting the angularity of the back or headrest with respect to the back or head of the occupant of the bed.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a headboard structure of simple, and sturdy construction, which lends itself to the incorporation of attractive decorative outlines and surfaces so that the headboard may be effectually harmonized with various decorative schemes.

This invention contemplates, as a still further object thereof, the provision of a headboard for a bedstead which is non-complex in construction and assembly, inexpensive to manufacture, and durable in use.

Other and further objects and advantages of the instant invention will become more evident from a consideration of the following specification when read in conjunction with the annexed drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a headboard for a bedstead constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of the headboard illustrated in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a detail cross-sectional view taken substantially on the vertical plane of line 3—3 of Figure 2, looking in the direction of the arrows, and illustrating the head or back rest in its retracted or inoperative position;

Figure 4 is a detail cross-sectional view, similar to Figure 3, but showing the head or back rest in its extended or operative position; and,

Figure 5 is a detail cross-sectional view taken substantially on the horizontal plane of line 5—5 of Figure 2, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Referring now more specifically to the drawings, reference numeral **10** designates, in general, a headboard for a bedstead, constructed in accordance with the teachings of this invention. The headboard **10** is seen to comprise an inverted substantially U-shaped frame including an elongated substantially rectangular top shelf or bight member **12** having a substantially U-shaped recess **13** opening inwardly thereof from one of its longitudinally extending sides, the recess **13** being substantially centrally located with respect to the opposed ends of the bight member **12**.

As is seen in Figures 1 and 2, a pair of elongated substantially rectangular side frame members **14, 16** depend from the opposed ends, respectively, of the bight member **12** and are disposed substantially perpendicular with respect thereto.

Reference numeral **18** connotes an inverted substantially U-shaped front wall member having a bight portion **20** from the ends of which, respectively, depend a pair of support legs **22, 24** which are secured, by conventional means (not shown) to the forwardly facing longitudinally extending confronting marginal edges of the side frame members **14, 16.**

The headboard **10** also includes a rear wall **26** which is fixedly secured, by conventional means, from the other side of the top shelf **12** and to the side frame members **14, 16.** As is seen in the drawing, the lower end of the rear wall **26** terminates at a point somewhat higher than the lower end of the bight portion **20** (see Figures 2, 3 and 4).

Immediately below but spaced from and parallel to the bight member **12** are a pair of elongated substantially rectangular shelves **28, 30** which are fixedly secured to the rear wall **26,** the end walls **14, 16,** and the bight portion **20.** As is seen in Figures 1 and 2, the shelves **28, 30** are parallel with respect to each other and have longitudinally spaced and confronting ends **32, 34,** respectively.

The central section of the bight portion **20** which lies between the confronting ends **32, 34** of the shelves **28, 30,** is provided with a downwardly extending substantially U-shaped recess **36** which includes a pair of spaced, substantially parallel and confronting edges **38, 40,** and a bight edge **42.**

To the bight edge **42** is pivotally connected at **44** the normally positioned lower edge of an elongated substantially rectangular front panel **46** to the upper edge of which is fixedly secured a top panel **48** having a finger receiving recess **50** formed therein, the top panel **48** extending substantially perpendicular to the front panel **46** and being aligned with the shelves **28, 30** when the front and top panels are removed to their respective closed or inoperative positions as is illustrated in Figures 2 and 3.

One pair of adjacent ends of the front and top panels **46, 48,** respectively, are braced by a side panel **52** having an arcuate end **54** which, when the front and top panels are moved to their respective open or operative positions, as illustrated in Figure 1, projects forwardly of the bight portion **20** to serve a function to be described.

The other adjacent pair of ends of the front and top panels **46, 48,** respectively, are braced by an elongated side panel **56** having an elongated arcuately shaped slot **58** formed therein to serve a purpose to be described.

Reference numeral **60** denotes an L-shaped bracket having a foot portion **62** fixedly secured to the rear wall **26** and a leg portion **64** projecting perpendicular therefrom. The outer end of the leg portion **64** carries a bolt **66** which extends through the arcuate slot **58** and threadedly receives a wing nut **68** thereon whereby the angularity of the front panel **46** and the top panel **48** may be releasably secured in any preselected position as the same are pivoted about the hinge **44.**

Immediately behind the front panel **46** is positioned a substantially rectangular tray **70** having a bottom wall **72** from the peripheral marginal edges of which arise the side walls **74, 76** the latter of which is fixedly secured, by conventional means, to the rear wall **26.** The tray **70** is completed by providing the end walls **78, 80.**

A second substantially rectangular tray **82** is provided intermediate the end wall **14** and the side panel **52** and access thereto can be had when the front and top panels **46, 48** are moved to their respective open positions. The tray **82** includes a bottom wall **84** from the peripheral marginal edges of which arise a pair of longitudinally ex-

tending side walls **86, 88** and a pair of end walls **90, 92.** The side wall **86** is fixedly secured, by conventional means, to the rear wall **26.**

It is now seen that as the front and top panels **46, 48** are moved from their respective closed positions, as illustrated in Figures 2 and 3, to their respective open positions, shown in Figures 1 and 4, access is provided to the trays **70** and **82.** At the same time is becomes equally manifest that the front and top panel members **46, 48** may be adjusted and held by the bolt **66** and wing nut **68** in any preselected position to serve as a back or head rest for the occupant of a bed utilizing the headboard **10.**

The shelves **12, 28** and **30** may accommodate books, a radio or other articles for the convenience of the user.

Having described and illustrated one embodiment of this invention in detail, it is to be understood that the same is offered merely by way of example, and that this invention is to be limited only by the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A headboard for a bedstead comprising laterally spaced elongated front and rear walls, a pair of opposed end walls secured to the front and rear walls, a top shelf secured to the upper end edges of said end walls and said rear wall, said top shelf having a recess formed therein

extending inwardly thereof and opening on the longitudinal side edge thereof adjacent said front wall, a pair of elongated shelves extending inwardly from said end walls intermediate the ends of the rear wall, said last named shelves being longitudinally spaced apart and defining an opening therebetween, an adjustable head support assembly pivotally connected to said front wall intermediate its ends subjacent said recess and said top shelf, said head support being of substantially L-shape and including a top panel adapted to serve as a headrest and a front panel, and said assembly including means for releasably securing said head support at any desired location about its pivotal axis.

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