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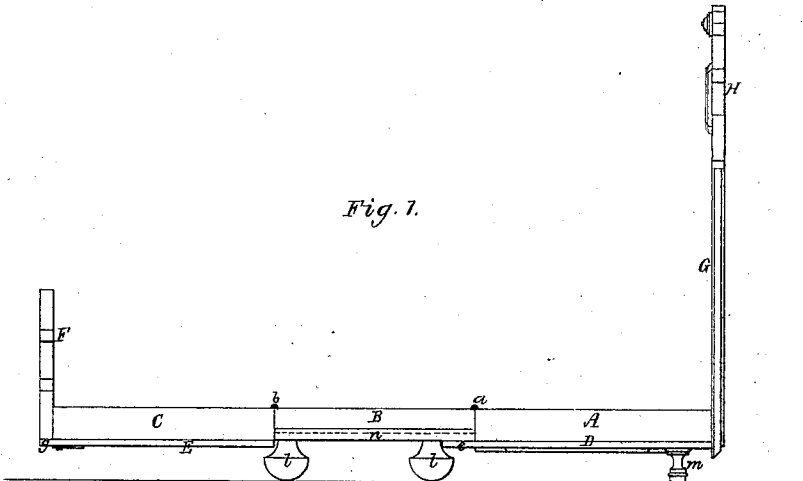


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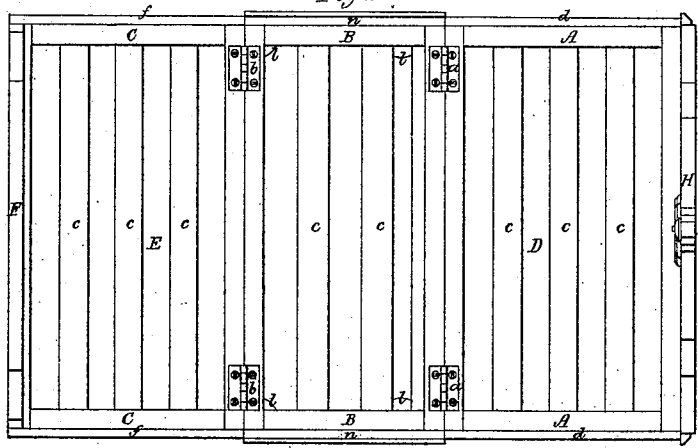
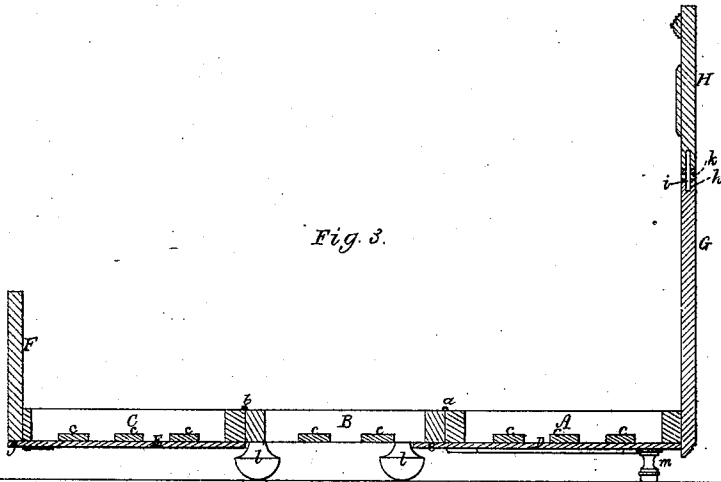


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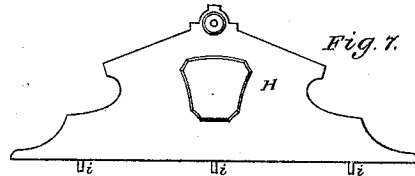
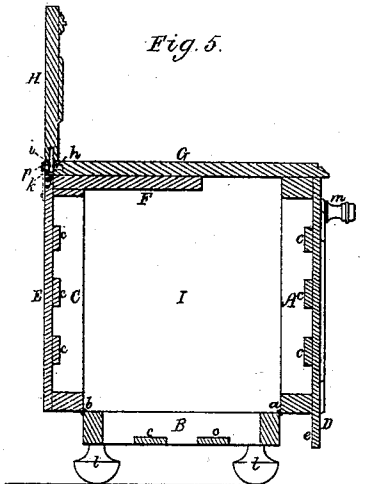
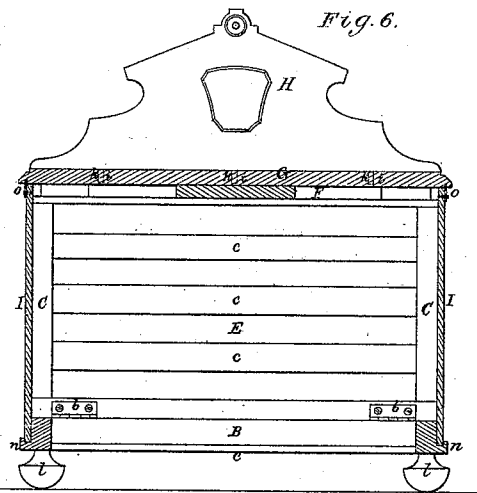
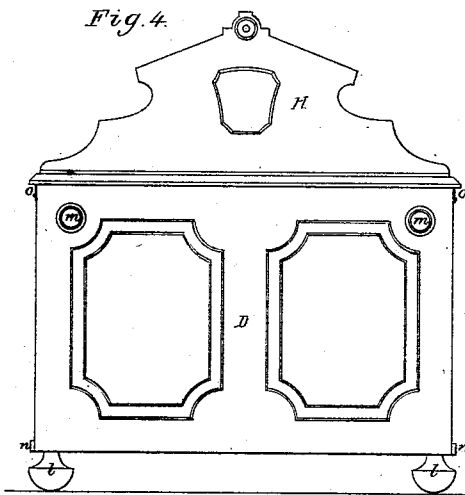
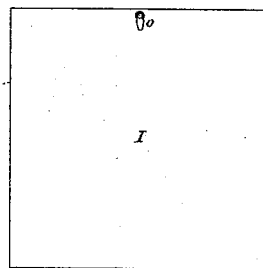


Fig. 8.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CABINET-BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. MENDUM, of Cambridgeport, of the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Cabinet-Bedstead; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings of which—

Figure 1 denotes a side elevation, Fig. 2 a top view, and Fig. 3 a longitudinal section, of it as extended. Fig. 4 is a front elevation, and Figs. 5 and 6 transverse sections, of it as closed. Fig. 7 is an elevation of the crown-piece of the head-board. Fig. 8 is a side view of one of the end closing doors or pieces.

This bedstead is composed in part of three rectangular frames, A B C, arranged as shown, and connected by hinges *a a b b*. Each of such frames is provided with a series of slats, *c*, extending across it from end to end, and there is a cover or boarding, D, fastened to the under side of the frame A, so as to cover it entirely, and not only project a short distance beyond each end of it, as shown at *d d*, but also to extend beyond its inner edge, and underneath the next contiguous frame B, as shown at *e*. Furthermore, to the frame C there is also a like cover or boarding, E, such cover being fixed to the under side of the frame, and projected beyond its ends, as represented at *f f*, and also beyond its outer edge, as shown at *g*. A foot-board, F, is fixed to the outer edge of the frame C, and to the part *g*. A head-board, G, is attached to and projects up from the outer edges of the frame A and its boarding D, it being extended a short distance below the latter. In the upper edge of the head-board is a series of mortises, *h h*, to receive corresponding tenons *i i i*, extended from the base of the crown-piece H, which answers as a cap or finish to the head-board. The said crown-piece H, when the bedstead is folded into the form of a cabinet, as shown in Figs. 4, 5, and 6, is to rest on the top and rear part of the head-board, and con-

stitute a back finish therefor, there being mortises *k* made in the board to receive the tenons of the crown-piece. The middle frame B has four legs, *l*, extended down from it, and there are two legs, *m m*, projected from the back boarding of the frame A, all being arranged as represented. There also projects from each end of the frame B a rabbeted cleat, *n*, to receive and support one of the end finishing doors I I, which, when placed thereon, and between it and the head-board and the bottoms of the frames A C, closes the lateral openings of the cabinet. A turn-button, *o*, fixed to the door I, and turned into a recess or notch made in the head-board, serves with the rabbeted cleat to hold the door in place. Springs may be placed upon the slats of the frames, and the whole be upholstered so as to constitute a bed foundation or support for a mattress or bed, which, with the pillows and bed-clothing, may be folded or packed within the bedstead when closed in the form of a cabinet. Eyes *p p*, projecting from the upper edge of the head-board, and hooks pivoted to the back boarding of the frame C, serve to hold the head-board upon the foot-board. By having the back boarding of the frame A to project down below the said frame, as shown in Fig. 5, the frame B will be covered from view when the frame A is in a vertical position.

I claim—

1. The combination of the two end doors I I with the three frames A B C, head-board G, back boardings D E, and cleats *n n*, all being arranged and applied substantially as specified.

2. The separate piece H, in combination with the head-board G, all being arranged and applied substantially as specified.

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