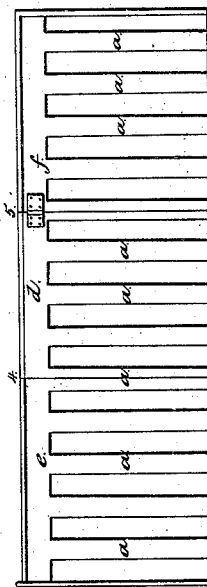
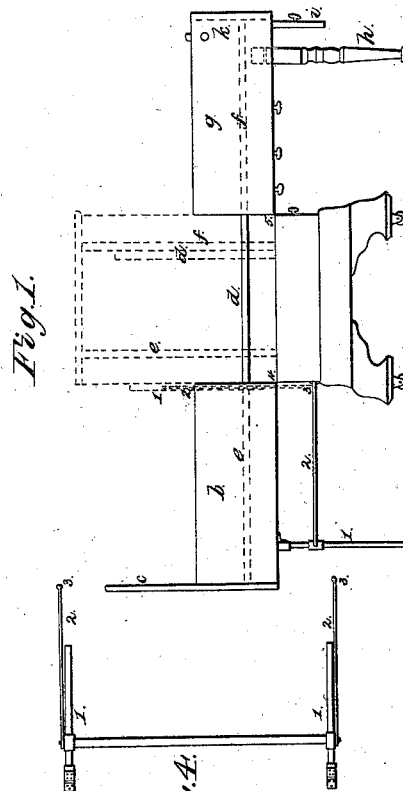
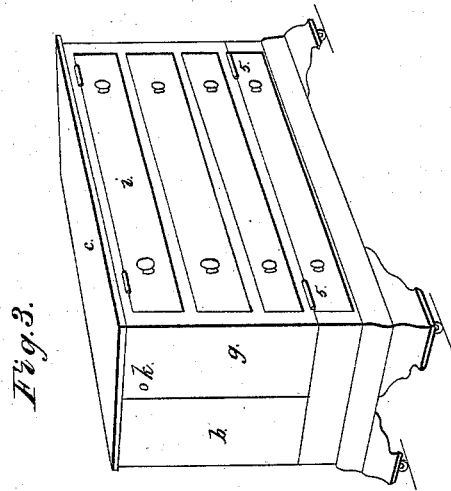


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Fig. 4.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BUREAU-BEDSTEADS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 3,792, dated October 12, 1844.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. KINGMAN, of the city, county, and State of New-York, have invented and made and applied to use certain new and useful Improvements in the Construction of Bedsteads, which I collectively term the "Compact Bureau-Bedstead," and for which improvement I seek Letters Patent of the United States; and I do hereby declare that the said invention and improvements are in accordance with the following description and are represented in the drawings annexed to and making a part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a side view of a bedstead as if open for use. Fig. 2 is a half plan of the same, showing the framing extended, on which the bed or mattress rests. Fig. 3 represents the bedstead as if shut up and presenting the external appearance of a common bureau intended to stand against the wall.

The same letters and numbers as marks of reference denote the same parts in all the figures.

When needed for use, the whole piece of furniture is to be drawn from the wall and the part *b* with the top *c*, which forms the head-board, is to be turned downward, moving on the hinges 4, so that it is supported by legs 1. These are moved out and steadied each by rods 2, jointed at one end to the legs 1 and at the other end at 3 to the back of the bureau. This portion of the working parts at the back will be best understood by reference to Fig. 4, which shows them as if detached from the back. The portion *g* is made to turn down in front on hinges 5, and a drawer-front *i* in this part is made so as to conceal a pair of legs *h* when shut, or protrude them for use to support the foot of the bedstead by hinges

within on the sides *g* when open, as shown in Fig. 1. In this figure it will be seen that the middle frame *d* is laid above the points of motion in the hinges 4 and 5 or may be made in two pieces. The opposite half to that shown as hinged on is to be attached to the part *e* in the same manner, and with the prolongations set it, as shown by dotted lines at *e* in the back part *b* and at *f* in the front part *g*, forms that portion of the work on which the slats *a a* are laid and support the bed or mattress in use.

When the bedstead is to be shut up, the parts *g* and *b* are to be turned up together and held in place by a latch *k*, so that they assume the appearance denoted by dotted lines in Fig. 1 and shown fully in Fig. 3, and when so shut the interior is to be used to place away the bedding, &c.

I do not claim to have invented any of the parts herein shown when taken by themselves; but

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

The making an article similar to a bureau or other piece of furniture in the exterior appearance and fitting the same to open in the parts *b*, *g*, *h*, and *i*, and *d*, and legs 1 and rods 2, so as to attain the means of converting the article into a compact bedstead with great convenience and at a moderate cost, with the several parts constructed and operating substantially as shown and described herein.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the city of New York this 4th day of September, 1844.

HENRY W. KINGMAN. [L. S.]

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