

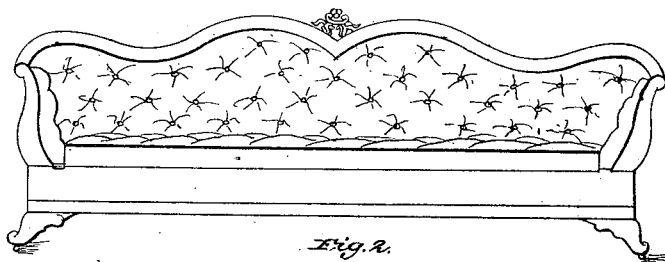
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*Sofa Bedstead*

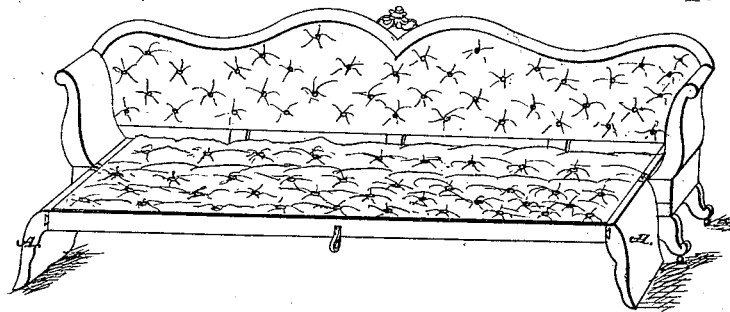
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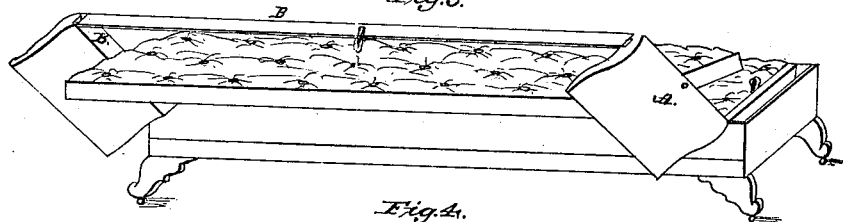
*Fig. 1.*



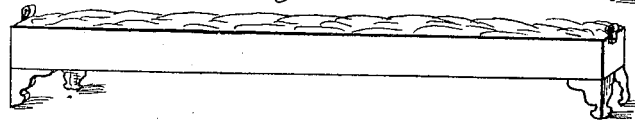
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## SOFA-BEDSTEAD.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 7,116, dated February 26, 1850.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWIN B. BOWDITCH, of the town and county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Sofa-Bed; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description.

My invention consists, in arranging the ordinary seat of a sofa, in such a manner, as to revolve upon pivots, at the ends, in a frame which is hinged to the front of the sofa in such a manner, as to be thrown open, and by revolving the ordinary seat, in this frame, bringing the stuffed side up, and on a level, with another seat, or bed, placed under the ordinary seat, (thereby forming a bed).

To enable others skilled in the art, to make and use my invention, I proceed to describe its construction and operation.

I construct a sofa in the usual manner (as shown in Figure No. 1 in the accompanying drawing) or in any desired form, leaving under the ordinary seat, sufficient space for another seat.

The ordinary seat, is suspended at the ends, upon pivots on which it revolves, in a frame which is hinged to the front of the sofa, shown by Fig. No. 3 A. The frame is shown by Fig. No. 3 B, B. To this frame is attached the stuffed ends of the sofa, (which are fitted inside of the sofa ends) which form the support for the top seat, when turned out for a bed. (Shown by Fig. No. 2 A A.)

The manner of forming the sofa into a bed is, by raising the top seat and the frame in which it revolves, by the loop at the back, until its position is perpendicular with the front of the sofa, the seat is then to be revolved, so as to reverse sides and bring the stuffed side up, by pushing on the stuffed side of the seat nearest the loop, it is then let down until its position is horizontal. It is returned in the same manner, by raising the frame and seat by the loop—reversing the seat and letting it fall back to its place.

This invention is adapted to such sofas, lounges, &c., as have spiral spring seats.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. The ordinary seat of a sofa (or other suitable article of furniture) so arranged, as to revolve on a center at each end, in a frame so constructed as to turn over and bring the top or stuffed side of the seat, (by revolving the same) on a level with another seat, or bed, placed under the ordinary seat.

2. I also claim the use of the stuffed ends forming the support for the top seat when turned over and used as a bed.

The above specification signed and witnessed this third day of March A. D. 1849.

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