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Fig. 1.

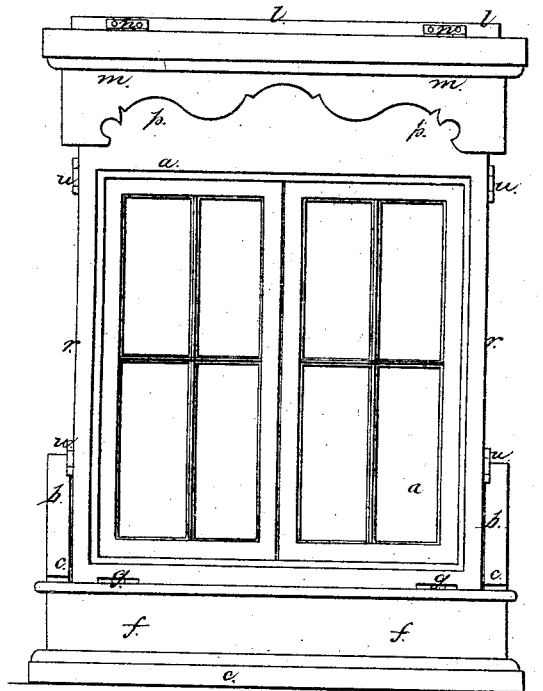
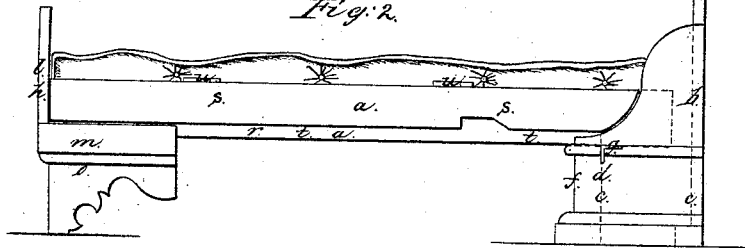


Fig. 2.



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BEDSTEAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW STARK, of Topeka, in the county of Shawnee and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction and arrangement of a bedstead, so that when not in use it can be folded or brought into a compact form, and thus occupy but a small portion of the floor of the room in which it is placed, it being constructed in such a manner that when so folded it shall present a neat, tasty, and pleasing exterior, without in the least impairing the appearance of the room, but on the contrary being an ornament thereto.

In the accompanying plate of drawings my improvements are represented, Figure 1 showing the bedstead in an upright position, or closed, and Fig. 2 a side view of the same in proper position to be used as a bedstead.

a a in the drawings represent the bed portion of the bedstead, made in the form of a square box, in which the mattress and the other bedding used are inserted in the ordinary manner; *b*, the head-board, made of any suitable shape, size, and material, to the lower portion of which, and projecting from the inner side thereof, a wide base, *c*, is attached, made hollow, and ornamented upon its exterior with moldings, beads, or with trimmings or ornaments of any suitable kind and style. The width of the space within the base is equal, or nearly so, to the thickness of the bed portion *a*, which is secured to the inner edge, *d*, of the upright portion *f* of the base by hinges *g g*, so that it can be turned upon the same into a vertical position, as represented in Fig. 1, bring-

ing the head-board against the bedding, where it can be secured, if desired, by hooks or in any other proper manner, the lower end of the bed portion entering the hollow base *c*.

h is the foot-board, formed in two parts, *l* and *m*, hinged together at *n n*, to the lower portion, *m*, of which is attached at each end a side piece, *o*, the portion *m* and side pieces, *o o*, being made of an ornamental shape, as represented in the drawings. The lower part, *m*, of the foot-board is hinged to the foot of the bed portion *a a*, and when the bedstead has been turned up into a vertical position, as described, is swung down against the outer portion, *p*, of the same, and its upper part, *l*, over and upon the upper end of the bed portion, as seen in Fig. 1, thus forming a neat and tasty top piece therefor.

The side pieces, *r r*, of the bed portion *a a* are divided in the direction of their length into two parts, *s* and *t*, hinged together at *u u*, the upper one, *s*, of which, when the bedstead is in a horizontal position, is turned down and upon the upper ends of the base portion *c* of head-board and side pieces, *o o*, of foot-board, securely holding them in their proper position and preventing them from overturning, which would occur were the side pieces not so constructed or were there no arrangement of devices provided suitable for holding the same in position, as described.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination of the hinged bed portion *a*, hollow base *c c*, the two-part foot-board *l m*, and the double hinged side pieces, *s f*, when arranged in the manner and for the purposes herein described.

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