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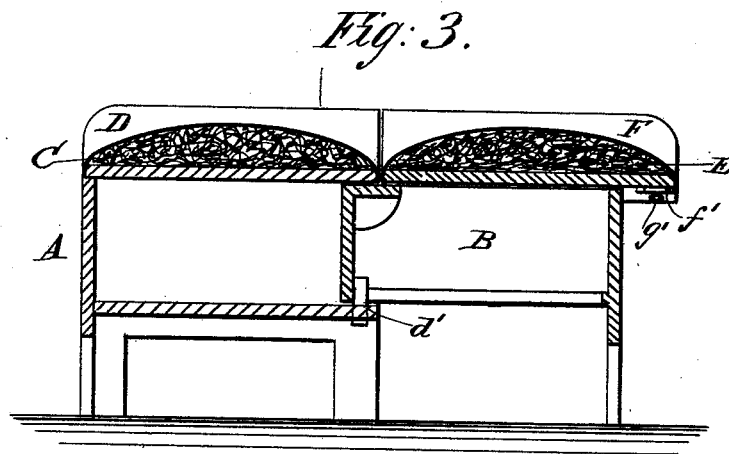
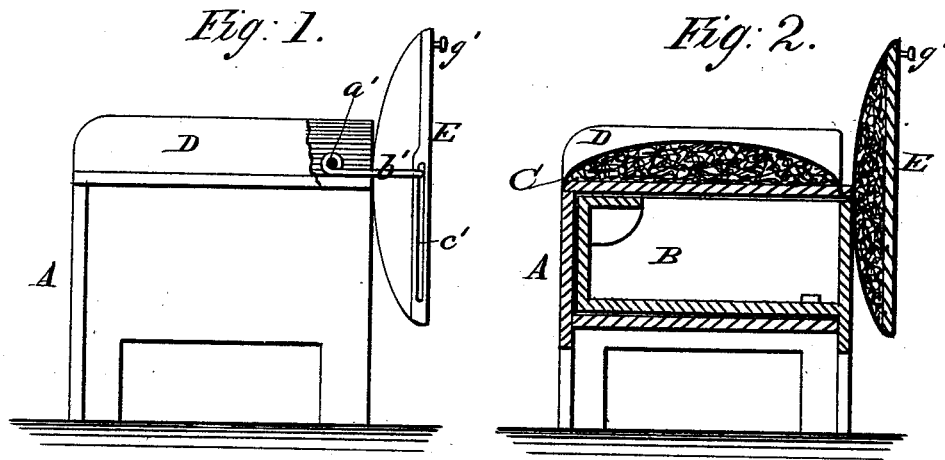
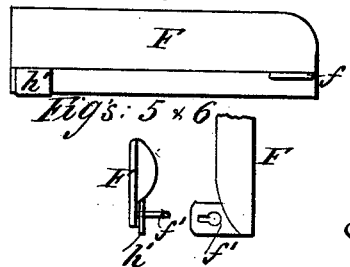


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COUCHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DARE, of St. Louis, in the county of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Couches, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is an end elevation, partly in section. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the couch used as a couch. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the couch used as a double bed. Fig. 4 represents an adjustable arm of the couch. Fig. 5 is an end view of an adjustable arm. Fig. 6 shows an end of the arm with slotted ear or lug.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish a useful article of furniture, serving the double purpose of a seat and couch by day and a perfect double bed by night, simple in its construction, and adjustable to its different uses with ease. When the couch is unfolded it forms a bed of ample dimensions, that rests firmly on its permanent support—the clothing receptacle. It has ample room for bed-clothing and pillows, and has the advantage of thorough ventilation (the bottom of the clothing-receptacle being slatted) and protection from dust.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the couch, which may be of any desired dimensions, containing the clothing-receptacle B, which is moved in and out like an ordinary drawer.

The seat C of the couch and the arms D D are upholstered.

Pivoted on pins *a'* in the arms are rods or extension-arms *b'*, that are bent at right angles at one end and support the back of the couch E by entering the slots *c'* in its ends, thus

forming a sliding joint. This back is also upholstered, like the seat, and its position when the piece of furniture is used as a couch is shown in Figs. 1 and 2. When it is to be used as a bed the back is raised perpendicularly until the arms *b'*, that engage in the slots *c'*, permit the back to fall forward and rest immediately over the seat of the couch. Then the clothing-receptacle is drawn out to its full extent, (the stops *d'* prevent it from coming out too far,) and the bed-clothing, &c., removed. The back is then turned back to rest upon B; then the adjustable arms F F, which are also properly upholstered, are secured to the ends of the back E by hooking the slotted lugs or ears *f'* *f'* over the pins *g'* *g'*, and inserting the ears *h'* into the narrow space between the extension-arms *b'* *b'* and the ends of the back E. The result is a strong comfortable double bed.

All the parts of this couch are simple and easy to repair or keep in order, and it may be constructed in a plain or ornamental style, as may be most desirable.

The peculiar adjustment of the back E not only increases its supporting-power when the article is used as a couch, but it adds much to its symmetry.

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

The combination, in a couch, with the body A, of the drawer B, seat C, arms D, slotted couch *c'* E, pins *a'*, and rods *b'*, as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

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