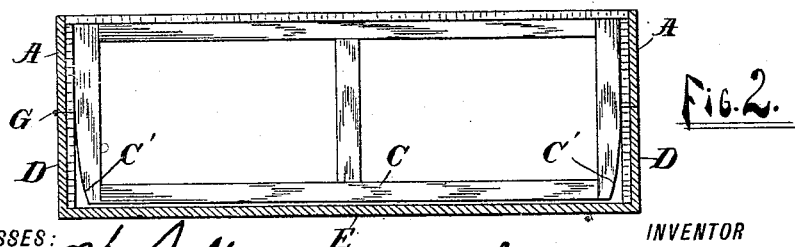
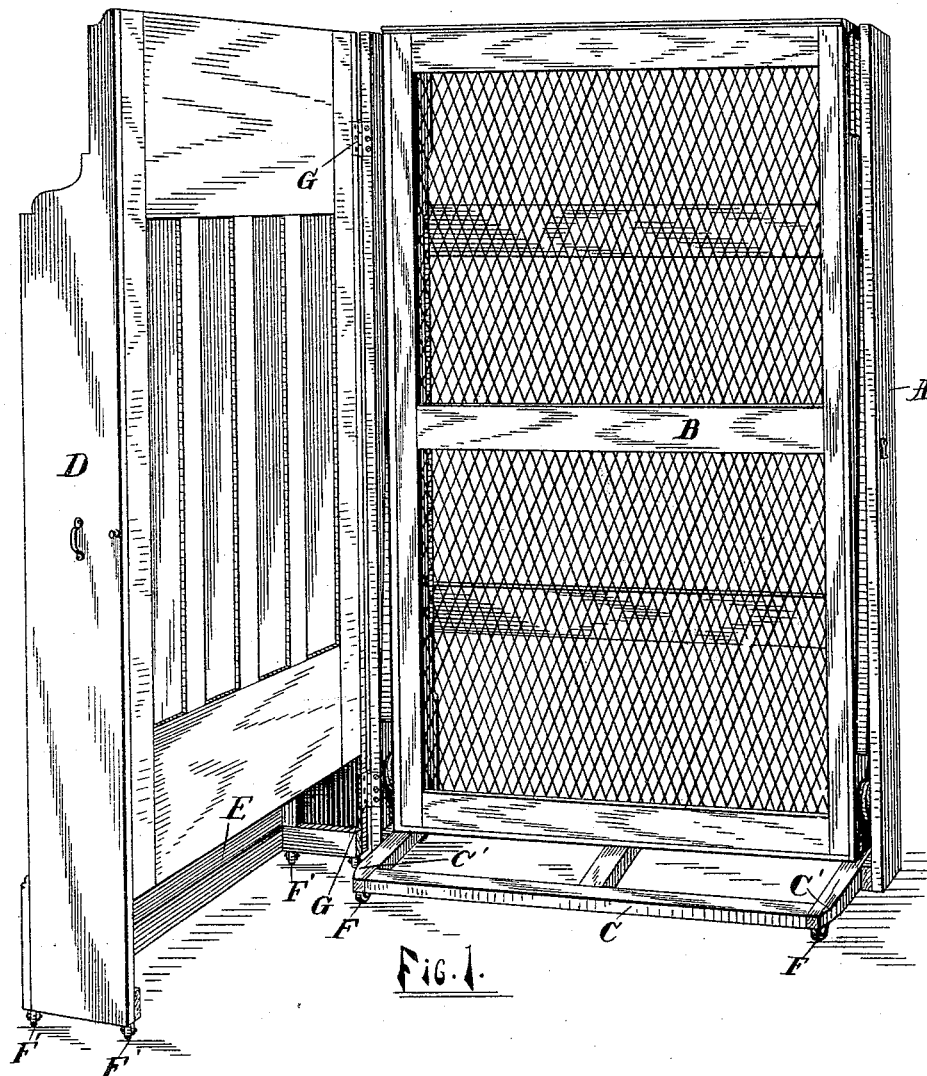


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSHUA SPEED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Folding Bed and Dressing-Case; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a combined folding bed and dressing-case or commode or other equivalent article of furniture adapted to co-act in this relation with a folding bed; and it has for its object to so construct, combine, and arrange the folding bed and its attendant dressing-case or equivalent article of furniture that the two articles will be so related to each other that the dressing-case will perform the function or office of supporting and bracing the stationary casing of the folding bed, whereby a new article of manufacture is produced, the utility and convenience of which is obvious, as will be readily understood by reference to the drawings.

The invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the various parts hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying my invention, open to show the construction; and Fig. 2 a horizontal section of the lower portion.

Folding beds having an upright stationary casing of such height as to accommodate the folding section pivoted at full length therein are of necessity top-heavy, and liable to rock and tip backward and forward when the folding section is operated. It is therefore common to provide such stationary casings with a projecting base of some sort wider than the body of the casing. This base is sometimes utilized for drawers for containing various articles.

I provide a frame C, upon which the stationary casing A is built, which projects forward at the foot of the casing a sufficient distance to form a secure foundation and prevent the casing from tipping forward when the folding section is pulled forward for opening the bed. The folding section B is piv-

oted to the stationary casing near the foot thereof, and may be provided with springs, weights, or other devices to expedite the opening and closing of the same, and the structure is provided with casters F F, which rest upon the floor. It is evident that if I should now provide the folding section with suitable panels for closing the front I would have in *ensemble* an ordinary folding bed with a frame C projecting beyond its front at its foot.

To one side of the casing A, I attach by suitable hinges G G a dressing-case D, having a high back extending upward to or nearly to the level of the top of the stationary casing. This dressing-case is mounted upon casters F F, which rest upon the floor and upon which it is independently movable. At the rear of the case is a recess E to receive the frame C when the article is closed. The end pieces of the frame have beveled portions C C to prevent engagement with the foot of D when it swings around for closing the front of the bed.

It is obvious that each article stands upon its own base, and that both rest upon the floor, and that when closed they may be moved in unison as a single article, and that owing to the construction described the combined article occupies little, if any, more floor-space than an ordinary folding bed. In opening the bed the dressing-case moves freely and independently upon its own casters, the free end describing a quarter-circle, and rests about at a right angle to the front of the stationary casing, thereby disclosing the folding section, which may then be let down and is ready for use. Being attached to the stationary casing and about at right angles therewith, it is evident that it forms a firm brace or support for the same, and effectually prevents any tipping movement of the latter either forward or backward, and when closed forms the front of the bed.

It will be observed that the dressing-case performs the functions of closing the front of the bed when closed, braces it when open, and travels on its own casters on the floor unsupported by the bed-case, which is considered an important feature.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The combination, with the section A, having extended base-frame C, provided with

casters, of the bed hinged at its lower end to the  
section A and designed to rest upon the base-  
frame when in a horizontal position, and the  
dressing-case D, hinged at one side to the  
5 side of the section A, and having casters and  
a recess E to receive the base-frame of the  
section A, whereby it moves on its own cast-  
ers unsupported by the section A, serves to

close the front of the bed when closed, and to  
brace it when open, substantially as specified. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in  
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