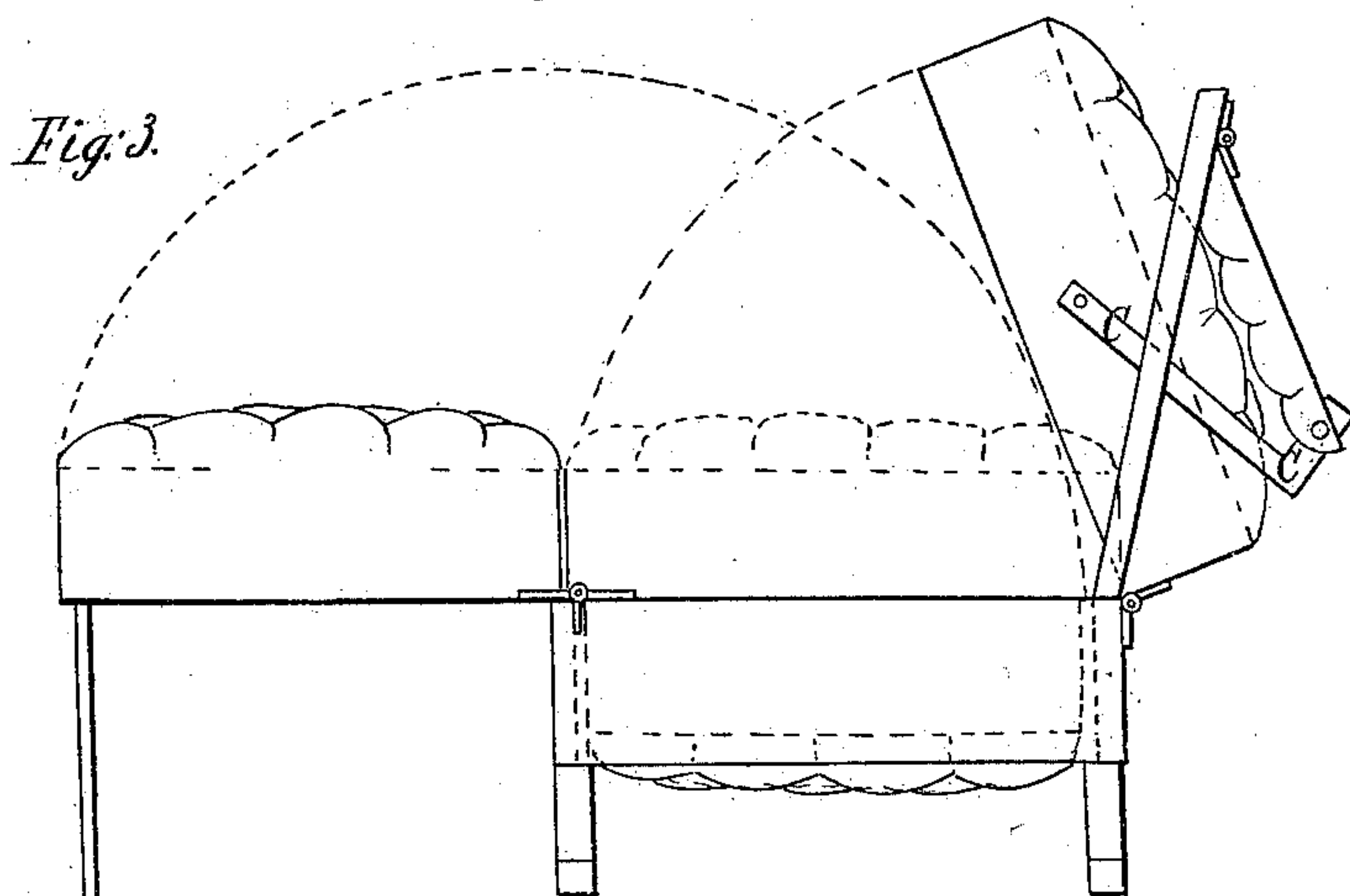
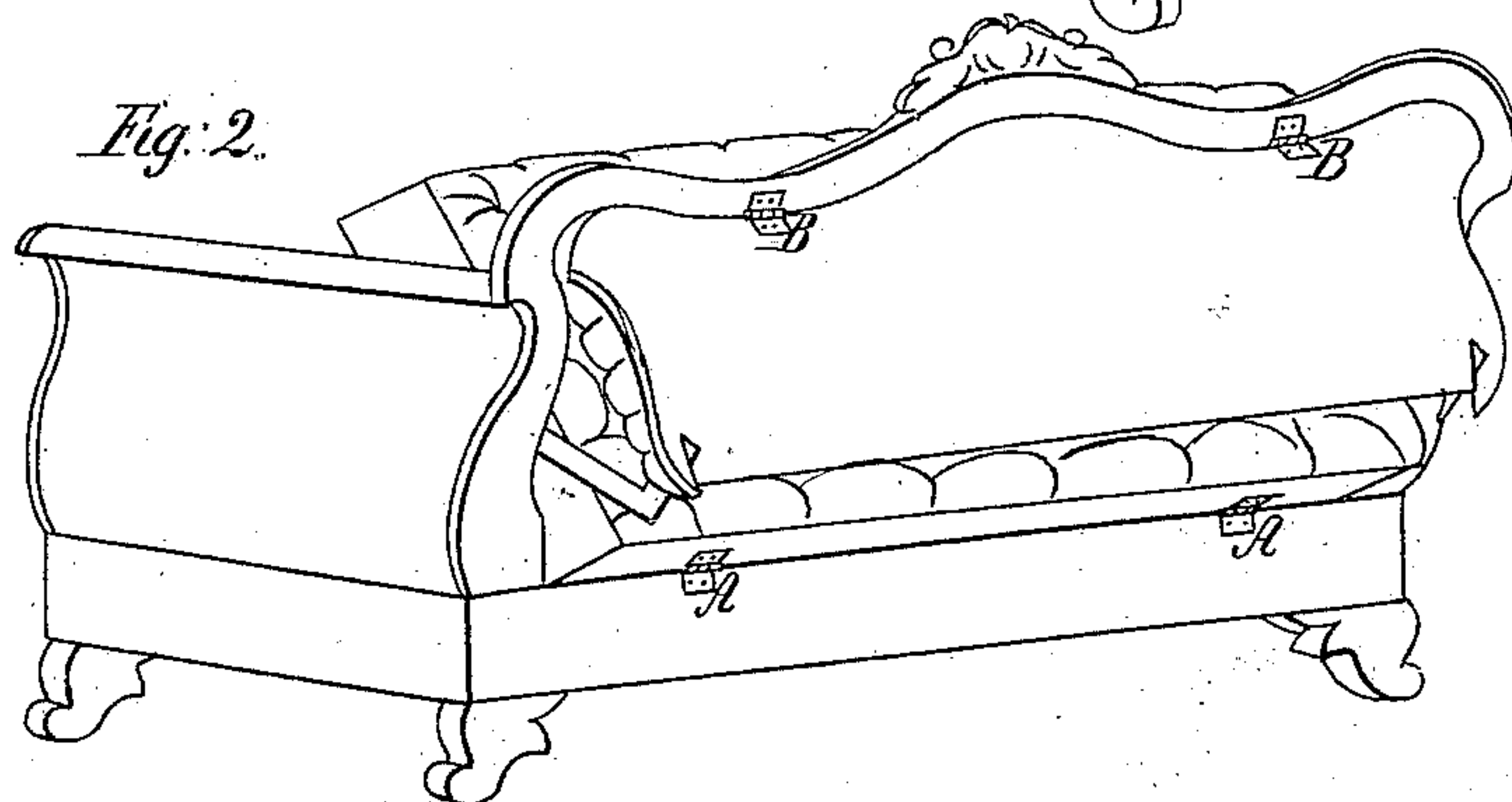
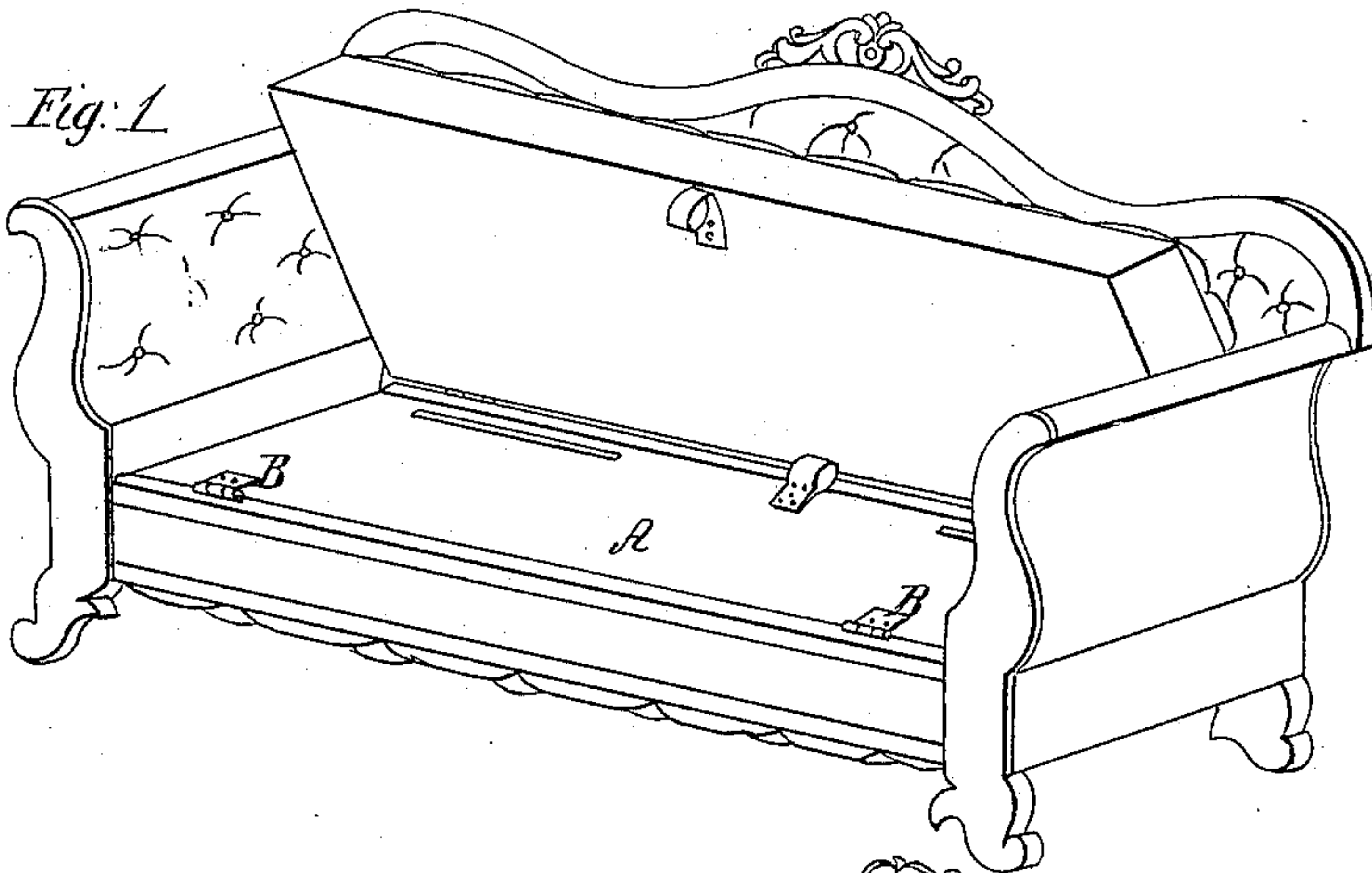


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Specification of Letters Patent No. 10,125, dated October 18, 1853.

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, lounge, or other suitable article, of furniture, in such a manner that it can be turned up, and back far enough, to allow an under seat, which is hinged to the front rail of the sofa, with the upholstered side down to be turned out to the front, so as to come on a level with the ordinary seat, when said ordinary seat is let back into its place, thus forming a level bed.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction, and operation. I construct a sofa, lounge, or other suitable article, in the usual way, except, that I leave space under the ordinary seat, for an under seat, (A Figure 1 in the accompanying drawing,) which under seat, I hinge to the front rail of the sofa, with the upholstered side down, B, B, Fig. 1 in such a way that it can be turned out to the front of the sofa, when the ordinary seat is turned back, that I may turn the ordinary seat back far enough to allow the under seat to be turned out. I hinge said ordinary seat at the back lower corner, to the back rail of the sofa frame, A, A, Fig. 2, and that the thickness of the seat may be carried back of the back rail of the sofa, I hinge the stuffed back

of the sofa to the top rail of the sofa back, B, B, Fig. 2, in such a manner that it will swing back out of the way of the seat when turned up, and that the stuffed back may be brought to its place again, and kept there when the seat is down, I fasten a flat piece of iron near the center of the end of the top seat and to the lower part of the back in line with the end of the seat, this iron is so fastened as to turn or work on the pivots that attach it to the seat and back. This iron is shown at C Fig. 3.

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

1. The arrangement of hinging the ordinary sofa seat to the back rail of the sofa frame, in combination with the arrangement of hinging an under seat with the upholstered side down, to the front rail of the sofa, so that said under seat by lifting the ordinary seat back, can be turned out to the front, of, and on a level with the ordinary seat, thus forming a bed.

2. I also claim the arrangement of hinging the stuffed back, to the top rail of the sofa, and attaching the back, at the bottom, to the top seat by strips of iron, in combination with the arrangement of hinging the top seat, at the back lower corner.

The above specification signed and witnessed this 24th day of September 1853.

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