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Wardrobe Bedstead.

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Fig. 1.

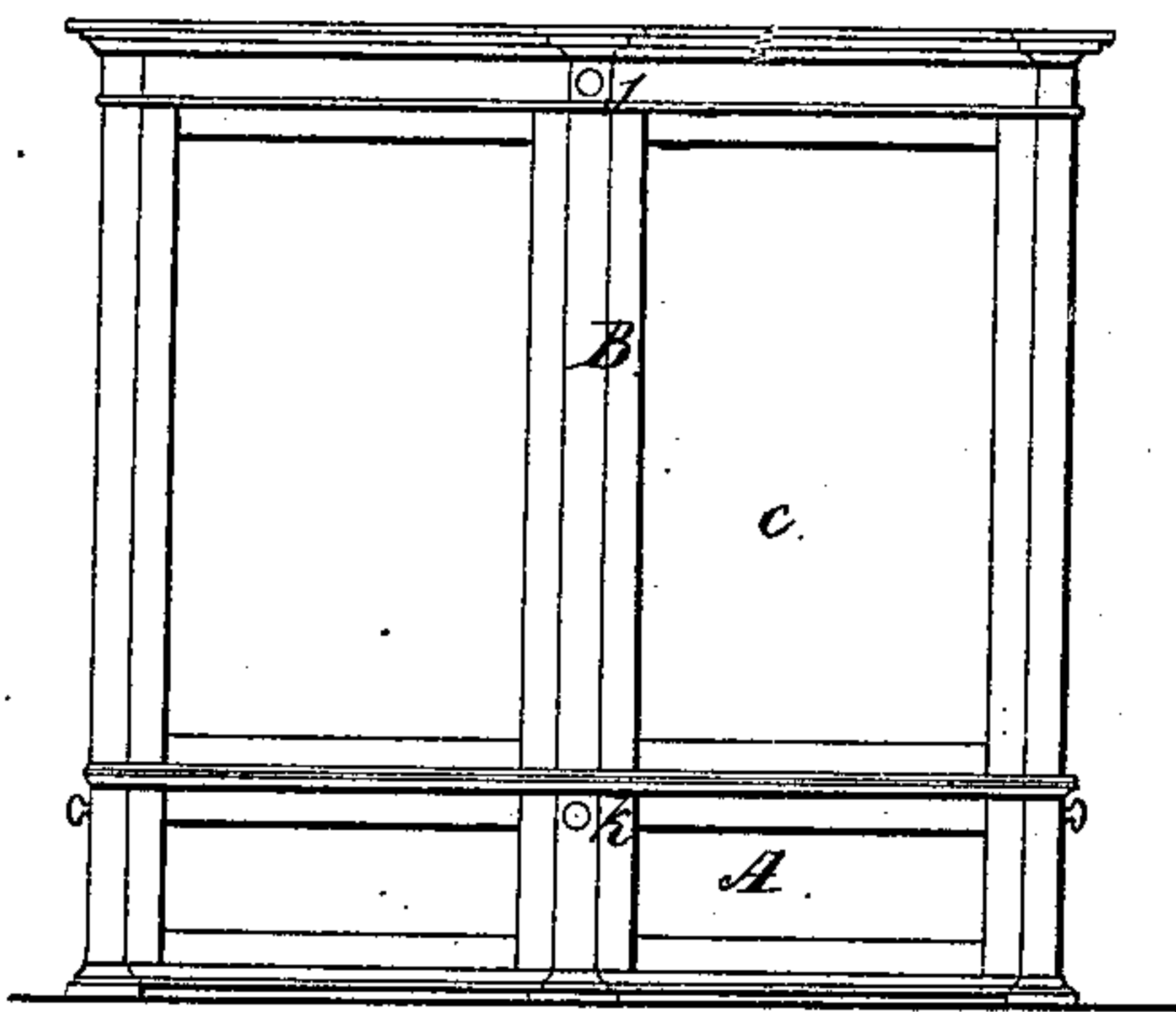


Fig. 2.

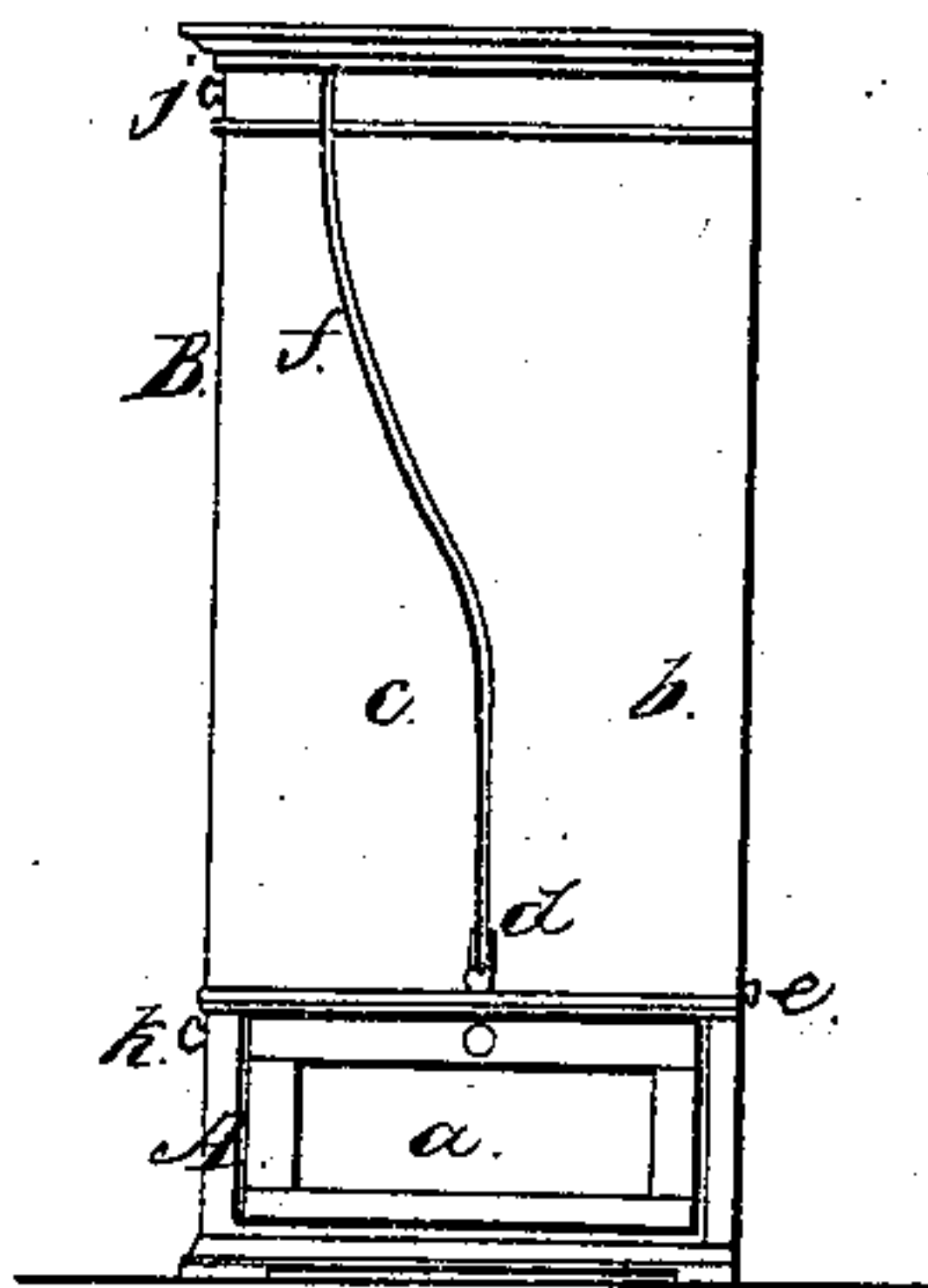


Fig. 3.

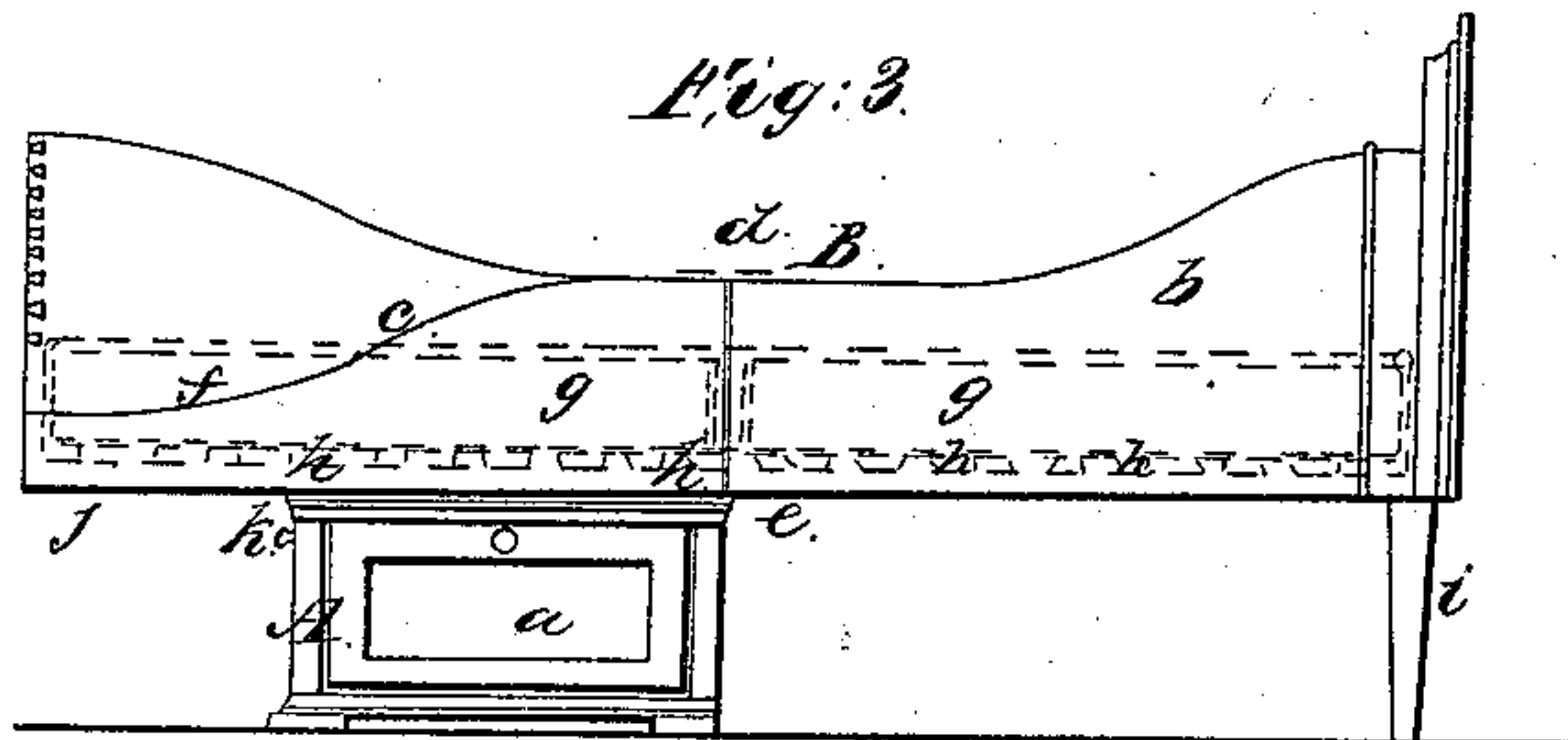
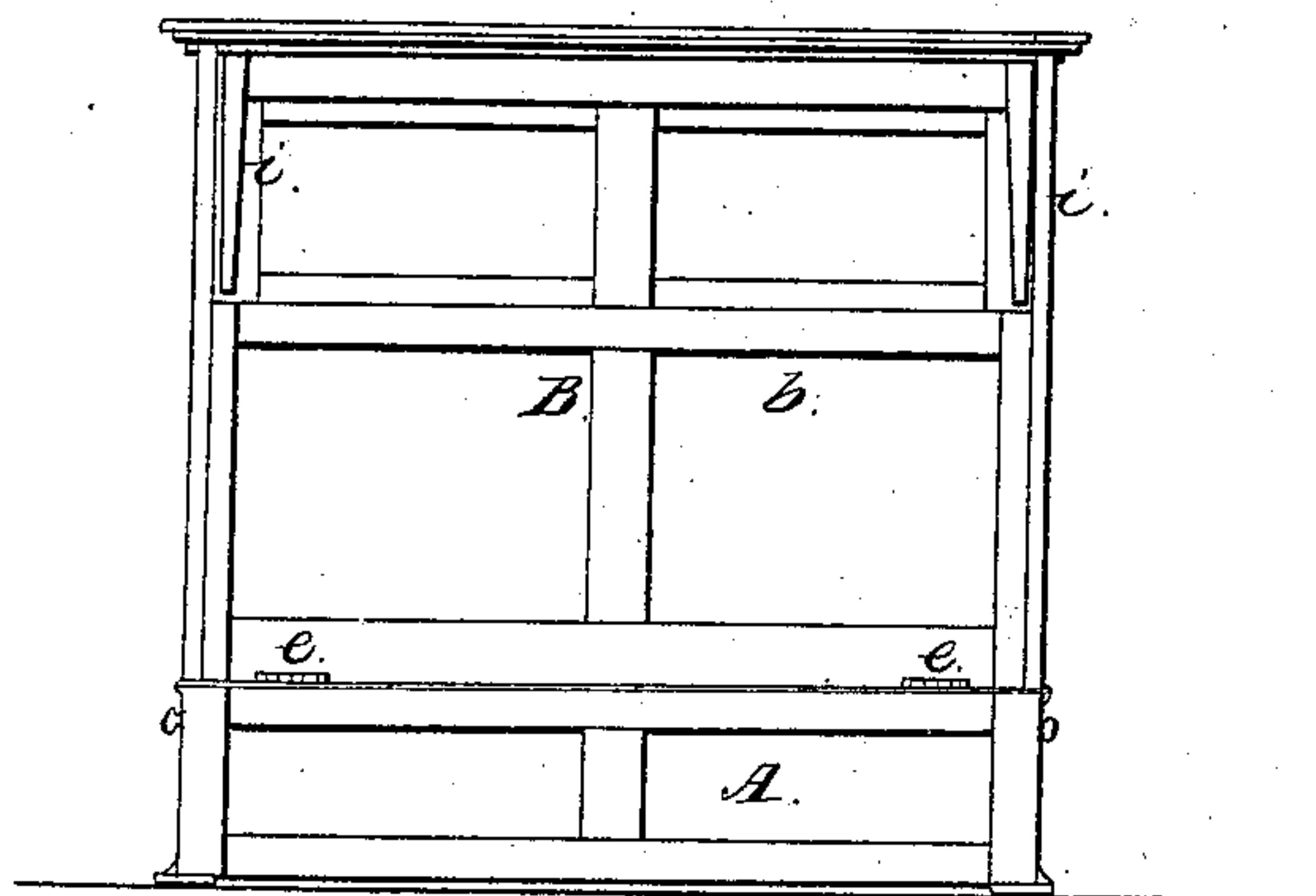


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING BUREAUS OR WARDROBE-BEDSTEADS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDRES ERICH BOTTER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Folding Bedstead, which I term a "Wardrobe-Bedstead;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved bedstead in a closed or folded state. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the bedstead when unfolded and ready for use. Fig. 4 is a back view of the same in elevation and in a closed or folded state.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

The nature of my invention consists in a peculiar construction of the bedstead, whereby it may be folded or shut up when desired, so as to represent a wardrobe, book-case, or a like piece of furniture. The bedstead when unfolded is partially supported by a rectangular chest or box, which may contain a child's crib or drawers for clothing, said chest when the bedstead is folded or shut up being underneath the bedstead and forming its only support and serving to increase the height of the bedstead, so as to conform as regards proportion to the kind of furniture previously named.

To enable others skilled in the art to fully understand and construct my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A represents a rectangular chest or box, which may contain a child's crib or a number of drawers for clothing. In case of a crib being used the two ends of the chest will be provided with doors *a*, (see Figs. 2 and 3,) so that the crib may be drawn out from either end of the chest.

B is a bedstead formed of two rectangular parts or boxes *b c* and connected together by hinges *d*, one of which is shown in Figs. 2 and 3. One of the parts *b* of the bedstead is attached by hinges *e* to the upper part of the back of the chest A. (See Figs. 2, 3, and 4.)

The two parts *b c* of the bedstead when folded together and raised in an upright po-

sition and resting upon the chest A, as shown in Fig. 2, form in appearance a piece of furniture similar to a wardrobe, book-case, or bureau, the bottom of the part *c* being so finished as to imitate either of those articles of furniture. (See Fig. 1.) The upper edges of the parts *b c* are of serpentine form, similar to the side pieces of a French bedstead, and when the parts *b c* are folded together the curved upper edge of the part *c* fits within the part *b*, the edge of the part *b* bearing against a lip or projection *f* on the sides of the part *c*. (See Figs. 2 and 3.) In the interior of the parts *b c* are placed the necessary mattresses or beds *g g*, (see dotted lines, Fig. 3,) the mattresses or beds being strapped to slats *h*, which are secured within the parts *b c*. Two mattresses or beds are used, one for each part, to allow for the joint *d* and enable the two parts to be folded together. At the back and upper part of the part *b* are legs *i i*, (see Figs. 3 and 4,) which fit snugly in a recess in the back of the part *b*, as shown in Fig. 4.

Suppose the bedstead to be folded together or shut up, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. In order to unfold the bedstead the two parts *b c* are turned downward in a horizontal position, and the legs *i i*, which are attached to the back of the part *b* by hinges, are moved out from the back and their lower ends placed upon the floor. These legs support the outer end of the part *b*. The part *c* is then raised from the part *b* and turned over till it rests upon the chest A, and the bedstead is ready for use. The two parts *b c*, when the bedstead is folded, are secured together by a turn-buckle *j*. (Also seen in Figs. 1, 2, and 3.)

My improved wardrobe-bedstead will be found very convenient and suitable for clerks who are in many cases obliged to sleep in offices in order to guard the property of their employers. An ordinary bedstead would not be suitable for a counting-room; but mine, being closed or folded, would be taken for a book-case, wardrobe, or some office furniture.

My improved bedstead will also be found convenient for families having but few apartments. In large cities many families are obliged to economize in rent, and my bedstead, when folded during the day, occupies but little room, and but little time is required

to unfold it at night. For clerks the chest A may be made with drawers for clothing. For families the chest may be supplied with a crib.

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

The peculiar construction of the bedstead as herein shown—viz., having the two parts *b c* connected by hinges *d*, and the part *b* connected to a chest A by hinges *e*, by which

construction the bedstead may be folded or shut up during the day, occupying but little room and resembling a piece of room-furniture, and unfolded at night when desired for use, the chest A being provided either with drawers or a crib for children, as set forth.

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