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IMPROVED SECRETARY-BEDSTEAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE GAGE, of Kendall's Mills, in the county of Somerset and State of Maine, have invented an Improved Secretary-Bedstead; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, Fig. 2 a front elevation, Fig. 3 a side elevation, and Fig. 4 a vertical section, of it in an upright position. Fig. 5 is a top view, and Fig. 6 a longitudinal section, of it as it appears when turned down in a horizontal position. Fig. 7 is a transverse section of the base part or supporter, while Fig. 8 is a longitudinal section of it, taken so as to exhibit the stud and grooves by which the movable and stationary parts are connected.

In the drawings, A exhibits a case, not only constructed in external form as therein shown, but placed within and supported by a stand or base part B. The said stand is constructed with two end boards *a a*, connected by a back board *b* and a front bearing-bar *c*, each of the end boards being provided on its inner surface with a horizontal groove *d* for the reception of a stud *e*, projecting from the adjacent side of the secretary-case. This secretary-case A is constructed with apartments or chambers C D E, disposed on opposite sides of a partition *f*, as shown in the drawings. The smaller chambers, or those in front of the partition, are provided with covers *g h*, one of which—viz., *g*—is so arranged at an inclination to the horizon that on being turned over away from the case it may serve as a desk for a person to write upon, and thus it and the space D may be said to constitute a writing-desk. The chamber E may be used for the reception of the pillows or other portions of the bedding. Within the rearmost

chamber C a bed-frame F is placed and so applied as to be capable of being turned down with the case A. This bed frame or supporter serves to maintain a mattress or bed, and particularly when such frame and case are turned downward into the position with reference to the supporter B, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

The upper end of the case A is furnished with legs *h' h'*, so applied to it as to be capable of being turned down from the position shown in Fig. 1 to that exhibited in Fig. 6, each leg being held in the latter position by a spring-catch *i*.

I am aware that a bed-frame has been placed within a secretary or case and so applied thereto as to be capable of being turned down from a vertical to a horizontal position and while the said case remained stationary. I am also aware that a simple uncovered bed-frame has been hinged to a stand in such manner as to be capable of being moved from a vertical to a horizontal position, or vice versa. These differ, essentially, from my invention, wherein the case A or main part of the secretary can be and is turned down with the bed-frame and bed whenever it becomes necessary to turn down the said frame. Both case and bed-frame are simultaneously turned within the base-frame or supporting-frame or case B.

I claim—

The arrangement of the chambers D E with the case A, the bed-frame, and the stationary part B, arranged and operating as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature.

GEORGE GAGE.

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