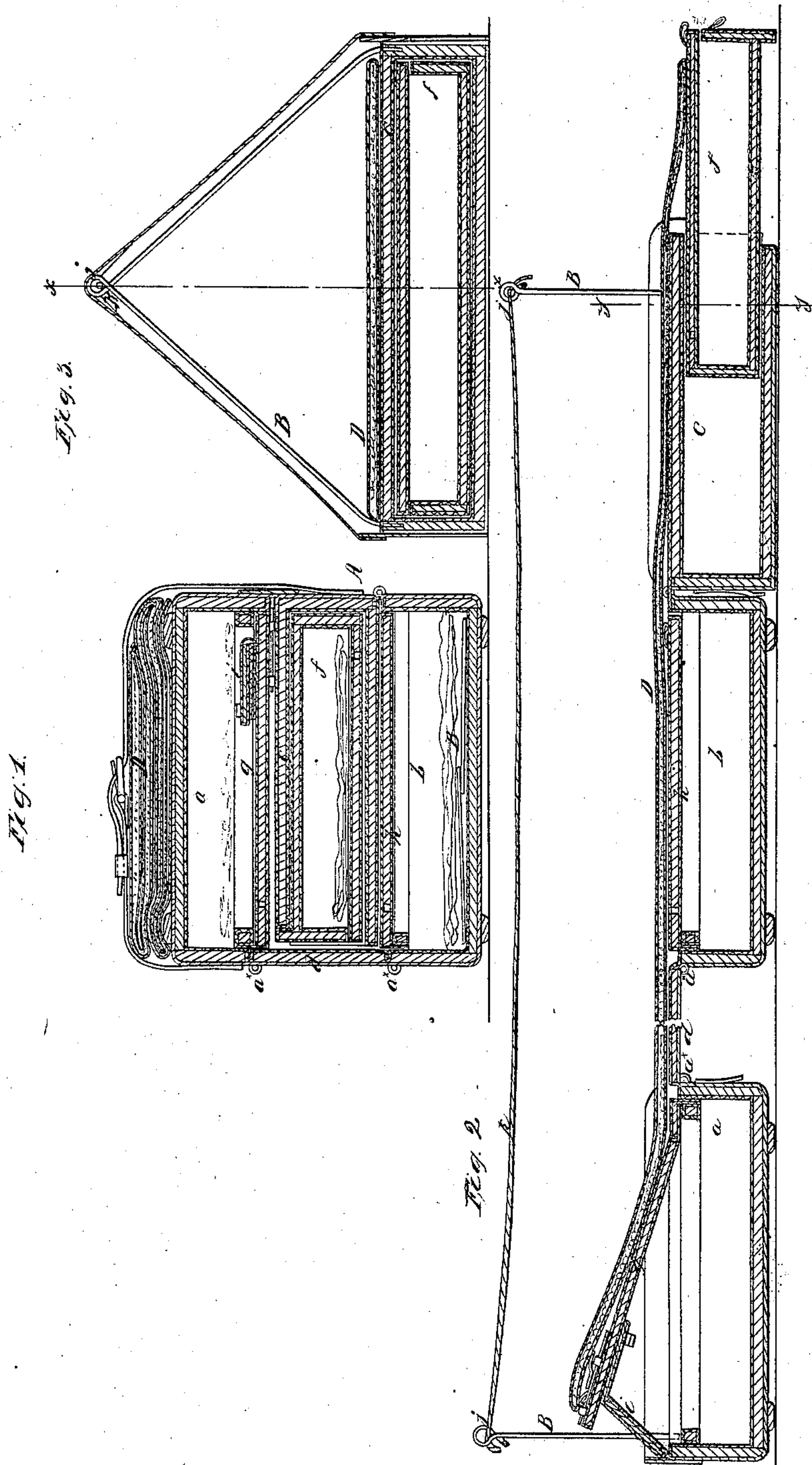


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BEDSTEAD AND TRUNK COMBINED.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FREDERICK BOISSARD and SEBASTIAN CONRATH, of No. 219 Canal street, in the city of New York and county
5 and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Combination of a Trunk and Bedstead Designed More Especially for Army or Camp Purposes; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear,
10 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 transverse vertical section of our invention in a closed state; Fig. 2, a
15 longitudinal vertical section of the same in an open state and arranged as a bedstead— $x\ x$, Fig. 3, indicating the plane of section; and Fig. 3, a transverse vertical section of Fig. 2, taken in the line $y\ y$ of said figure.

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

This invention consists in constructing a trunk of three principal parts and a flap connected by joints and arranged with lids
25 and a drawer substantially as hereinafter shown and described, whereby the trunk when open or distended, will be sufficiently long to serve as a bedstead and still be capable of being folded or shut up in compact
30 form and of sufficient dimensions to contain a requisite amount of clothing, together with supports and a covering for the bedstead.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and construct our invention, we
35 will proceed to describe it.

A represents a trunk which is composed of three parts, a, b, c . These parts may be constructed of wood covered with leather. The parts $a\ b$ are not connected directly to-
40 gether, but are connected through the medium of a flap, d , the parts $a\ b$ being attached by joints, a' , to opposite ends of the flap, as shown clearly in Fig. 2. The flap d is equal in thickness or depth to the part c
45 of the trunk, and the parts $b\ c$ are connected together directly by a joint, e . The part c contains a drawer, f , but the parts $a\ b$ are each provided with a lid, designated by $g\ h$. The lid g of the part a is provided with a
50 support, i , which when the device is used as a bedstead props up the outer part of the lid, as shown in Fig. 2. The drawer f when drawn out from the part c serves to lengthen the bedstead, and the flap d effects two im-
55 portant results, to wit: the lengthening or extending of the bedstead, when the device is used as such, and the admitting of the

parts $a\ b\ c$ being folded one over the other, as shown in Fig. 1, the part c being folded over on the part b , and the part a folded
60 over on the part c .

When the parts are folded together in trunk form, the drawer f is shoved within the part c and the lid g adjusted snugly down on the part a , the support i being
65 folded underneath said lid g as shown in Fig. 1. The drawer f , as well as the parts $a\ b$ of the trunk, may be used as depositories for clothing, and one of said parts may contain two or more forked rods or bars, B,
70 which are simply rods bent in V-form, with an eye, j , at the angle, as shown clearly in Fig. 3.

When the device is used as a bedstead, the ends of the rods or bars B are fitted in the
75 sides of the parts $a\ c$, and a rope, k , is attached to the eyes j of said rods or bars to form a ridge-pole or bearing for a covering or curtain, C, shown in red outline in Fig. 3. A mattress, D, which is placed on the
80 bedstead, as shown in Fig. 2, is folded and strapped on the top of the part a when the device is folded up; see Fig. 1.

By having the trunk formed of three parts and a flap, connected together as
85 shown, and having the part c provided with a drawer, f , a very compact trunk is obtained and still one sufficiently capacious for ordinary purposes; while a bedstead of requisite length is obtained when the parts of
90 the trunk are unfolded and the drawer of part c drawn out.

We do not claim broadly and irrespective of the construction and arrangement herein shown and described, a combined trunk and
95 bedstead; for such devices have been previously made, although very differently arranged from the plan herein described.

We claim, therefore, as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent:
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The trunk, A, formed of three parts, $a\ b\ c$, and the flap, d , connected together by joints, the parts $a\ b$ being provided with lids, $g\ h$, and the part c provided with a drawer, f ; all arranged as shown and used in connection with a mattress, D, and with or without
105 cover or curtain supports, B, to form a new and improved combination of a trunk and bedstead as set forth.

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