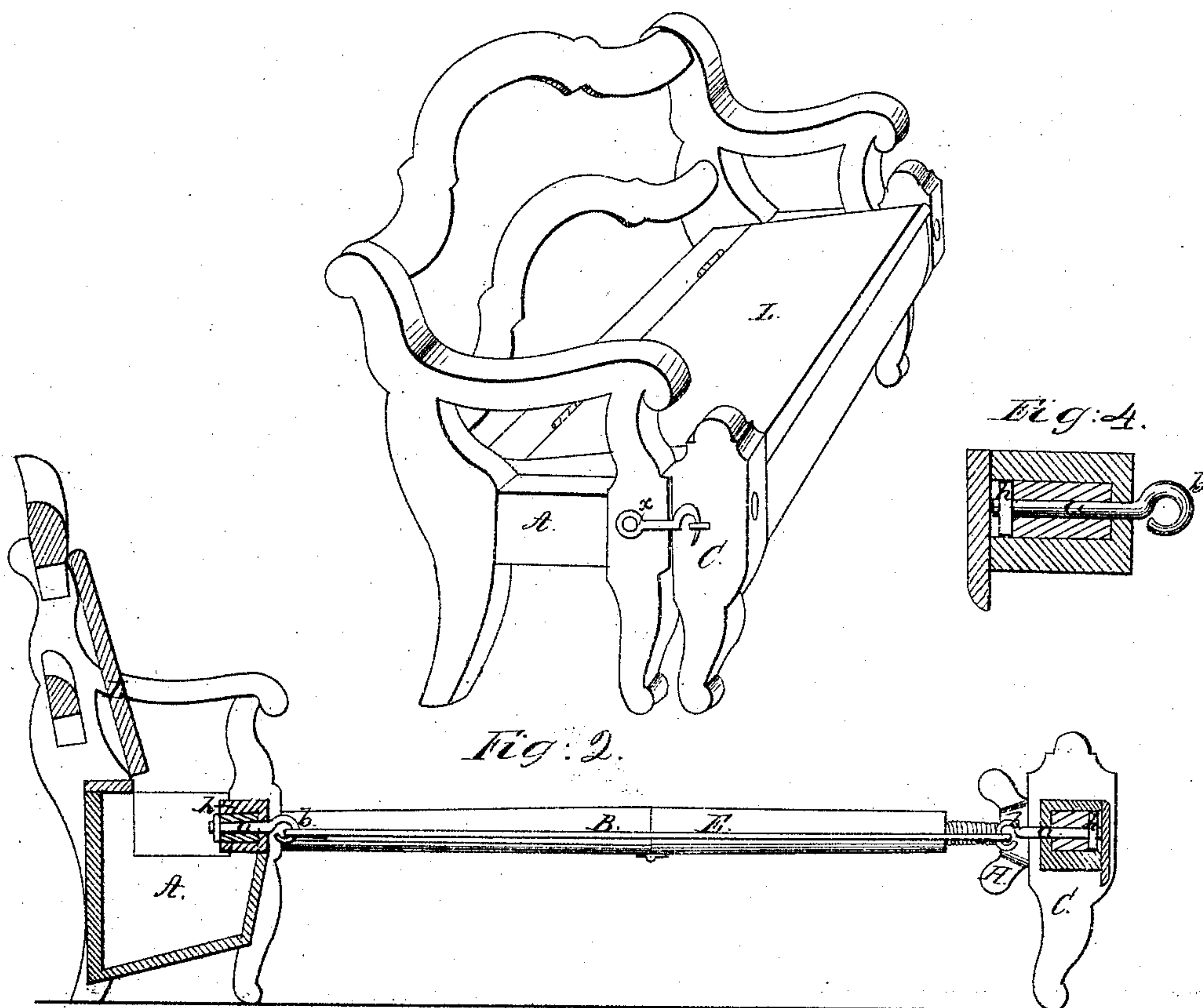


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## IMPROVED SOFA-BEDSTEAD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANCIS COLTON, of Brooklyn, Kings county, in the State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use certain new and useful Improvements in the Construction and Operation of Sofa-Bedsteads; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and correct description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my improved sofa-bedstead when used as a sofa; Fig. 2, a sectional view of the same when used as a bedstead; Fig. 3, a view showing the operation of the hinged levers E; Fig. 4, detached view of bolt *a* and rubber spring *h*.

In the drawings like parts of the invention are designated by the same letters of reference.

The nature of my invention consists (*a*) in a new and novel means of tightening the sacking, as hereinafter shown; (*b*) in the construction and operation of an improved sofa-bedstead, as hereinafter described.

To enable those skilled in the arts to make and use my invention, I will speak of its construction and operation.

A shows a sofa constructed in the usual way, the front portion of which has inserted in it the screw-bolts *a*, provided with the hooks *b*, for the purpose of attaching the sacking B.

*h h* show rubber springs placed upon the bolts *a*, and held in position in any convenient way, which rubber springs *h h* give elasticity and tightness to the sacking B.

B shows the sacking of the bedstead attached at one end to the front portion of the sofa A by means of the bolts *a* and hooks *b*, and at its outer end to the secondary frame C, said secondary frame C having inserted in it the bolts *a*, provided with the hooks *b*.

The legs of the sofa A and of the secondary frame C are provided with openings for the insertion of the ends of the hinged levers E, which hinged levers E serve as side rails, and also to tighten the sacking C, as hereinafter described. These hinged levers E are provided at one end with the rods G, having a

screw-thread cut upon them, upon which screw-threads the nuts H fit.

My improved sofa-bedstead being thus constructed, its operation is as follows: When used as a sofa, (see Fig. 1,) the side rails formed of the hinged levers E are removed, the sacking B is folded up and placed within the sofa beneath the seat L of the same, and the secondary frame C is attached directly to the sofa by means of the hooks and rings *x x*.

To use the same as a bedstead, (see Figs. 2 and 3,) the secondary frame C is detached from the sofa A, the sacking B taken out from the sofa, and the hinged levers E are inserted at their ends in the openings in the legs of the sofa A and the secondary frame C. When these hinged levers E are inserted, they assume the position shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. After being thus inserted, they are pressed down until they assume the horizontal position shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, answering the purpose of side rails, and by the aid of the thumb-screws serve to tighten the sacking B as rigidly as may be desired, while the rubber springs *h h* employed give to the same a degree of elasticity.

In the construction of my improved sofa-bedstead I combine two articles of furniture in one at but a slightly increased cost to the purchaser, while the means employed by me for tightening the sacking B are simple, direct, and substantial.

When desired, the sacking B may be provided with eyelet-holes upon its sides, for the introduction of cords or straps to hold the same to the hinged levers E.

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

1. Tighting the sacking B, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

2. The use of the hinged levers E, constructed as shown, in combination with the sofa A, sacking B, secondary frame C, and rubber springs *h h*, in the manner and for the purpose or purposes specified.

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