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Fig. 1

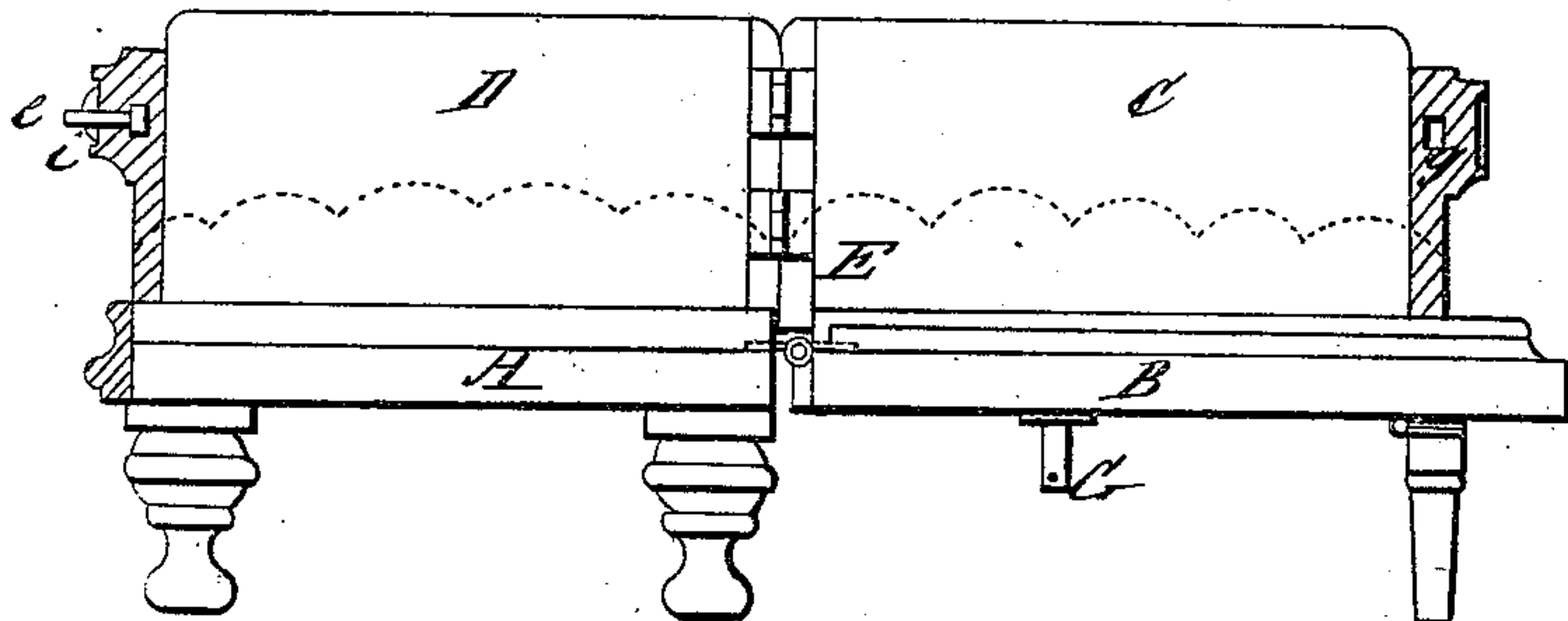
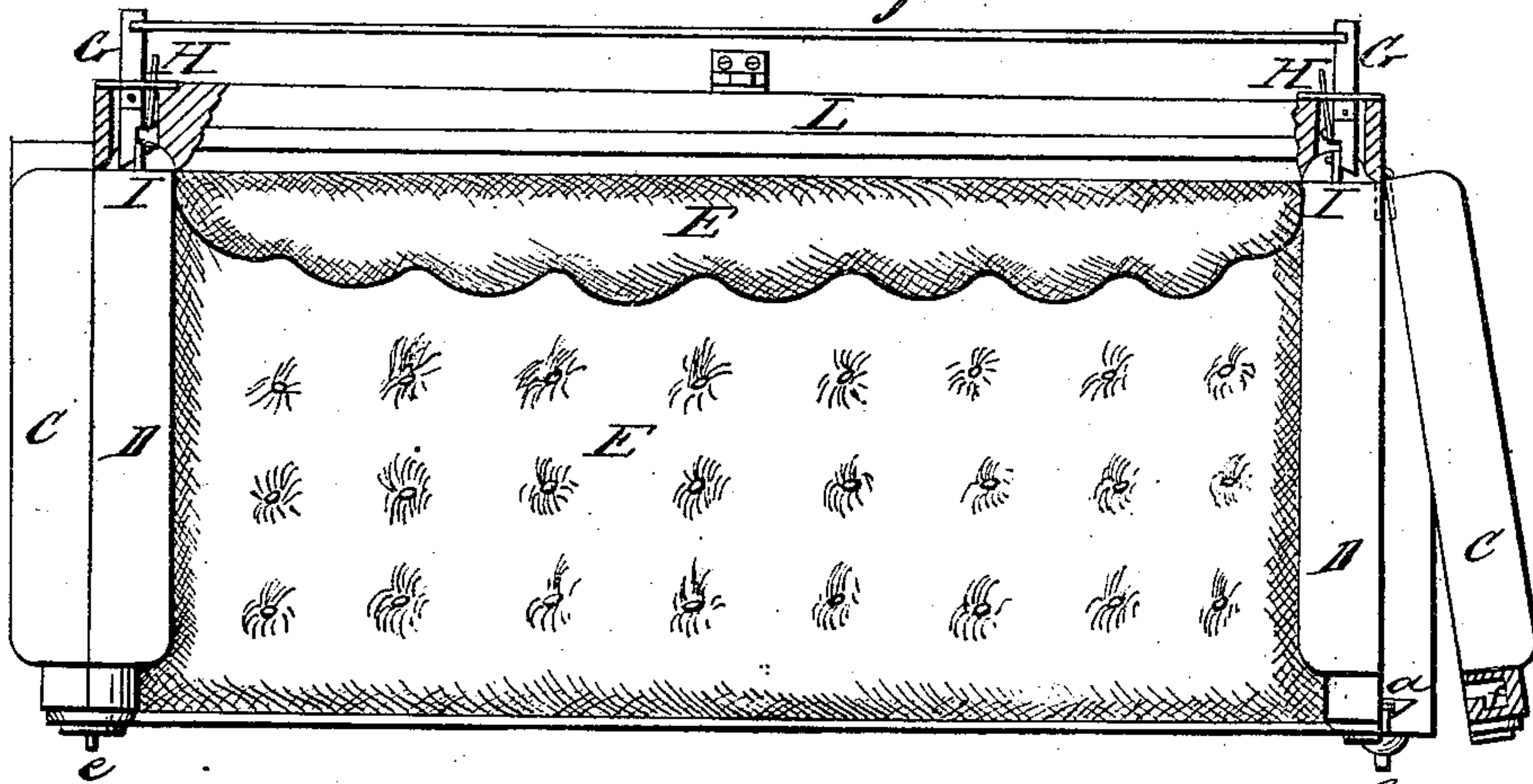


Fig. 2



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IMPROVED SOFA-BEDSTEAD.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. MARTINE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and in the State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Sofa-Beds; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon. In the annexed drawings, making part of this specification—

A represents the body of the sofa, and

B the back; said back being hinged to the body in such a manner as to be capable of being let down to form a sofa-bedstead.

E represents a mattress, which is placed upon the sofa, as seen in Figure 1, so as to form a bed, without depression at that point where it covers the hinges connecting the back to the body.

This mattress is so connected at its centre, longitudinally, to the body and back of the sofa that when said back is raised from a horizontal to a vertical position the centre of the mattress will be depressed so that the sofa will have the appearance and effect of having independent and separate cushions for both its seat and back. The arms of this sofa are made in two parts, C and D, the one hinged to the other, the one movable and the other stationary. The section C is hinged to the back edge of the section D, and is provided at its forward edge with a notched opening, *f*, into which a spring-catch, *a*, catches, to secure the two parts together. When the two sections are closed their front edge is ornamented, and the joint is broken in one place by a button or disk, *z*. Through the centre of this disk a pin, *e*, passes, connecting at its inner end with the catch *a*, and is for the purpose of operating it so as to unlock the two sections when desirable. When the sections C are swung around in line with sections D, as seen in fig. 1, the two together form a foot and head-board for the bedstead. The stationary sections D are provided at their rear edges near their tops with the loops or staples I I, and the back of the sofa is provided with two latches G G. These latches are pivoted in the back L, and have springs H H connected with them, which serve to make their notched ends catch into the staples or loops I I. The outer ends of these latches project beyond the outer surface of the back L, and are connected together by means of the cord J. By drawing the cord J from the sofa it operates upon both of the latches at the same time, causing them to disengage from the loops or staples I, so as to free the back, to enable it to be let down to form a bedstead. When the back is raised to a vertical position the latches catch into the staples and retain the back securely in this position. A foot is hinged to the back in order to support it when said back is let down to form a bed.

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

1. The spring-catch *a* and pin *e* in the stationary section D, and the notched opening in the hinged section C of the arm for securing said sections together, as and for the purpose specified.

2. The latches G G pivoted to the back L, and used in combination with the staples or loops I I and cord J, for disengaging both ends of the back simultaneously, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of June, 1867.

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