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Fig 1.

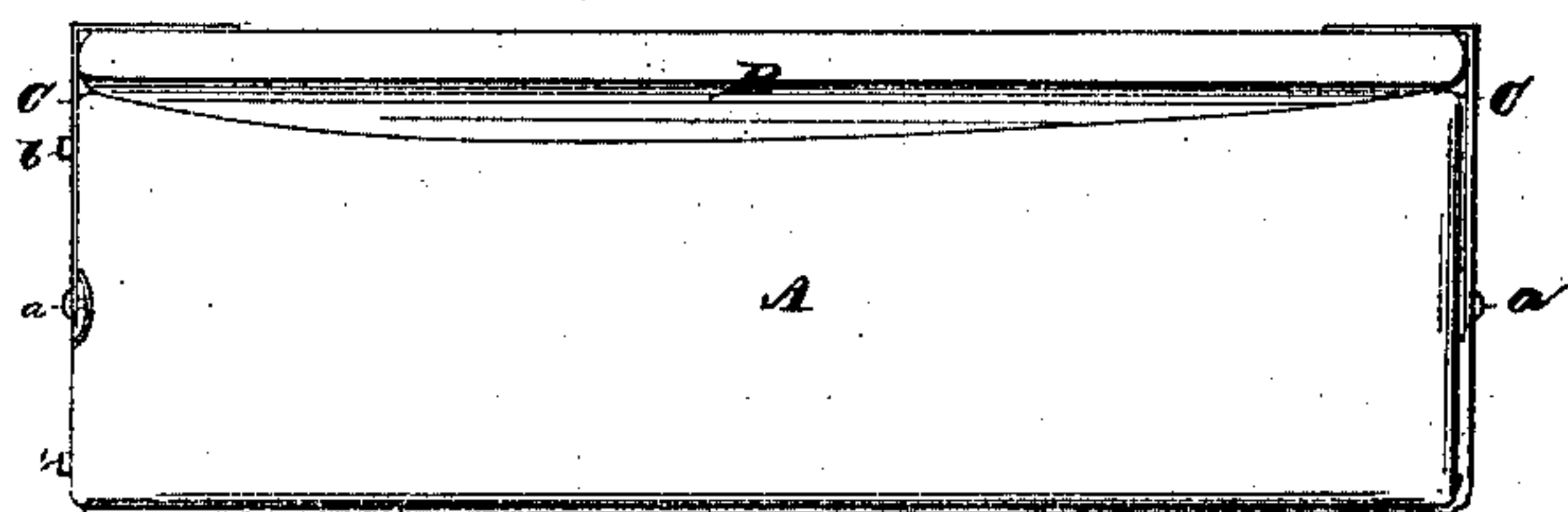


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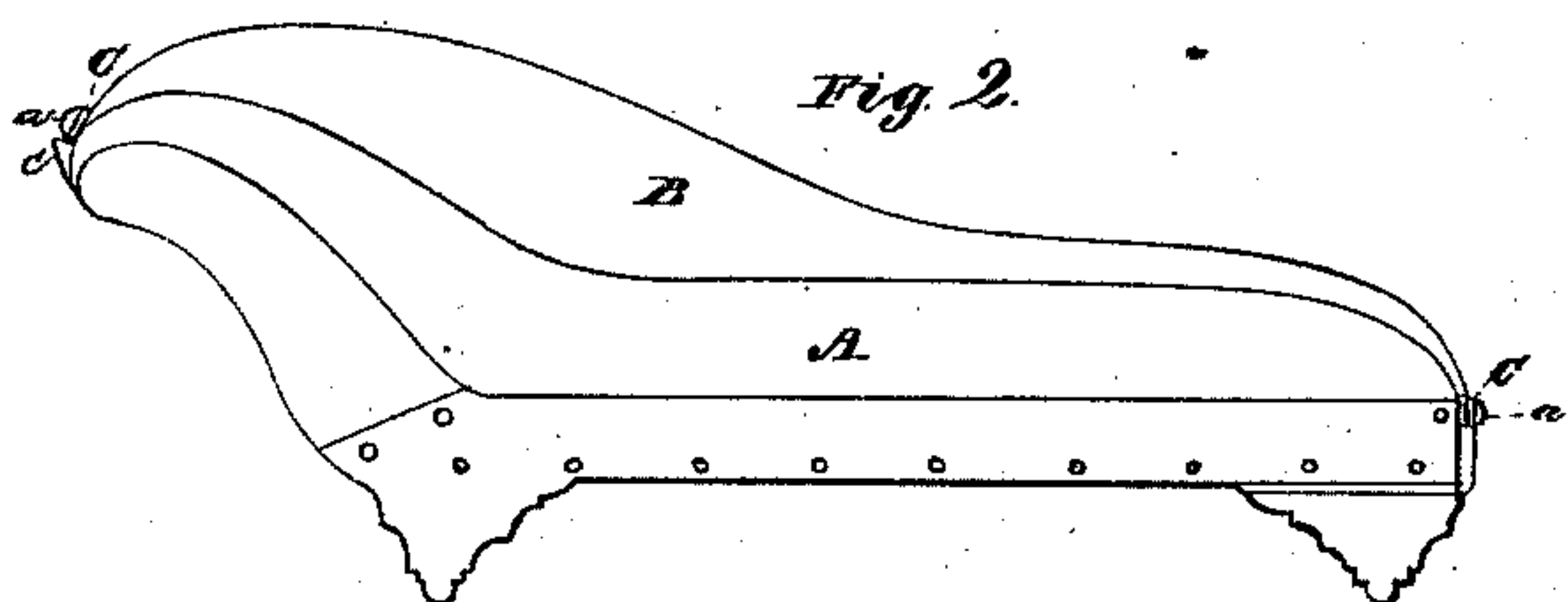


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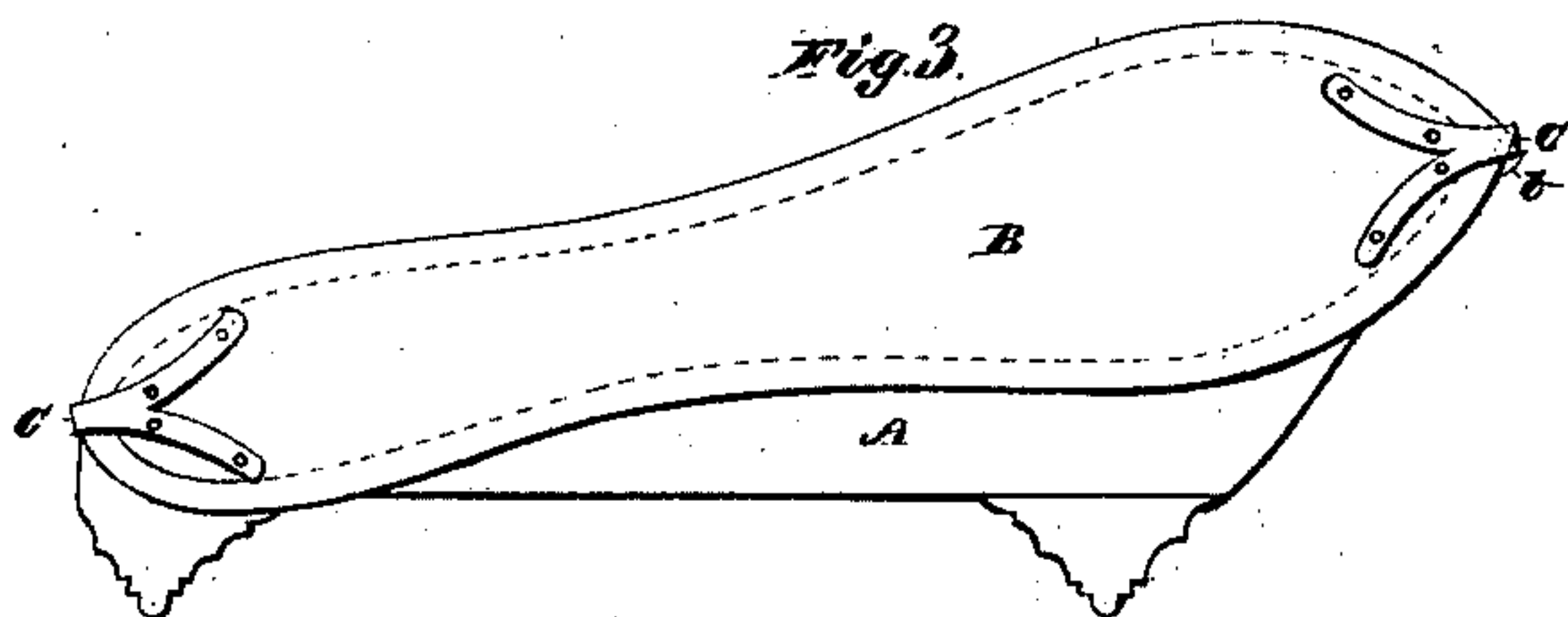


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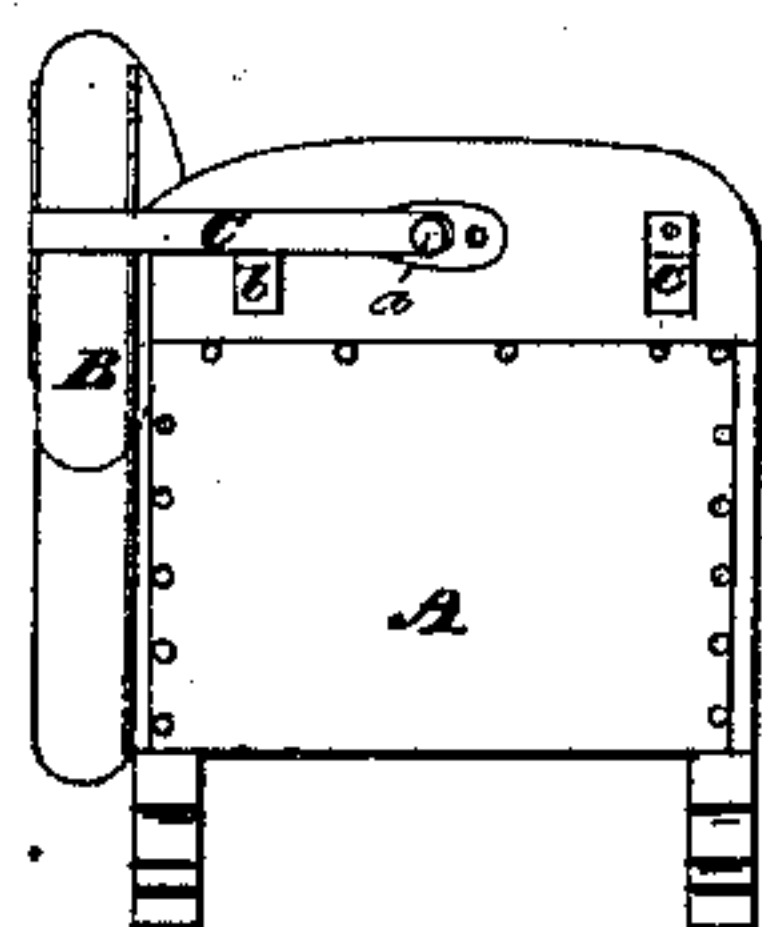
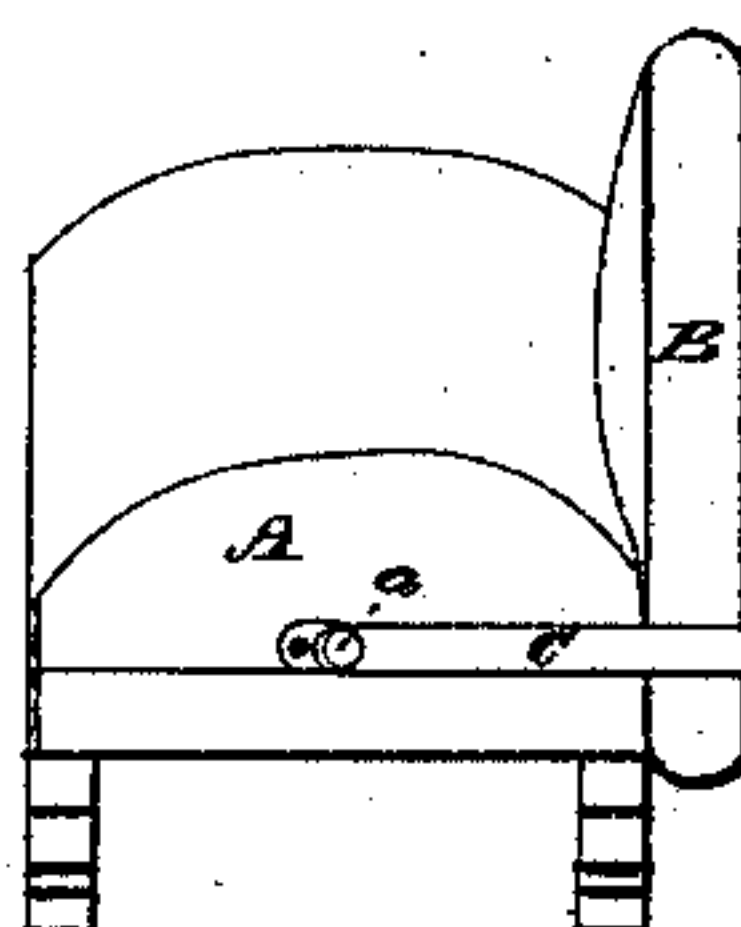


Fig 5.



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IMPROVED LOUNGE.

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

TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. HART, of the town and county of Nantucket, of the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful or Improved Lounge; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view,

Figure 2 a front elevation,

Figure 3 a rear elevation, and

Figures 4 and 5 are end views of it.

This lounge, instead of having its back stationary or fixed, so as to be immovable relatively to the seat and head or arm-rest, as is the case with the backs of common lounges, has a reversible back, that is, one which may be turned over from one side to the other of the seat, and the head or arm-rest, the same being for the purpose of enabling the lounge to be used either as a right or left lounge.

In such respect it is somewhat analogous to the common railway-car seat, provided with a reversible back, but it differs therefrom in certain particulars, for in the said car-seat the connections of the back with the seat are jointed to the middles of the upper parts of the arm-rests, whereas, in my lounge, the connections of the back are jointed directly to the foot of the seat, and to the end of the head of the body.

In the drawings, A denotes the body, and B the back of the lounge.

The said back is shaped very much like the sole of a shoe, and it has two connection-bars, C C, extended from its opposite ends, one of such bars being arranged against the extreme end of the foot, and the other against the extreme end of the head of the body A.

Joint-pins or journals *a a*, extending from the middles of the ends of the head and foot of the body, enter the two connection-bars, and connect them to the body. The back, so connected with the body, but being separate from it in other respects, may be turned to either side of the body, the connection-bars, when the back is in either of such positions, being supported on shoulders or props, arranged as shown at *b* and *c* in the drawings.

My invention enables the back of the lounge to be arranged so as to project upward from either side of the body, the advantage of such being that it enables the head of the lounge to be arranged in either of two opposite directions with respect to and with the back against the wall or partition.

I make no claim to the well-known arrangement of a reversible back and its connection-bars with the two arms of a sofa or seat of a railway-carriage chair.

What I claim as my invention, is—

The improved lounge, as made with the reversible back, and with the connections and supports thereof, applied to and arranged with the two extremes of the body of such lounge, substantially in manner as specified.

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