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Wardrobe Bedstead,

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Fig. 1.

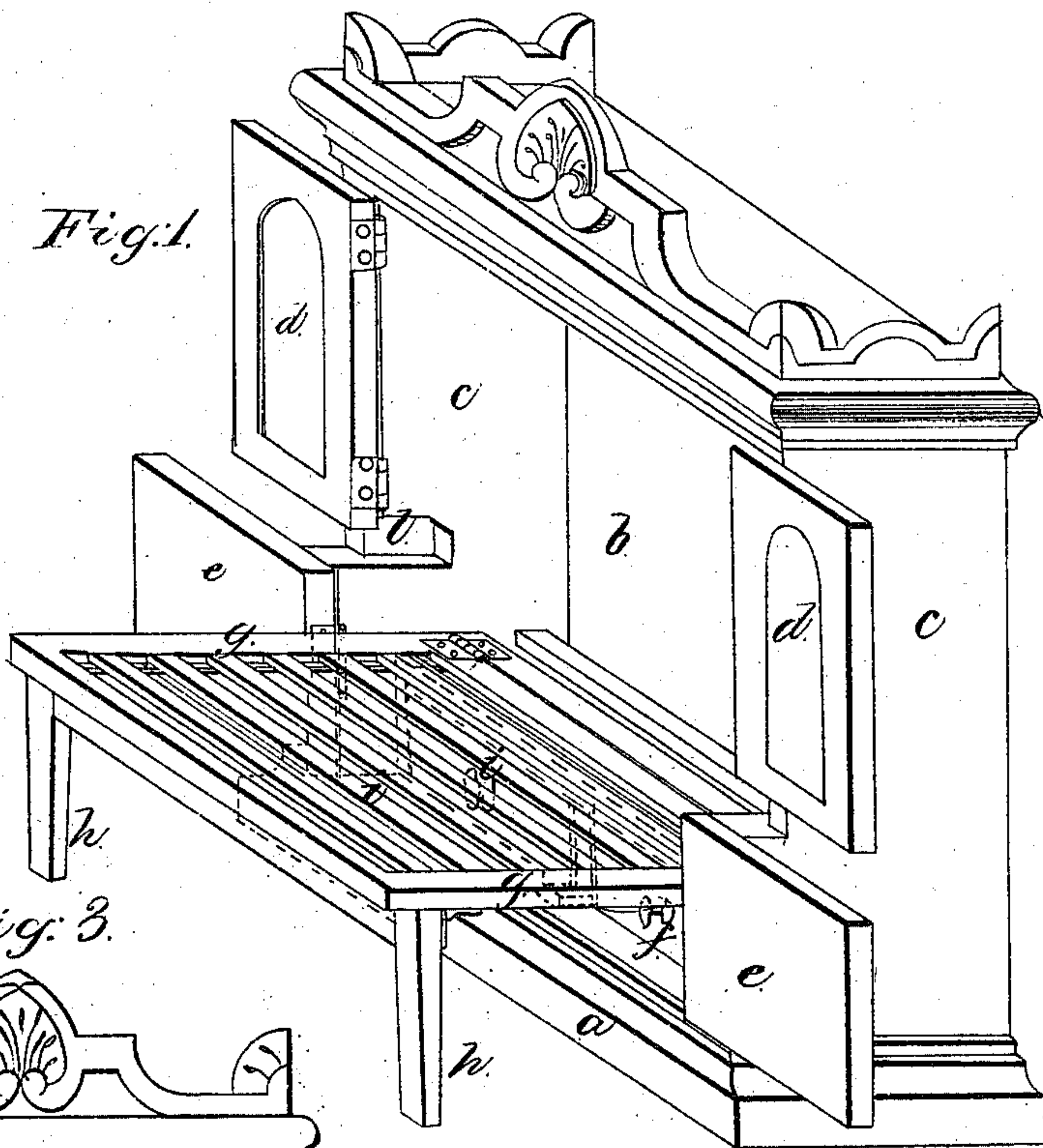


Fig. 3.

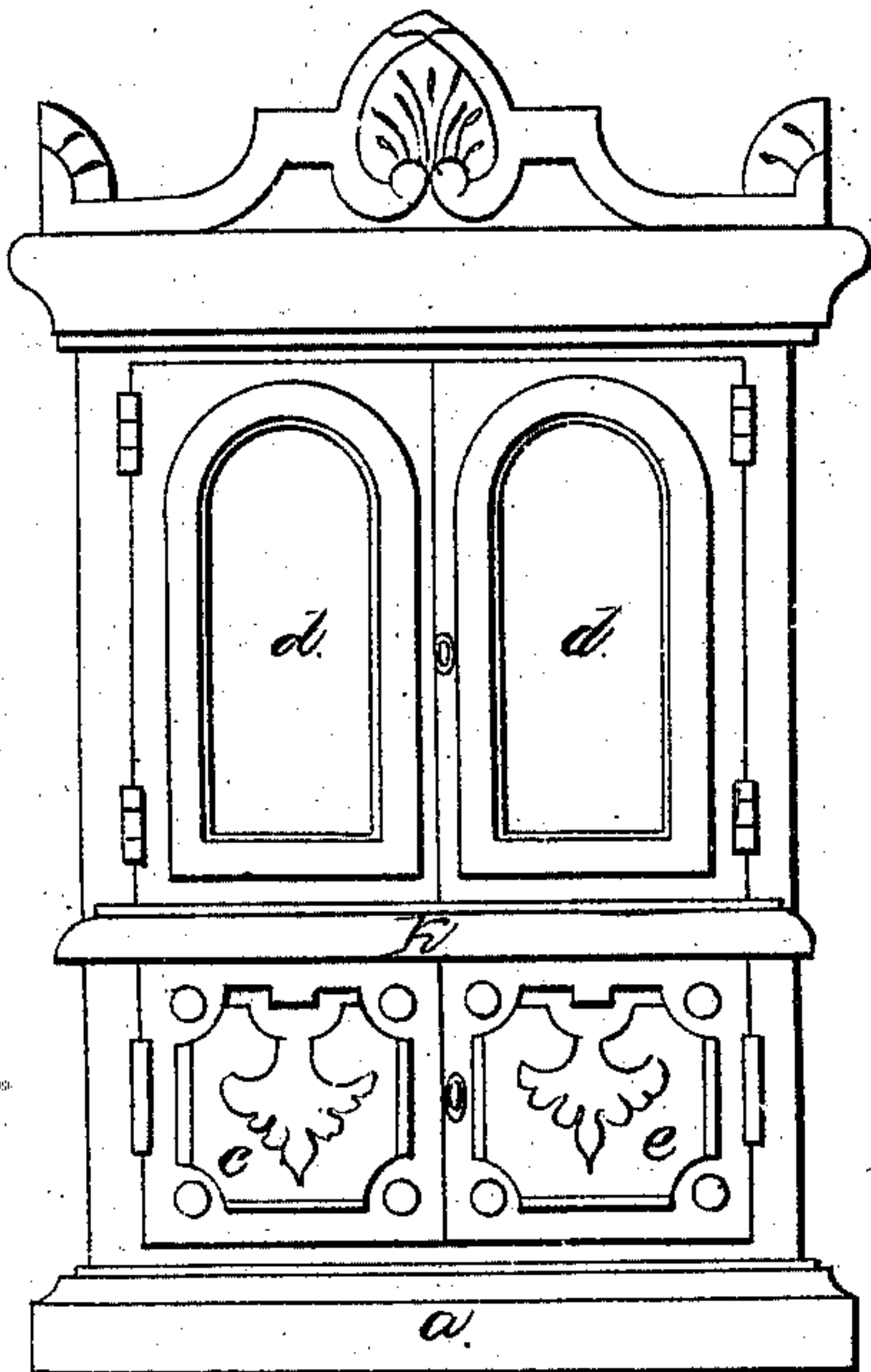
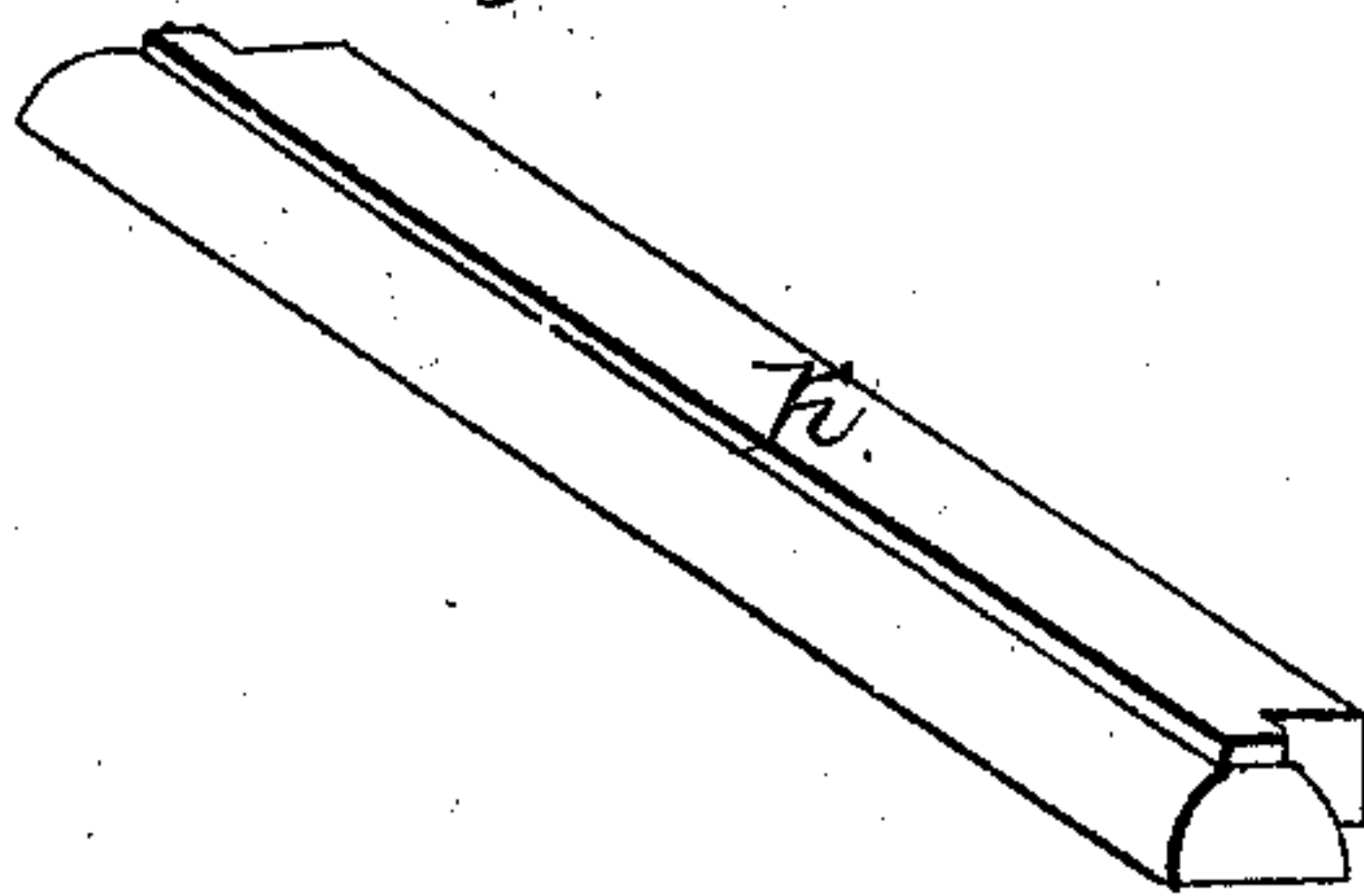


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED BOOK-CASE 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, ELIZA PUTNAM, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and improved Book-Case Bedstead, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a book-case bedstead open for use.

Figure 2 is a dividing piece between the upper and lower doors.

Figure 3 is a front elevation of the case when closed.

The object of my invention is to so combine a bedstead with a case that it shall resemble, when closed, a book-case or secretary, and thus constitute a handsome piece of furniture, suitable for a parlor or sitting-room, and at the same time can be very easily and expeditiously converted into a comfortable bed, all ready for use.

And the invention consists in hinging a bedstead of suitable form to the lower part of a case made similar to a book-case, so that the said bedstead may be easily folded within the case, in combination with a removable front piece, arranged between the upper and lower doors of the case, and which forms a portion of the finish of the case.

Referring to the drawings, *a b c c* represent, respectively, the base, back, and sides of a case, of about the proportions of an ordinary book-case or secretary, and of any suitable size. Just above the base are arranged two drawers, placed side by side, which are designed to hold a basin and ewer and other requisite articles.

At a convenient point is hinged the frame *g g* and *i i*, composing the bedstead, and provided with legs *h h*, hinged so as to be folded up with the bedstead when the latter is folded into the case. *k* represents a partition forming the division between the upper and lower doors *d d* and *e e* of the case, and is fitted in a recess, *l*, on either side, so as to be easily removed when the bedstead is lowered. The frame which constitutes the bedstead may be provided with a raised end and sides, if desirable, for holding the bedding.

The bed, when "made," may be secured to the bedstead by cords or straps and shut up in the case all ready for use when again taken down. It may be held up when in the case by means of a strap, or in any other suitable manner.

The case may be readily converted into a book-case by removing the bedstead and arranging shelves within the same, or it may serve equally well for a wardrobe, if desirable, the bedstead being removed.

With the above-described article of furniture, it will be seen that a parlor or sitting-room can be very readily made to serve the purpose of a chamber or sleeping-room, thus saving the expense of two separate rooms. The casing may be made double, so that one side may serve as a wardrobe while the other is occupied by the bedstead.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a case and bedstead, of a removable dividing piece, *k*, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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