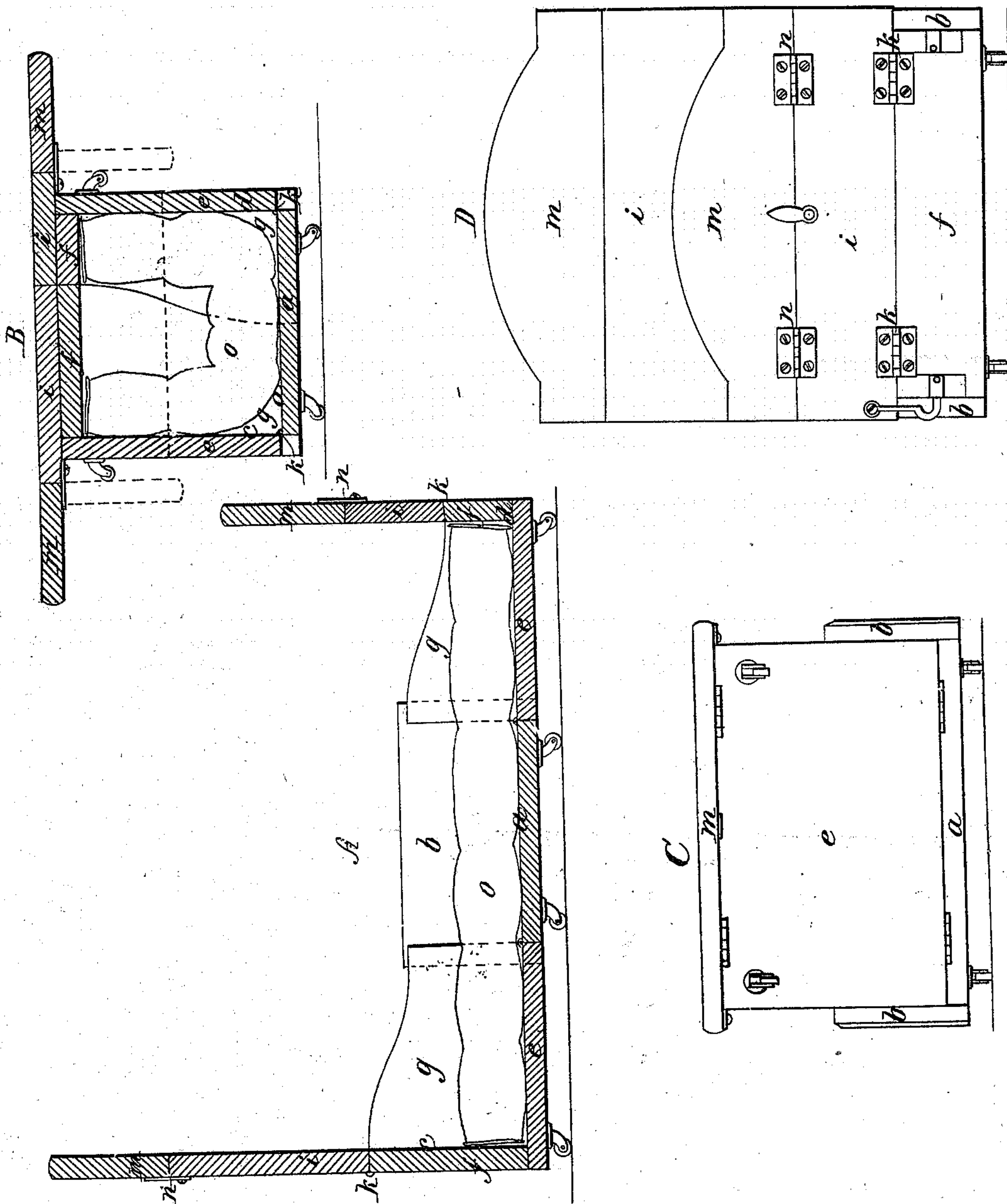


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IMPROVED TABLE AND BEDSTEAD.

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, JAMES L. BRANDER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a Combined Table and Bedstead; and I do hereby declare that the following, taken in connection with the drawings which accompany and form part of this specification, is a description of my invention, sufficient to enable those skilled in the art to practise it.

High rents and the frequent necessity of economizing room, have led to the extensive introduction of secret beds or bedsteads, which may be folded into such form that they constitute, in appearance, ordinary articles of sitting-room or dining-room furniture, but by change of position and form, are converted into beds.

It is to such convertible articles of furniture that my improvement relates, and my invention consists in a table, the top supporting-frame of which is composed of box-shaped parts, hinged together, and forming, when swung down, a bed or bedstead, while the top itself, hinged to the box-shaped sections, constitutes the head and foot-boards of the bedstead, when the outer box-frames are swung down.

The drawings represent a piece of furniture (combining a table and bedstead) made in accordance with my invention.

A shows the article spread open for a bed;

B shows it closed up to form a table;

C is an end elevation of the table; and

D is an end elevation of the bed.

a denotes a centre base-piece, having two end walls or uprights, *b*.

Upon each side of this base *a* is hinged a box-frame, *c* or *d*, composed of a main board, *e*, side-boards *f*, and end walls *g*, the main board *e* being hinged to the centre-base *a*, as seen at *h*, the length of each frame, *c* *d*, being slightly less than the centre frame *a* *b*, so that the frames *c* and *d* can swing vertically between the end walls *b*.

To the outer edge of each side-board *f* is hinged a leaf, *i*, as seen at *k*, and to the opposite edge of this leaf, an auxiliary leaf, *m*, is hinged, as seen at *n*.

The centre frame is preferably mounted upon feet or casters, and when the frames *c* *d* are swung down, the three boards or pieces, *e* *a* *e*, are brought into horizontal line, (as seen at A,) and form the bottom of

the bedstead; the side walls or pieces *g* *g* are brought into longitudinal line with the adjacent centre piece *b*, and form the side rails, and the pieces *f* *f*, into vertical position to form the end rails, while, by opening the leaves *i* *m*, and bringing them into vertical line with the end rails *f*, the head and foot-boards are formed, thus completing the bedstead, the leaves *i* *m* being locked in upright position by suitable buttons or hooks.

The bedstead thus formed, is strong and rigid, may be of suitable size for containing a full-sized bed or mattress, *o*, and is neat, and not unornamental in appearance.

To form the table, the leaves are unfastened from the buttons or hooks, the end frames *c* *d* are tipped up into vertical position, and are brought together, (as seen at B,) the ends of the bed turning up with the frames.

The end walls *f* *f*, are by this movement, brought into horizontal position, with their edges abutting, as seen at B.

The main leaves *i* are folded against the pieces *f*, and form the table-top, the auxiliary leaves *m* being extended, as seen at B, or depending from their hinges, as seen by the red lines.

The two frames *c* *d*, being locked together in their upright position, a firm foundation is made for the table-top, as will be readily understood.

It will be obvious that these changes may be very readily and quickly made, and require no other than the most ordinary skill.

The bedstead is at hand when no table is needed, and furnishes a very useful purpose as a table in the day time, occupying the space which might otherwise be necessarily occupied by a table, instead of being a mere case for the concealment of a bed.

I claim—

A combined table and bedstead, in which the upright head and foot-boards serve as the top and leaves of the table, substantially as described.

Also, the combination with the centre-piece *a* *b*, of the hinged box-frames *c* *d*, and the pieces *i* *m*, as shown and described.

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