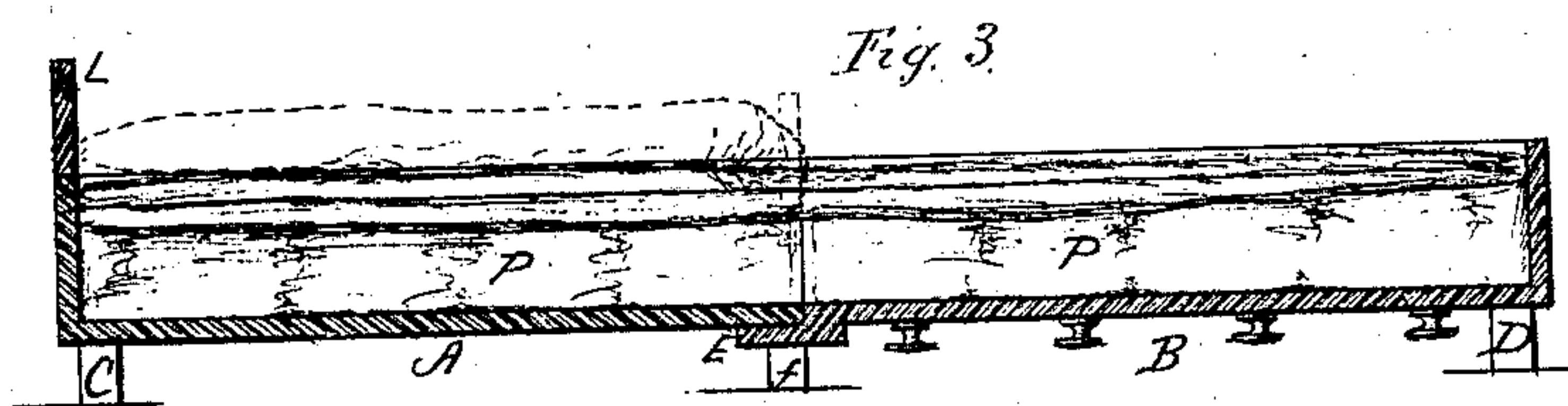
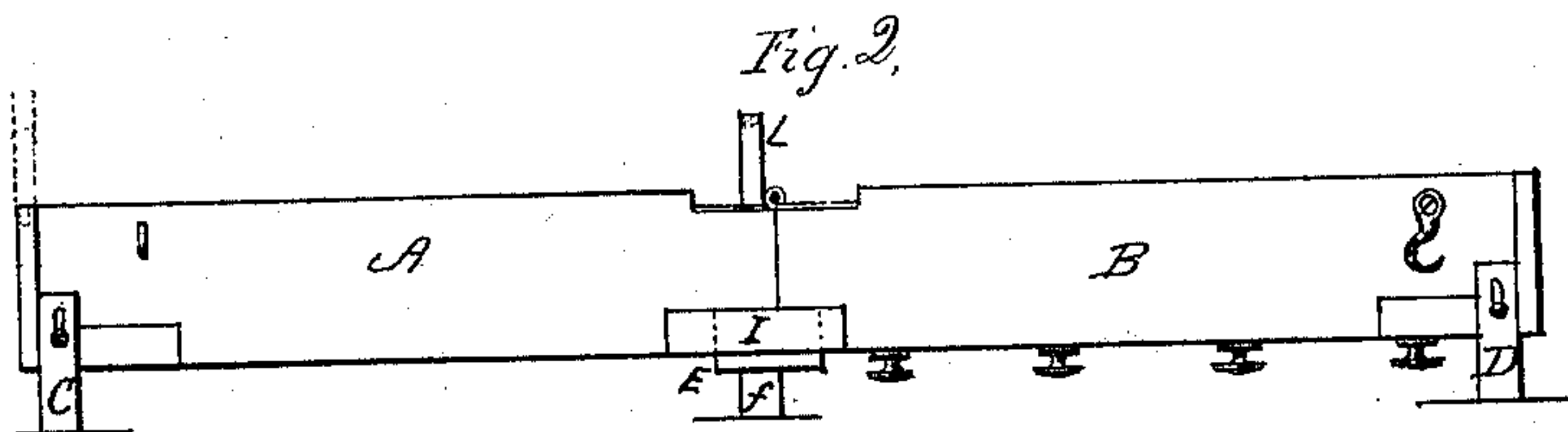
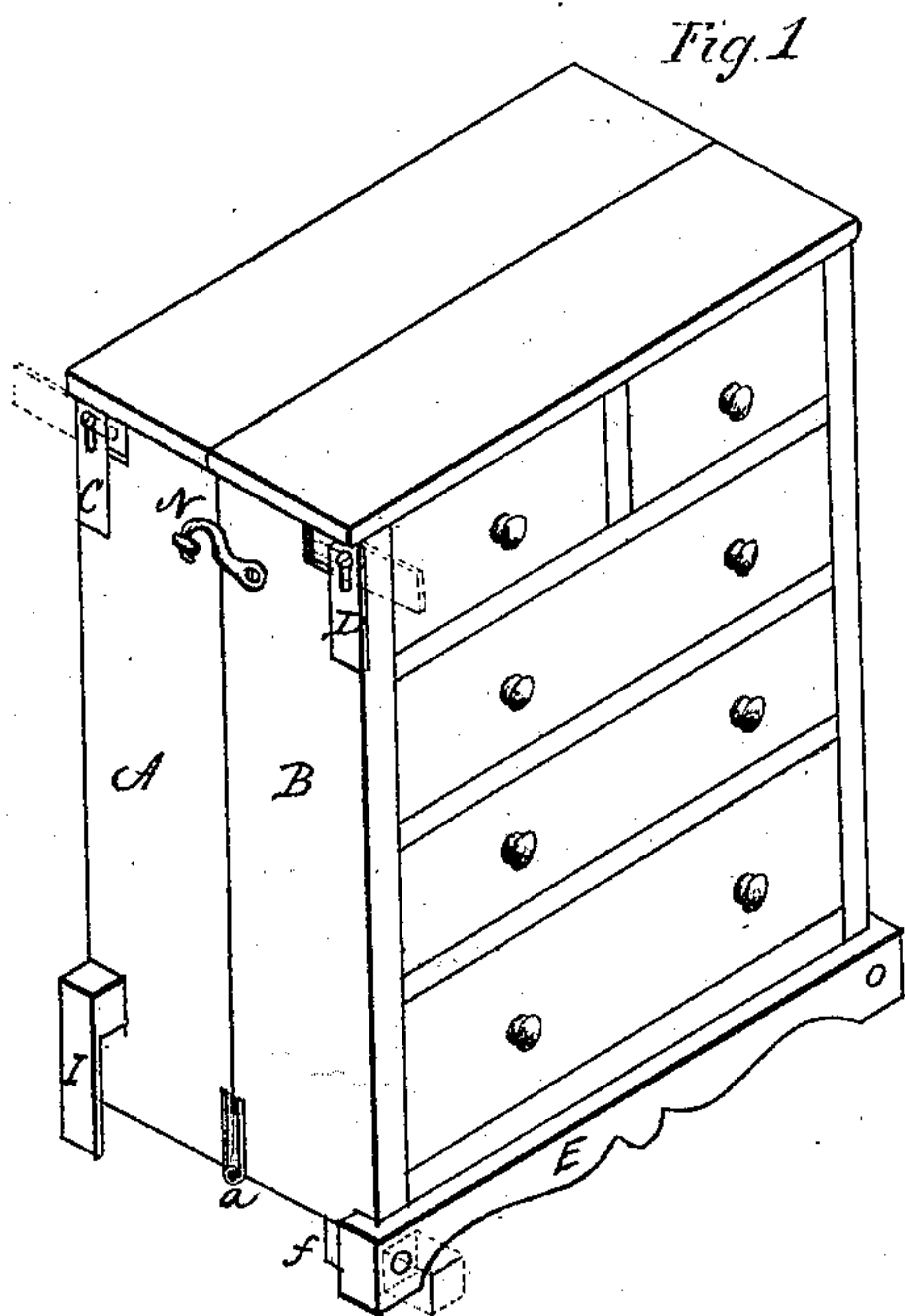


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IMPROVED FOLDING BEDSTEAD.

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, THOMAS G. CLIFFORD, of New York, in the county of New York, and State of New York, have invented a new Improvement in Folding Bedstead; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent in—

Figure 1, a perspective view closed;

Figure 2, a side view open; and in

Figure 3, a longitudinal central section open.

This invention relates to an improvement in folding bedstead, designed to represent, when closed, a bureau, the object being a cheap construction, and consists in a case divided into two parts, vertically, and these two parts hinged together at the bottom, and each of the two parts provided at the top with legs, so as to be turned down out of the way when not in use, and yet rigid and strong when turned out for use, and all of the parts made so as to fold compactly when not in use.

A B are the two parts, divided vertically, and hinged at the lower edge at *a*, so that the two parts will open, the one from the other, into the position denoted in fig. 2.

C and D are the legs arranged upon the two parts, one upon each side, fitting into a recess in the side of the case, and slotted, so that when turned out from the recess they may be set back into a recess at right angles to the first, so that by the said recess they will be held in position, projecting from the case as denoted in broken lines, fig. 1, and as shown in fig. 2.

On the front a base, E, passes across, forming at its extreme end legs to support the front of the case.

Immediately in the rear of this base are two blocks *f*, one at each extreme of the base, each block provided with a shank, so as to fit into a hole in the base, and when inserted from the rear the shank will fill the

hole in front, and when the case is to be opened these blocks are removed and inserted into the front, as denoted in broken lines, fig. 1, and as seen in figs. 2 and 3; at the same time the base E folds beneath the part A, and serves as a support for that part, as denoted in fig. 3.

L is a board set into the part A to form a bottom for the said part when set up, but when open is made removable, so as to be attached for a head or foot-board, as the case may be.

I is the rear leg, (one upon each side,) formed so as to pass over the base when the case is open.

The two parts, when closed, are secured together by hooks M, or other suitable device.

The under mattress should be formed in two parts, P and P', the upper so as to fold as denoted in broken lines, fig. 3. When the case is open, as in fig. 2, the blocks or legs *f* must be taken from the rear and placed in front, the legs C and D placed in position, then the board L removed and placed in position, and the case is ready for use.

It will be observed that the upper part may be filled with drawers, provided the height be more than half the length of the mattress, and small drawers may be placed upon the top of the part A.

I am aware that bedsteads have been constructed in the form of various articles of furniture, so as to fold, and I do not wish to be understood as broadly claiming a folding bedstead; but what I do claim as my invention is—

The case, divided centrally into the two parts A and B, each provided with folding legs C and D, arranged so as to be fixed as described, and also with the central supports *f*, the whole being constructed, combined and arranged so as to be opened or set up as described.

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