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FIG. 1.

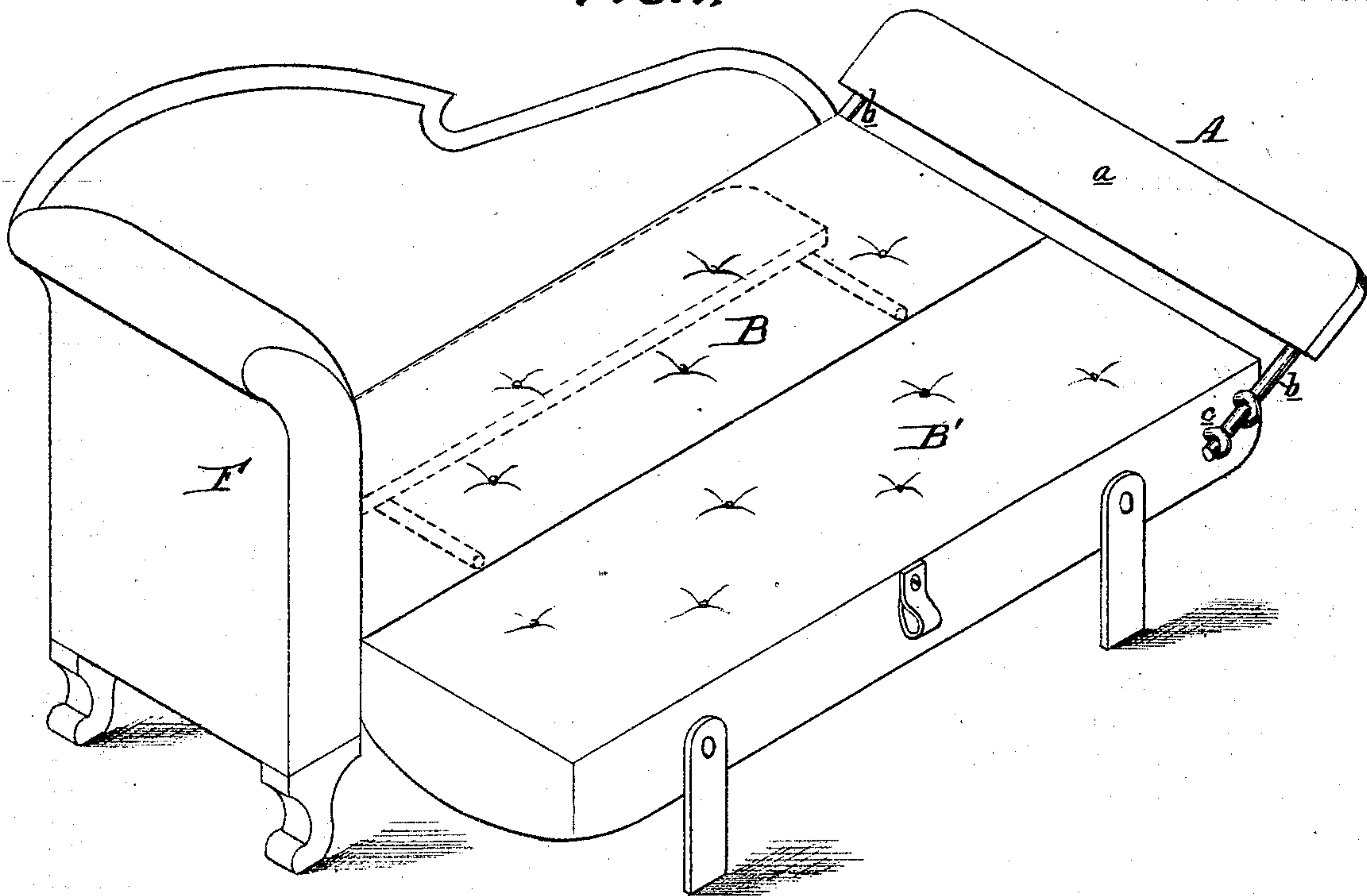


FIG. 2.

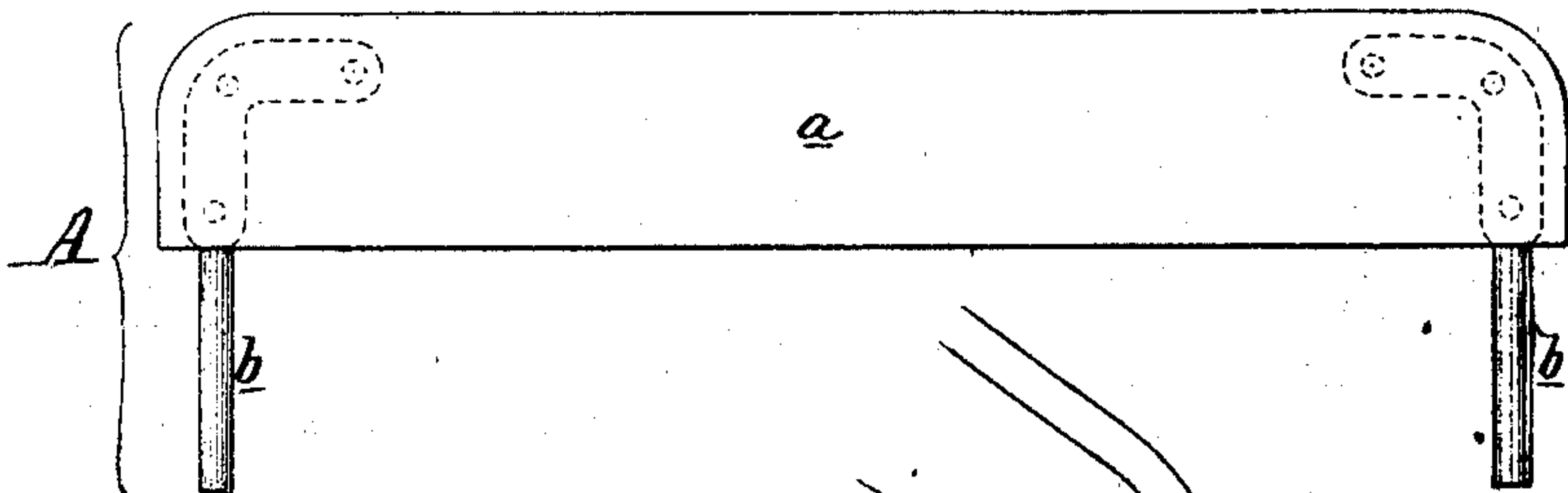
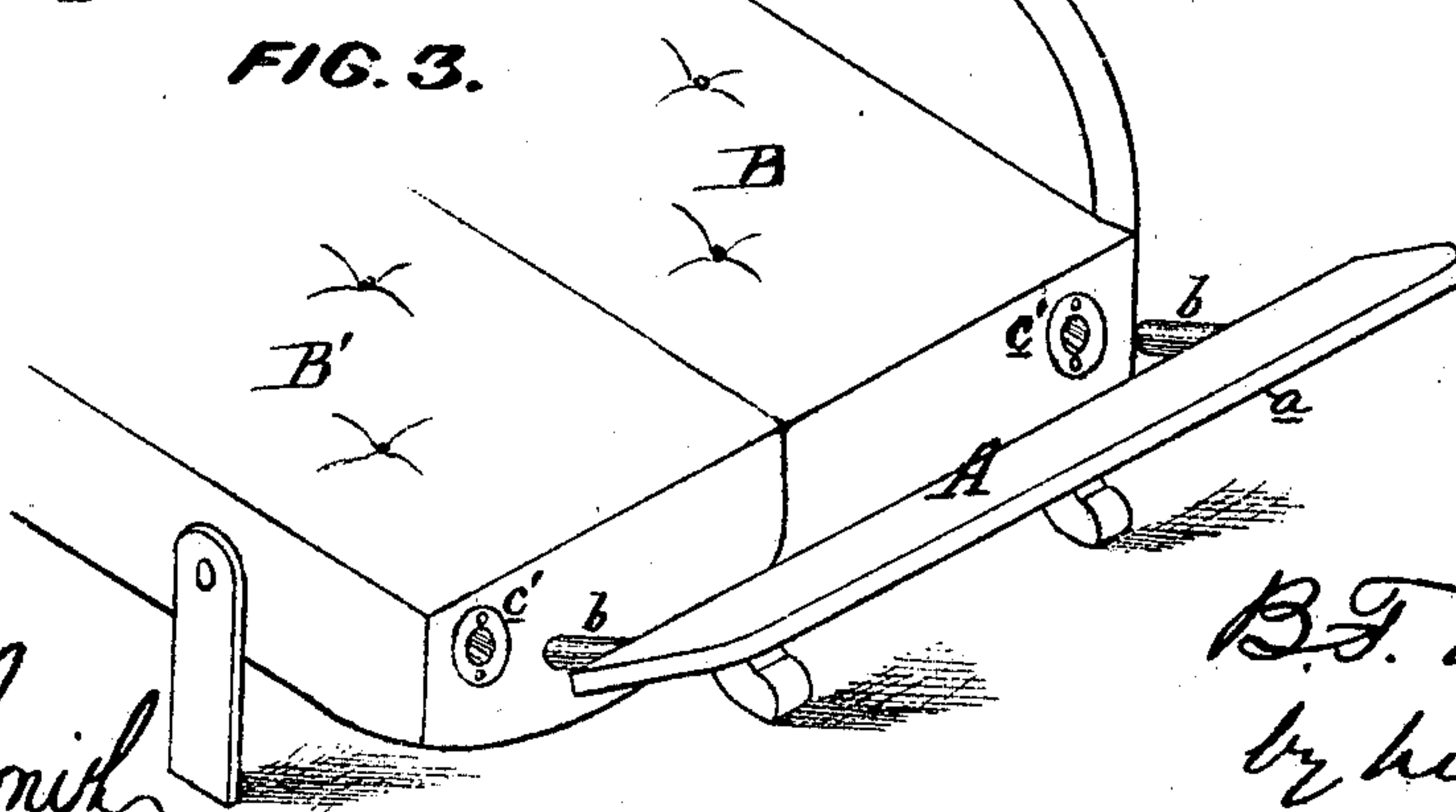


FIG. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BED-LOUNGES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 116,514, dated June 27, 1871.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WALTON, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Bed-Lounges, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a bolster extension, made in one piece, and adapted to a bed-lounge or folding sofa, as fully described hereafter, so that it can be entirely detached from the same when no longer required for use.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bed-lounge with my improved extension piece or bolster fitted to one end of the same; Fig. 2, a view of the extension piece or bolster; and Fig. 3, a perspective view of the foot of the lounge, showing a different manner of attaching the extension piece.

The bed-lounge illustrated in the drawing is precisely similar to those in common use, except that it is somewhat reduced in length, so that, when converted into a lounge, it may not have the disproportioned lengthened-out appearance common to articles of furniture of this class, but may resemble in every respect an ordinary lounge. To compensate for this reduction in length, by which, also, a saving in material is effected, I attach to the foot of the lounge, when the latter is converted into a bed, an extension piece or bolster, A, consisting of a single light board, *a*, to the opposite ends of which are secured rods or arms *b b*, adapted to staples *c* on the edges of the body B of the lounge, and of the folding portion B'. This extension or bolster, being formed

in one piece, is perfectly rigid, and, owing to its upwardly-inclined position, forms, when covered with pillows, &c., a comfortable rest for the head. By the use of the extension, also, the foot of the lounge becomes the head of the bed, and thus the usual soiling of the arm F, by contact with some of the heads of the occupants of the bed, is avoided. Instead of the staples *c* on the opposite edges of the lounge or bed, sockets *c'* might be formed in the ends of the body B and folding portion B' of the lounge for the reception of the arms *b* of the extension or bolster, as shown in Fig. 3. The extension, when no longer required for use, can, by merely drawing it outward, be entirely detached from the staples or sockets, and be laid upon the body of the lounge, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, so that, when the folding portion B' is raised and thrown over to form a seat for the lounge, the said extension will be entirely concealed beneath the same.

I claim—

The combination of the lounge, constructed substantially as described, the folding seat B', the detachable thin continuous strip *a*, the sockets *c c'*, and pins *b*, or their equivalents, arranged so that the strip may be applied to extend the length of the lounge, as set forth.

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

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