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Combined Desk and Bedstead.

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Fig. 1.

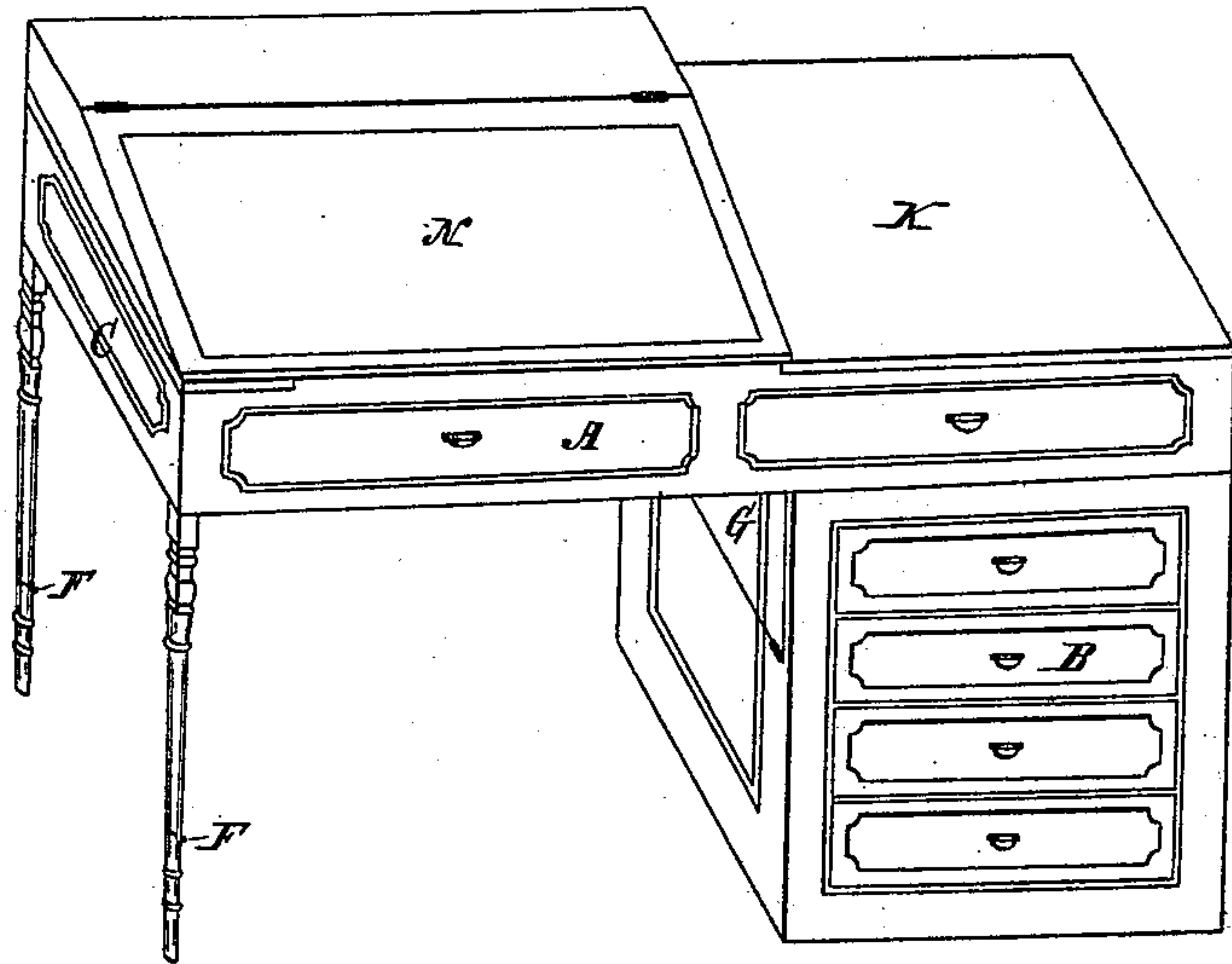


Fig. 2.

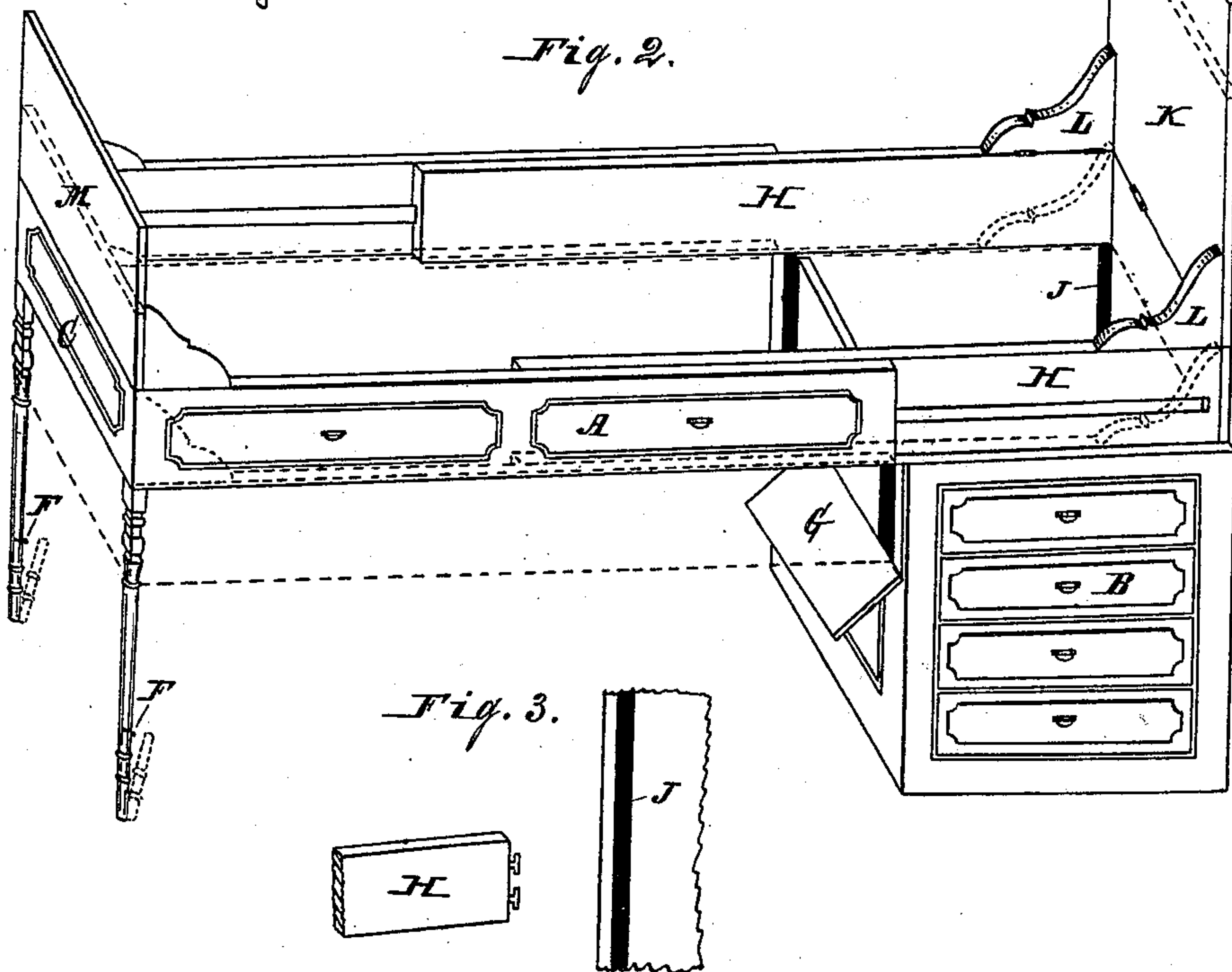
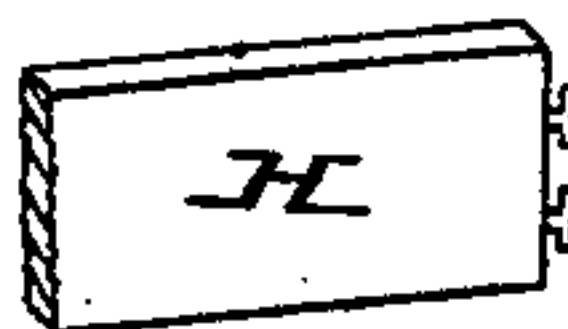


Fig. 3.



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COMBINED DESK AND BEDSTEAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD G. WHEELER, of the city of Indianapolis, county of Marion, and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Desk and Bedstead, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my desk when folded and in position to be used as a desk. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the same when changed into a bedstead. Fig. 3 shows the end of the bed-rail and the groove or slot in which it works.

The object of my invention is the production of a necessary article of office or library furniture in the form and of the requirements of a complete writing-desk, with compartments for stationery, &c., at the same time so constructed that it may be easily changed into a bedstead having all the comforts and conveniences of an ordinary bed. When in the desk form the bedding is completely hidden from view and thoroughly protected from smoke, dust, &c.

My invention is of great practical utility, in that it furnishes two useful and necessary articles of furniture at about the cost of one, by which money and space are economized, all of which are hereinafter more fully described and set forth.

The construction of the desk is as follows:

The part A, made in imitation of drawers, is composed of two separate pieces, grooved on the inner side, in one of which is a key-piece made to fit the groove in the other in which it slides, permitting the desk to be elongated two feet or more. When the desk is changed into a bedstead the part A becomes the front rail of the bed, and will be of a width corresponding to the thickness of the mattress within.

One end of the desk will be supported by cabinet-work B, with real or imitation drawers, which will be of sufficient capacity to hold the surplus mattress and bedding when the bedstead is closed, and also for stationery when required. The other end, C, will be supported by standards or legs, or cabinet-work with additional space or drawers, if needed, for bedding or stationery.

One end of the bed-frame C, Fig. 2, will be lowered by hinging the legs at F, allowing the part below the joint to be folded upon the part above, allowing the bed-frame to settle down

to a convenient height above the floor. The other end of the bed-frame will be lowered the same distance by dropping a portion of the cabinet-work at G, which will be hinged to the part below.

The ends of the inner bed-rails at H, Fig. 2, will work up and down while raising and lowering the bed-frame in a perpendicular grooved slot, in which the knob on the end of the bed-rail fits easily or loosely. This device is more particularly shown in Fig. 3, the object of which is to prevent the inner rail from being drawn endwise when the desk is extended, at the same time to permit it to move up and down, as may be desired, to give the proper elevation to the desk and bed. When lowered the bed-frame will rest firmly upon the stationary part of the cabinet-work at G, after the movable part has been let down.

The top of the cabinet K will be hinged, so that when raised to a perpendicular it will form the head-board of the bed. This will be supported when raised by the brackets L, either hinged to the bed-frame or loosely doweled, as may be found most convenient in practice.

The foot-board M will be hinged to the end of the bed-frame and made to fold down, forming a part of the cover of the desk when closed.

The writing portion of the desk N will be complete in itself, having bottom, sides, and top, with conveniences within for writing material, stationery, &c. The lid will be hinged as shown. It will be lifted off when the desk is to be changed into a bed.

The dotted lines, Fig. 2, represent the position of the bed-frame when lowered to the extent provided for and described above.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A combined desk and bedstead with the movable desk portion N and hinged portions K and M with sliding rails A, so constructed as to be lowered by means of grooved slot J and hinged legs F, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 11th day of March, A. D. 1881.

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In presence of—

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