

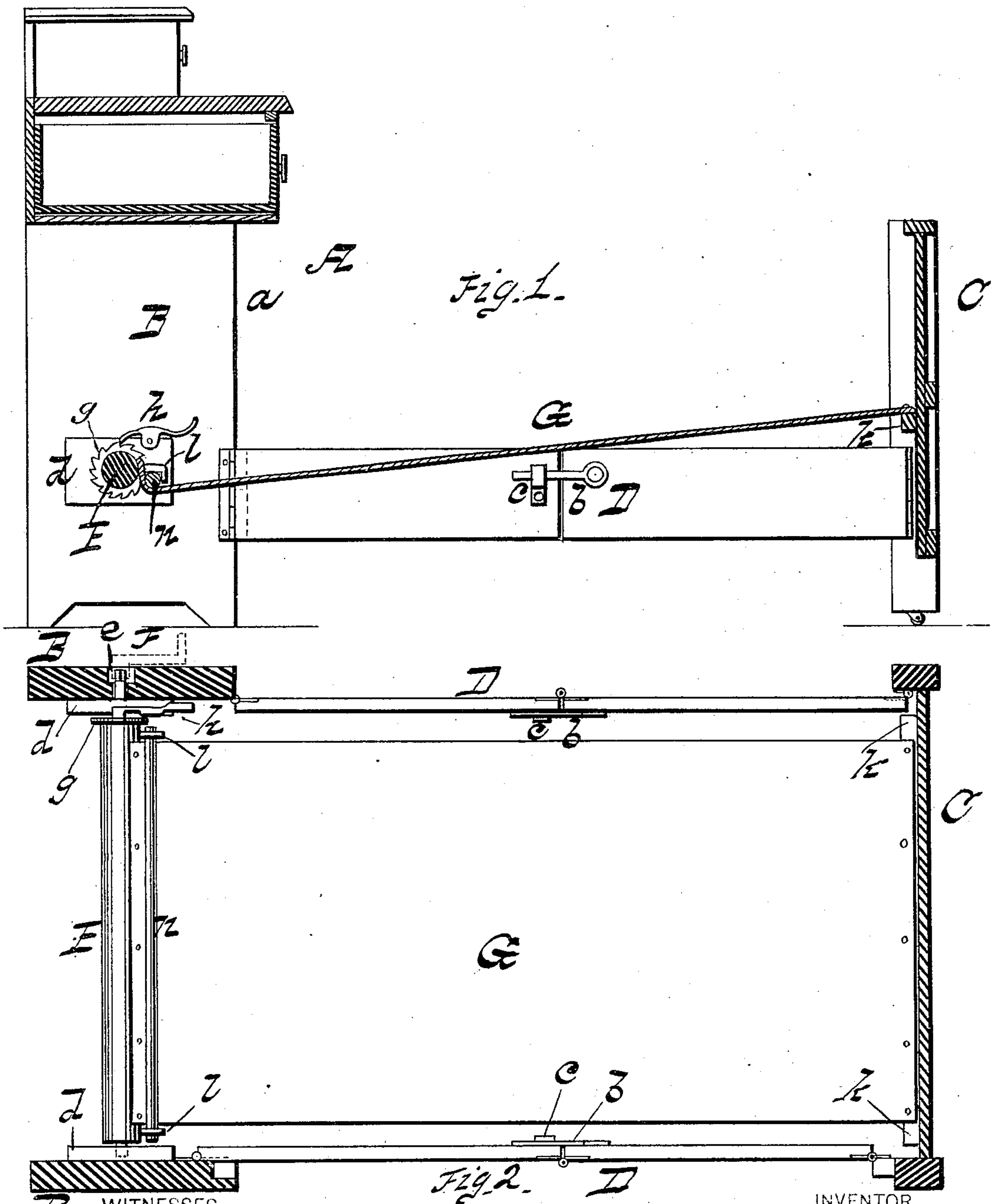
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED S. BURNHAM, a citizen of the United States, resident of Parkersburg, in the county of Butler and State of Iowa, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Bureau-Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a longitudinal section of my invention, and Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of the same.

This invention has relation to devices for supporting bedding; and it consists, mainly, in the construction and novel arrangement of the roller carrying the canvas or wire mattress and bedding, and the jointed frame, also attached to said canvas or wire mattress, whereby the device may be arranged to form a part of a bureau, secretary, cupboard, or bookcase, or other piece of furniture of similar upright form, as hereinafter shown and described.

In the annexed drawings, the letter A designates the frame or case of a bureau, in connection with which I have illustrated this invention. The lower portion of this case is made without drawers, and consists, mainly, of the side walls or supports, B. The front C of said lower portion of the case is separately constructed, and is designed to fit the front bearings, *a*, of the case when closed up against the same. The front C is designed to be provided with casters, and is connected to the case-walls B by means of the jointed and folding side rails, D. These side rails are designed to fold inward horizontally, and have no vertical motion, so that the front C is braced and held in upright position thereby when it is separated from the case by the extension of the side rails. Latches *b* and keepers *c* serve

to brace the middle joints of the side rails when extended.

E represents a shaft or roller, which is journaled in bearings *d*, arranged in the case-walls B, and a key-seat, *e*, is provided for the engagement of a crank-key, F, whereby the shaft or roller is turned. A ratchet, *g*, and pawl *h* are arranged at the end of the roller E, and serve as a convenient means of tightening the canvas or wire mattress G, one end of which is attached to said roller. The other end of this mattress is attached to a bearing, *k*, of the front C, which, when drawn out, becomes the head or foot of the bedstead thus formed.

Hooks *l* are secured to the ends of the mattress-roller, and a transverse bar, *n*, arranged over the bed-clothes and in engagement with said hooks, serves to hold the bed-clothes and mattress together and to the roller during the rolling operation. When the mattress and coverings are rolled up the side rails are folded beneath the mattress, and the front C is closed against the case-walls B.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The mattress roller or shaft E, having the key-seat *e* and attached canvas or wire-cloth mattress G, and the separable front C, also connected to the mattress, and having side rails extending to the case A, supporting said roller or shaft, substantially as specified.

2. In a bureau or other case, A, the separable front C and folding side rails, D, the rolling mattress G and roller E, the hooks *l*, and holding-bar *n*, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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