

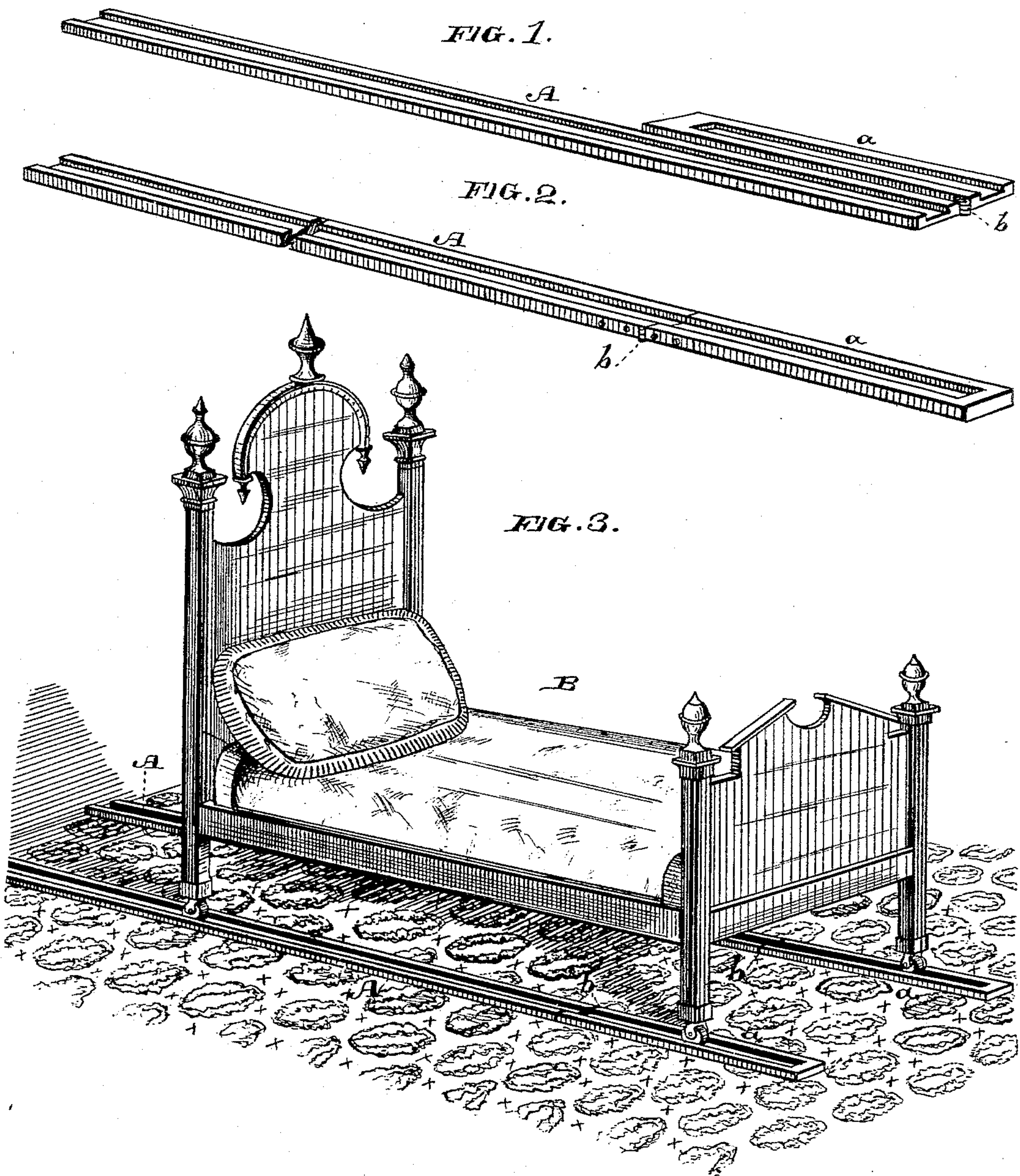
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANÇOIS DELMONT, of the city and county of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented an Improvement in Guide-Tracks for Heavy Furniture; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to new and useful tracks or ways upon which beds and other heavy articles of furniture may be mounted, in order to permit said articles to be readily moved and to save the carpets from continual wear.

My invention consists in independent strips of wood or other suitable material grooved or otherwise prepared for the reception of the casters or rollers on the furniture, and having a folding or swinging end. These strips, forming the tracks, are laid upon the floor under the casters of the furniture, which are thus adapted to travel upon them. Their hinged or folding ends, when not in use, are turned inwardly under the article of furniture, and when in use are extended in the manner and for the purpose I shall hereinafter fully describe by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of one of the tracks, with the hinged portion swung back against the main part. Fig. 2 shows the hinged portion extended in line with the main part. Fig. 3 shows the application of my invention.

A represents two strips of wood or other suitable material, having one end, *a*, severed and hinged at *b*, whereby said end is adapted to be extended outwardly in line with the main portion, or folded back to lie parallel with it. These strips are preferably grooved out upon their surfaces to form suitable tracks for the casters or rollers of the furniture. The tracks thus formed are independent of one another, and are simply laid upon the floor or carpet, and the article of furniture—such as the bed B, herein shown—is mounted on said tracks in such a manner that its casters or rollers are adapted to travel upon them.

Whenever it is necessary to move the bed or other article of furniture away from its position, in order to sweep behind it, or for any other purpose, the swinging ends *a* are extended in a line with the main portion of the strips or tracks, thus forming one continuous track of any suitable length, upon which

the bed or other article of furniture may move outwardly with ease and to a sufficient distance.

When the bed is to be moved back, it is rolled upon the tracks to its position, and the extended ends *a* are then moved around under the bed out of the way.

The employment of these tracks, which are easily made and used, enables the operator to handle heavy articles of furniture with ease, while at the same time they save the carpet from continuous wear.

I am aware that the stationary casing of some cabinet-bedsteads is provided with short tracks to assist in the easy operation of the folding bed; but these tracks are fixed and form part of a specified article, while mine are independent, both of each other and of the article of furniture, whereby they can easily be moved about.

Moreover, my tracks are capable of extension to permit the furniture to be moved a sufficient distance.

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

1. Guide tracks or ways for heavy furniture, consisting of the independent and removable strips A, adapted to be laid upon the floor or carpet, and upon which the casters or rollers of the furniture are adapted to travel, substantially as herein described.

2. Guide tracks or ways for heavy furniture, consisting of the strips A, adapted to be laid upon the floor or carpet under the casters or rollers of the furniture, and having hinged or folding ends *a*, adapted to be extended when the furniture is to be moved, and turned back out of the way when the furniture is moved back to its place, substantially as herein described.

3. The independent removable guide tracks or ways A for heavy furniture, said tracks having hinged or folding ends *a*, adapted to extend the tracks when in use, and to be turned back out of the way when not in use, substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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