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COMBINED WINDOW SEAT AND COUCH.

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Fig. 1.

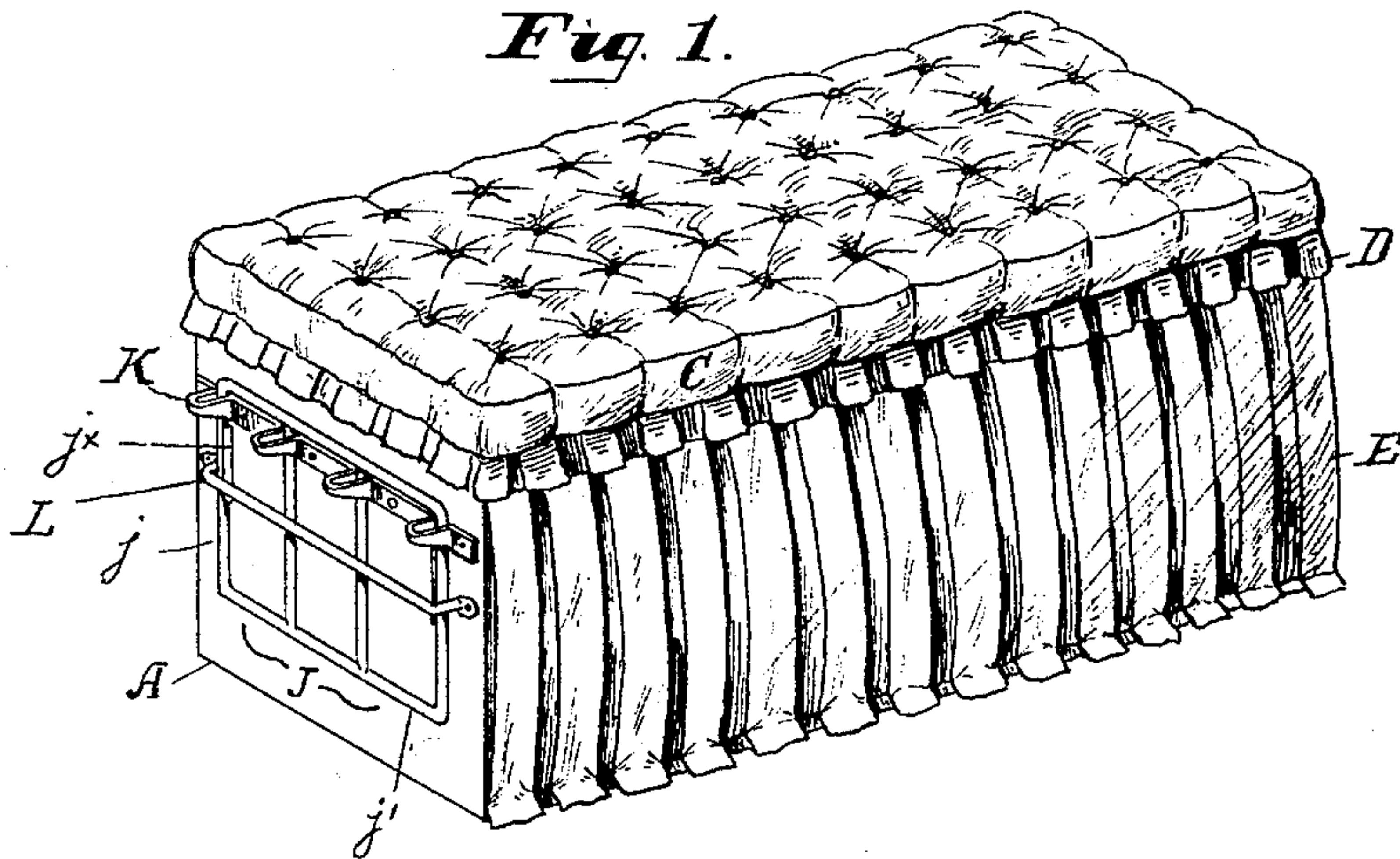


Fig. 2.

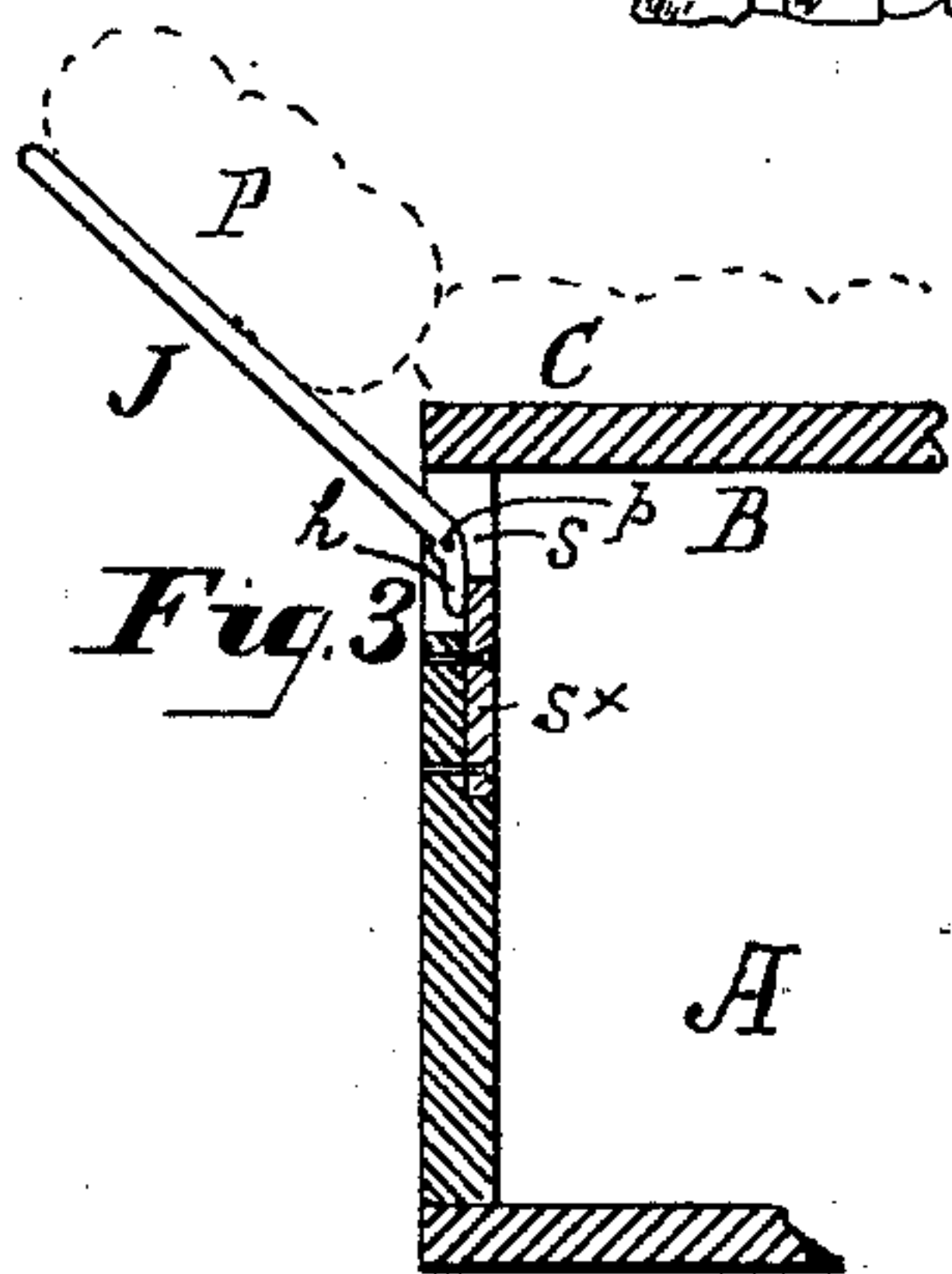
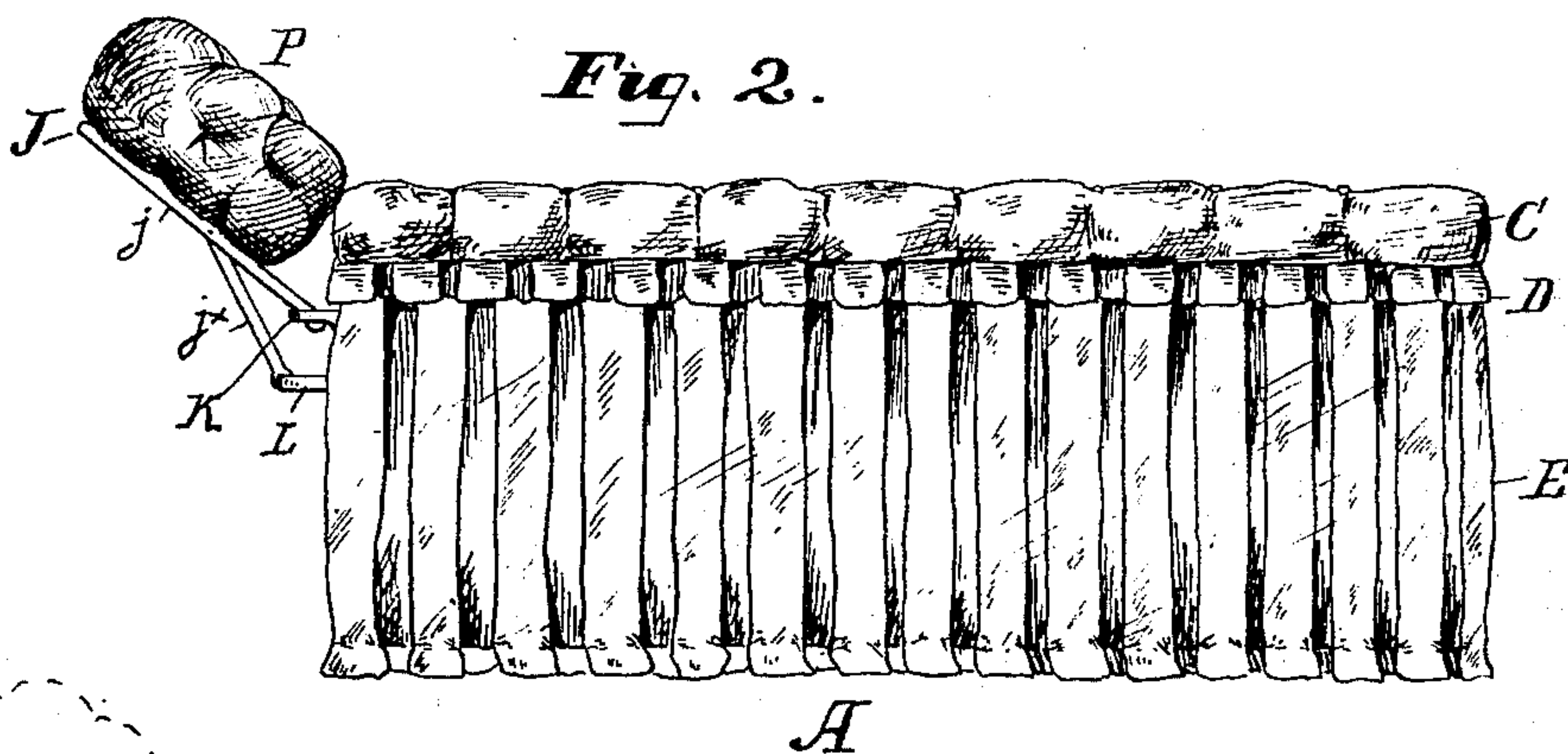
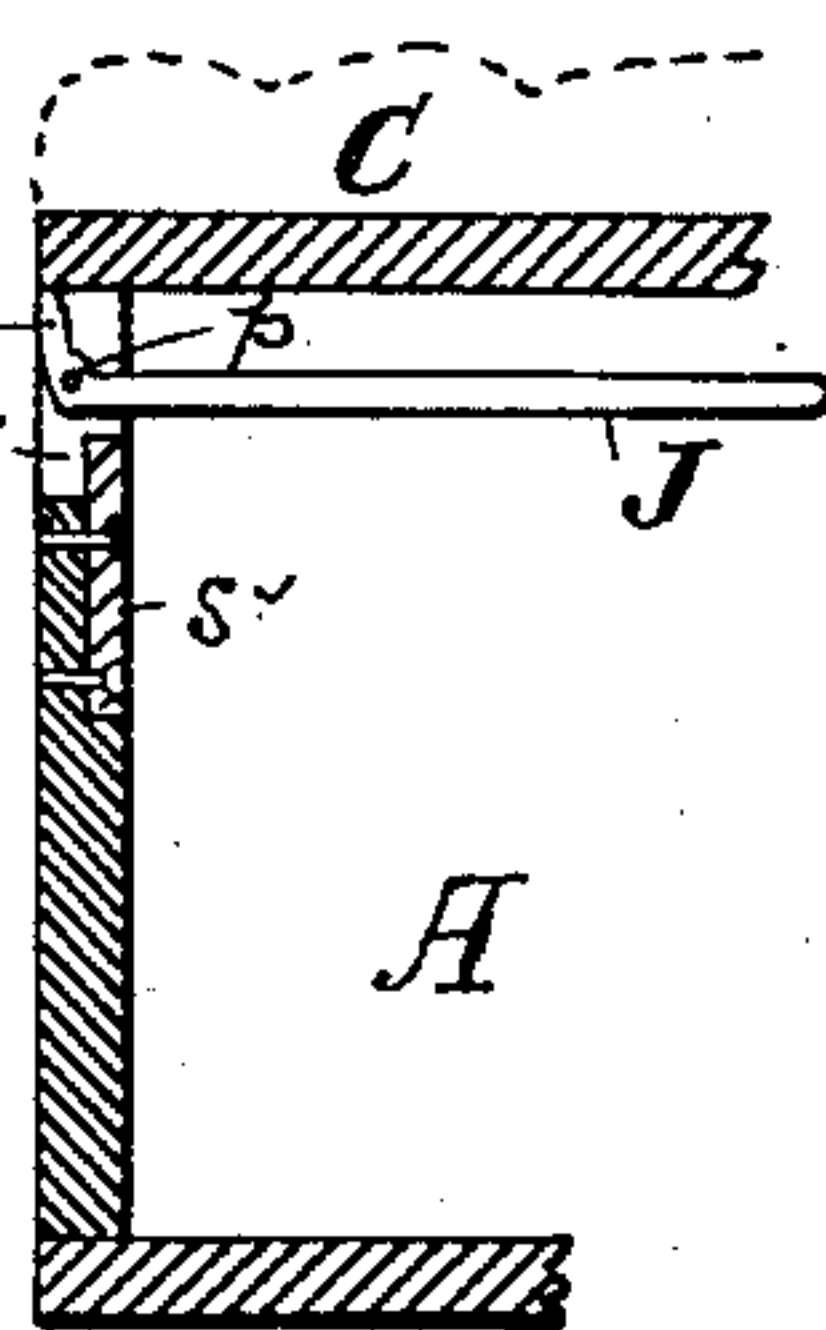


Fig. 4.



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COMBINED WINDOW-SEAT AND COUCH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN BRETHERTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a new article of manufacture, to wit: A Combined Window-Seat and Couch, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improvement upon a combined window-seat, bedstead, and couch invented by me, application for patent for which has been executed contemporaneously with the execution of this application and is filed contemporaneously with this, numbered in serial 147,463 and 147,464.

The object of the invention upon which this is an improvement is to dispense with the permanent upholstery common in folding beds, and to combine with an ordinary window box or seat both a folding bed and a couch, so that the device is adapted for interchangeable use, either as a window-seat, a couch or lounge, or a bedstead.

The object of my present invention is to dispense with such of the elements of my other invention as constitute the latter a bedstead and to produce simply a combined window-box and couch or lounge.

To the above ends my present invention consists in a box, chest, or inclosed casing which forms the frame of the window-seat and of the lounge proper, and which is provided with an adjustable head or pillow rest applied to one of its ends, and adapted either to be folded up against said end of or within the box, or to be extended when it is desired to convert the box into a couch, the box being, moreover, adapted to contain the pillows or head-cushion which is designed to be laid upon and supported by the adjustable head or pillow-rest when extended.

In the accompanying drawings I have represented devices conveniently embodying my invention.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improvement in use as a window-box, one end of the skirt of the box being removed to exhibit the pillow-rest suspended upon its keeper and out of action. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, representing the pillow-rest in its extended position and supporting the head-cushion. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional fragmentary elevation representing a modified

construction of pillow-rest in its extended position, and Fig. 4 is a similar view of the same with the pillow-rest folded in and out of action.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a box, chest, or floored frame of any suitable material, preferably wood, and of such proportions and dimensions as are usual in window-seats, or as may be desired. The box is provided with a hinged cover or lid, D, preferably devoid of fixed or permanent upholstery, and provided with a seat-cushion, C, the area of which is as great as that of the cover. This cushion is preferably provided with a pleating, D, to conceal the cover and its hinges. The frame of the box is also conveniently provided with a skirt, E. The upholstery of the box may, however, be of such character as convenience of manufacture may dictate. At one of its ends the box is provided with a head or pillow rest, J, which may be made and applied in various ways, two of which I have represented. This pillow-rest is conveniently a light metallic frame composed of vertical slats *j* and longitudinal slats *j'*, and adapted either to be suspended in a plane parallel with the plane of one of the ends of the box in the manner represented in Fig. 1, by means of its upper longitudinal slat upon the looped keeper K, which is secured to the box, or else adapted to be lifted with respect to said looped keeper, through the loops of which the vertical slats *j*, composing said frame, pass, and be supported at any desired angle—in, for instance, the manner represented in Fig. 2—by means of bracket-arms *j''*, pivoted against the vertical slats *j*, which arms are adapted to be unfolded, and are notched at their lower extremities, so as to engage when unfolded against a rest-rail, L, which is conveniently applied in the form of a handle to the box, and is secured to the end of the box below the looped keeper, and conveniently, so as to project through the skirt.

When folded up and dropped into the position represented in Fig. 1, the rest is adapted to be concealed from view and covered by the skirt I, which surrounds the box. When the rest is set in its extended position, the head-cushion P, which is contained within the box, is

to be placed upon it, so as to form the head of the lounge or couch, in the manner represented in Fig. 2.

The above devices, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, are substantially similar to those shown in my application of even date herewith, No. 147,464, and I do not claim the same in this case; but in Figs. 3 and 4 I have represented a hinged pillow-rest, the end bars of which are pivoted at *p*, conveniently within slots *s*, formed in the ends of the box, and are provided with heels *h*, adapted to engage against retaining-plates *s*^x, or other shoulders suitably formed to receive them and sustain the rest as an entirety in any desired extended angular position. This rest is adapted to be folded within the box when not in use in the manner shown in Fig. 4.

The proportions of the box may be varied at will. I however find it convenient to make the box four feet six inches long, so that when the head-rest is extended the lounge may be about six feet in length. The pillow or head-cushion *P* is adapted to be contained within the box when the latter is in use as a window-seat, and likewise adapted to be laid upon the head-rest when the latter is extended so as to convert the window-seat into a couch. This cushion may be of any suitable character or shape, and is preferably upholstered to match the upholstery of the top cushion of the box.

Heretofore beds have been made having head-rests pivoted within the box and folding in and out of the same. My invention differs from this in the frame being mounted upon the end of the box, and folding in and

out of the same through slots cut in the end board, thereby enabling the use of straight bars in the frame, and the location of the pivotal point below the top of the box.

The construction shown in Fig. 1 of this application forms the subject of a separate application and is not claimed by me herein.

The advantages of the device are its compactness, simplicity, and cheapness, while the fact that both the seat-cushion and head-cushion are removable insures an exceptional degree of cleanliness.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination, with a box having vertical slots in one end, of a head-rest frame pivotally mounted upon said end and supports attached to the interior of said box and holding the frame when extended, the bars of the frame registering with the slots in the box end, whereby the head-rest may be turned within the box, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with a box having a hinged cover and provided with vertical slots cut in one end, of a head-rest frame having the curved ends of its bars pivoted in said slots, whereby the frame may be turned within said box when not in use or extended and supported by a projection rising above the lower ends of said slots, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 3d day of November, A. D. 1884.

MARTIN BRETHERTON.

In presence of—

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