

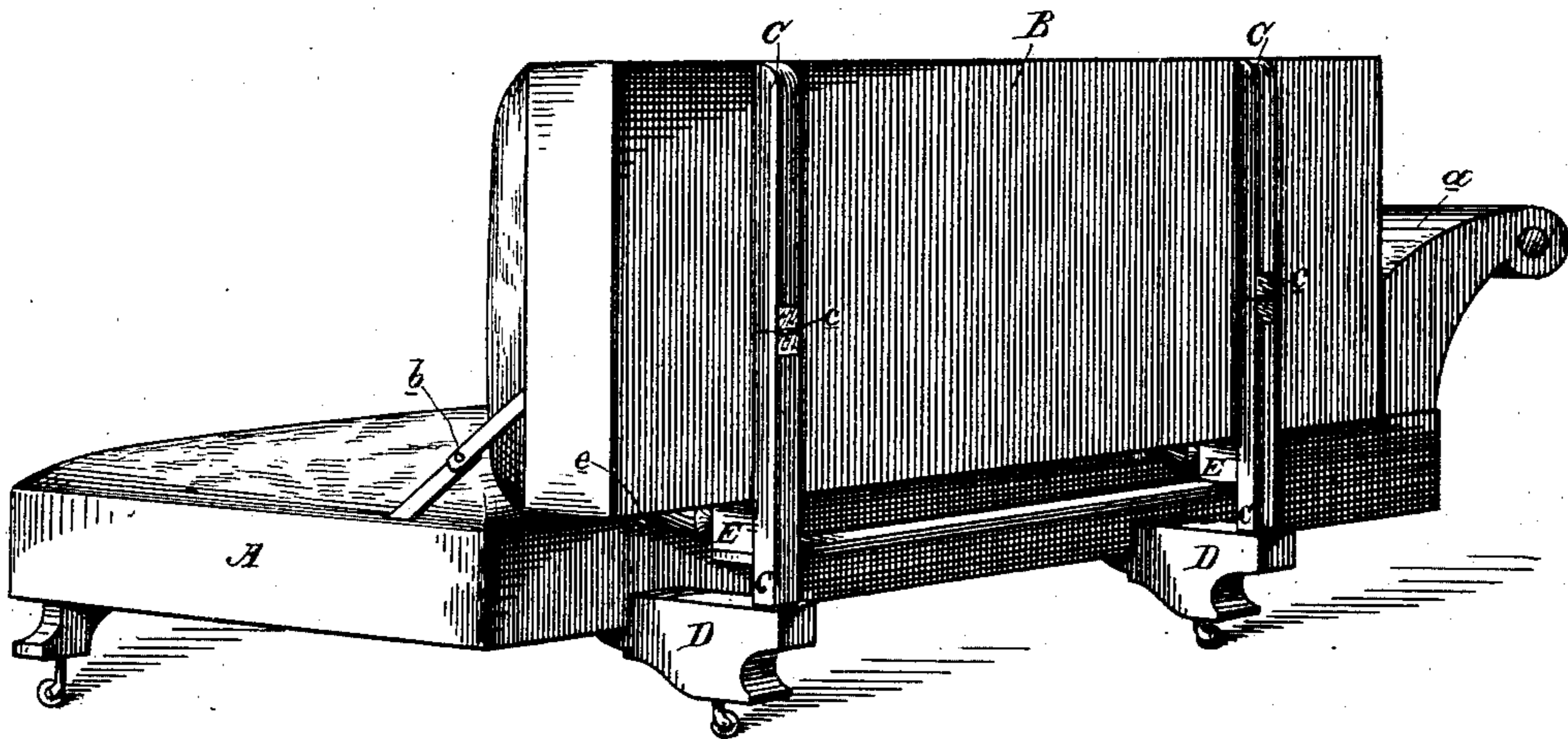
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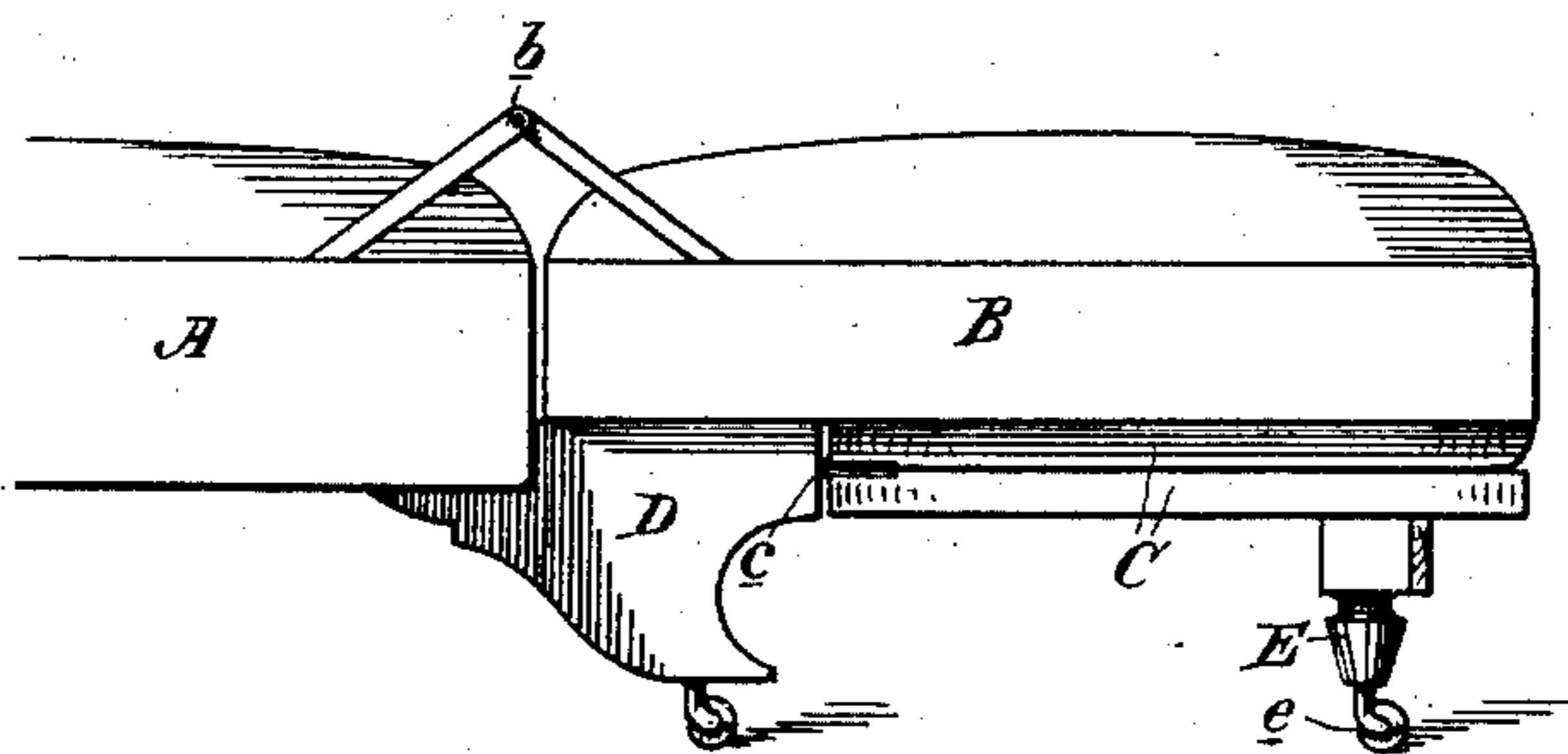
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## BED-LOUNGE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN HOEY, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Bed-Lounges; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to the class of furniture, and especially to those articles which are variously termed "bed-lounges," "sofa-beds," &c., and in which the back or other portion—such as the arm—is adapted to assume, when used as a sofa, an upright position, and when used as a bed a horizontal position, in line with the seat portion.

My invention consists of a new and useful device which acts as a support for the back or other portion when in an upright position and as a leg therefor when it is in a horizontal position, as I shall hereinafter fully describe.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and effective support for holding the back or other folding portion upright and a leg for supporting it when thrown down to be used as a bed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my bed-lounge from the rear, showing the back in an upright position. Fig. 2 is an elevation of a portion of the lounge, showing the back in a horizontal position.

A is the seat portion of the lounge, having the arm *a*, and B is the back of the lounge, which is hinged to the seat portion by the hinges or links *b*. To the back of the back portion B, and near each end, are hinged at *c* the freely-swinging bars, forming supports C. These are preferably made in sections hinged together, the lower section being free of the back of the lounge, the upper section alone being solidly connected therewith. The lower or free section of the support rests upon the extension D of the seat portion, and thereby holds and braces the back in an upright position. To the inner or under surfaces of the supports C are attached the legs E, having

casters *e*, as usual. These legs are so placed that when the back is in an upright position and the support is bearing upon the extension they extend inwardly just under the lower side of the back and within the space between said back and the seat portion, so that they are entirely out of the way. Now, when the back is lowered to a horizontal position, the hinged supports C are swung backwardly, turning on their hinges *c* until, when the back is fully down, they lie horizontally under the back, in which position the legs E are in an upright position, as shown in Fig. 2, and serve to support the outer edge of the back, while its inner edge is supported upon the extensions D.

It is obvious that this construction can be applied to any folding part of a sofa bed or lounge.

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

1. In a bed-lounge, the combination, with the back and seat portions thereof, of the supports C, formed in sections, one section of each support being disconnected with the back and hinged to the remaining section, and the legs E, carried by the movable sections, substantially as described.

2. An improved bed-lounge, comprising a seat portion having the extensions D, a back portion hinged to said seat portion, supports C, formed in sections, one section being rigidly secured to the back portion, and the opposite section being hinged to the first section, so that its lower end will be free and will bear upon extensions to hold the back portion in an upright position, and the legs E, projecting from said hinged members and supporting the back in a horizontal position, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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