

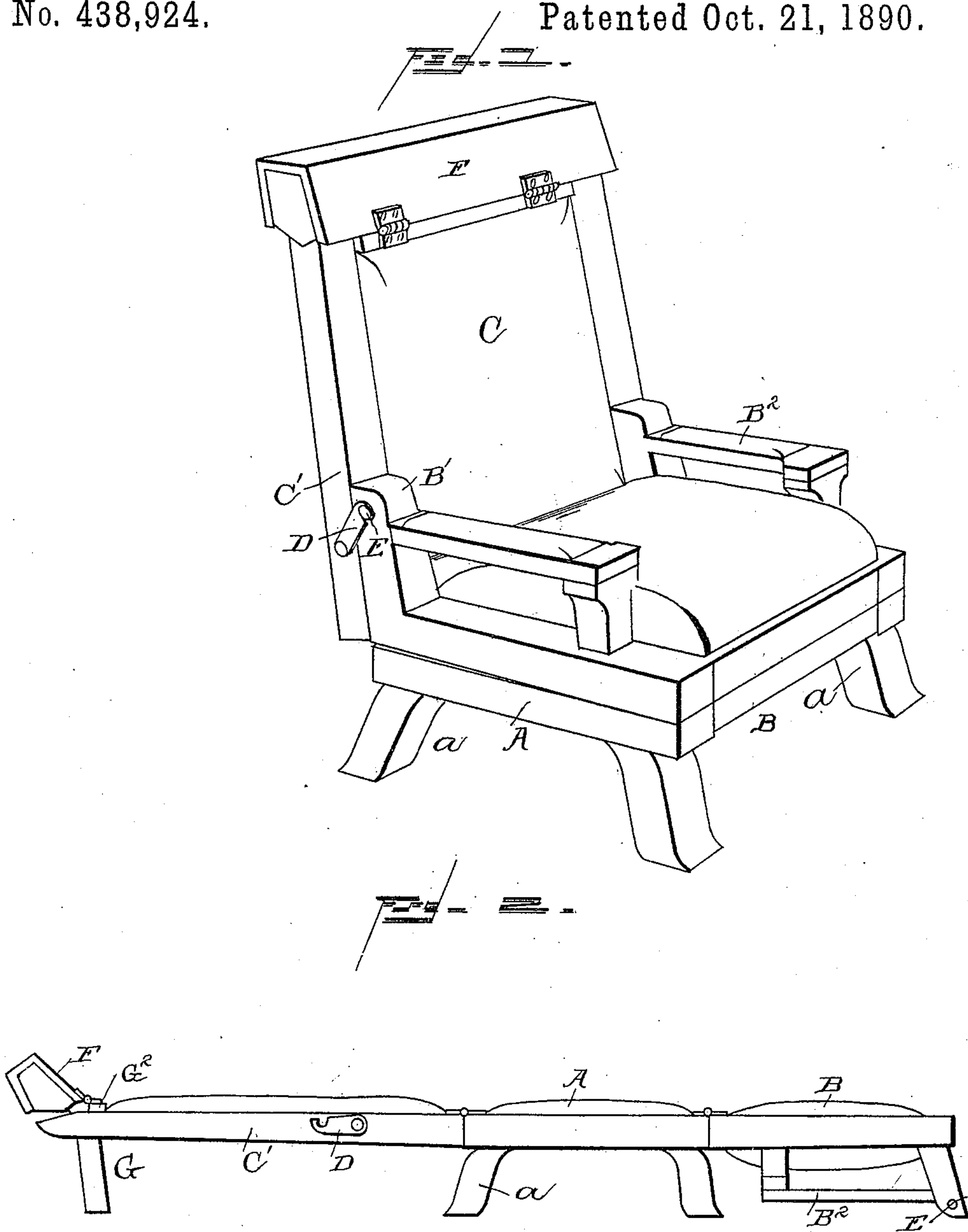
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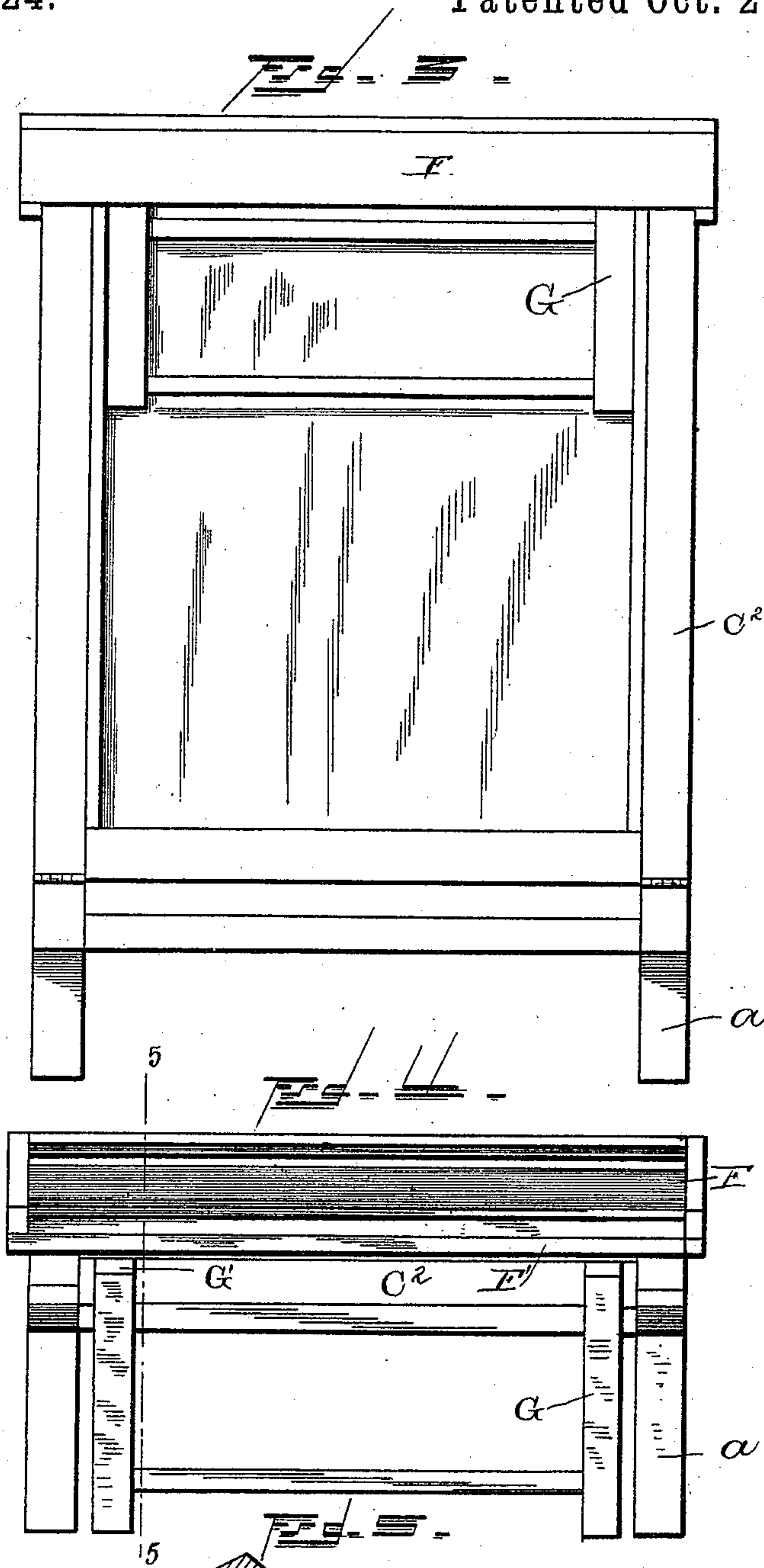
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. HUNT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Eu-  
faula, in the Indian Territory, have invented  
5 certain new and useful Improvements in Fold-  
ing Chairs; and I do hereby declare the follow-  
ing to be a full, clear, and exact description  
of the invention, such as will enable others  
skilled in the art to which it appertains to  
10 make and use the same.

My invention consists in a new and im-  
proved combined chair and cot, which when  
folded forms a comfortable chair and when  
opened constitutes a convenient cot, and the  
15 invention will be hereinafter fully described  
and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings,  
Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the  
combined chair and cot folded for use as a  
20 chair. Fig. 2 is a side view showing it opened  
for use as a cot. Fig. 3 is a rear view of the  
chair. Fig. 4 is an end view of the cot, show-  
ing the hood turned forward; and Fig. 5 is a  
sectional view taken on line 5 5 of Fig. 4, with  
25 the hood turned back, as shown in Fig. 2.

The same letters of reference indicate cor-  
responding parts in all the figures.

Referring to the several parts by letter, A  
indicates the middle section of the combined  
30 chair and cot, which is supported on legs *a*.  
To the front end of the frame of this section  
is hinged the rear end of the front section B,  
while to the rear end of the middle section A  
is hinged the lower or forward end of the  
35 rear section C.

When the device is arranged to be used as  
a chair, the front section B is turned over  
upon the middle section A, and the short  
slightly-inclined posts B', secured to the free  
40 ends of the front section, then form the back  
of the chair-arms B<sup>2</sup>, which are arranged as  
shown. The rear section C is then turned up  
against the short posts B' of the front section,  
where it is held by means of hooks D, which  
45 are pivoted to the sides of the rear section  
and hook over stops E on the posts B'.

The upper sides of the rear and middle sec-  
tions C A are cushioned, as shown, and the  
front section is cushioned on both sides, so  
50 that when the device is arranged as a chair  
it serves as the seat thereof, and also serves

when the device is opened out as an extension  
or part of the cushioned cot.

The upper ends of the side pieces C' C' of  
the rear section C are extended above the top  
55 cross-bar C<sup>2</sup> of the section-frame, being slightly  
rounded at their ends, as shown. To the  
front edge of this upper cross-piece C<sup>2</sup> is  
hinged a hollow cap or hood F, adapted to be  
swung back over the upper ends of the side  
60 pieces C'.

In the upper ends of the side pieces C', just  
above the level of the upper cross-piece C<sup>2</sup>, is  
journaled the swinging supporting frame or  
legs G.  
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When the rear section C is arranged and  
secured to form the back of the chair, the  
hinged legs G swing in between the side  
pieces C' of the section-frame, so as to lie  
flush with the back of the chair, and the hinged  
70 hood F is turned back so as to inclose and  
cover the upper end of the chair-back and  
upper ends of the legs, thus holding the swing-  
ing legs G in their closed or folded position,  
and giving the upper end of the chair-back a  
75 neat appearance, concealing the upper ends  
of the legs and side pieces C'.

When the device is opened out as a cot, the  
short posts B' form the supporting-legs for  
the free end of the front section B, while the  
80 hood F is raised to allow the legs G to swing  
down and out until their upper ends come in  
contact with the top bar C<sup>2</sup>. The upper ends  
of the legs G are beveled or inclined at G',  
while the lower edge F' of the forward side  
85 of the hood is beveled or inclined, as shown,  
so that when the hood is turned back to form  
the head-piece for the cot this inclined inner  
edge F' will bear against the inclined upper  
ends of the legs G. This peculiar construc-  
90 tion will give a double function. The legs G  
will hold the hood F raised at exactly the  
right inclination or angle to form a conven-  
ient head-rest, while the weight of the hood  
with the head of the sleeper resting upon it,  
95 will hold the legs G firmly in their open posi-  
tion, supporting the hood.

From the foregoing description, taken in  
connection with the accompanying drawings,  
the construction, operation, and advantages  
100 of my combined chair and cot will be readily  
seen. The chair can be mounted on rockers

or used without, as shown, and the sections can be covered with canvas or any other suitable material, instead of being cushioned.

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

In a combined chair and cot, the combination of the middle section A, the forward section B, the rear section C, having the top  
10 cross-bar C<sup>2</sup>, and the upper ends of its side pieces C' projecting above the said cross-bar, the swinging supporting-legs G, journaled between the upper ends of the side pieces C'

and having the inclined upper ends, and the hood F, hinged to the cross-bar C<sup>2</sup> and having  
15 the beveled inner edge F', which rests upon the inclined upper ends of the supporting-legs G when the device is extended to form a bed, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I do affix my signature  
20 in presence of two witnesses.

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