

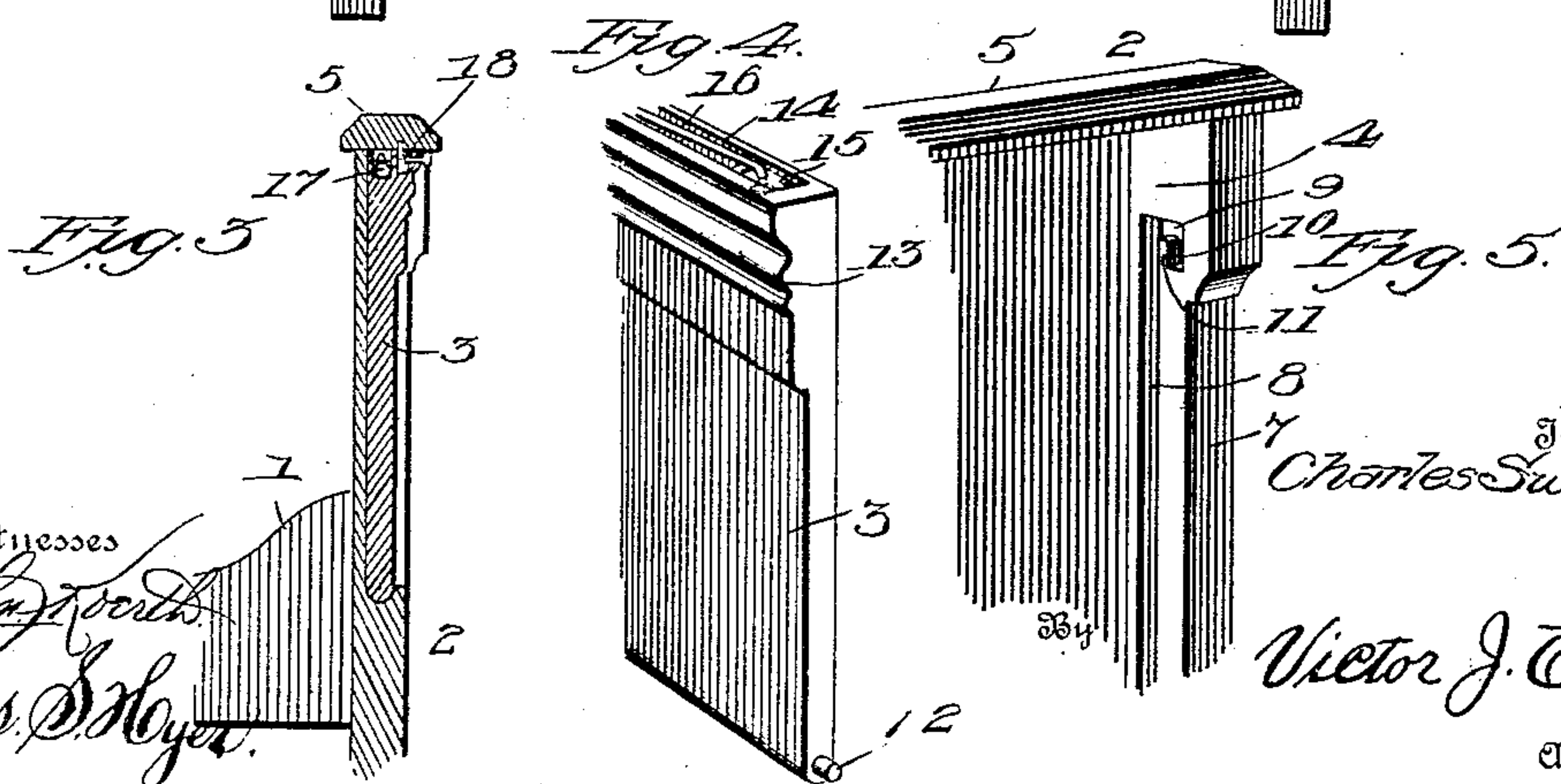
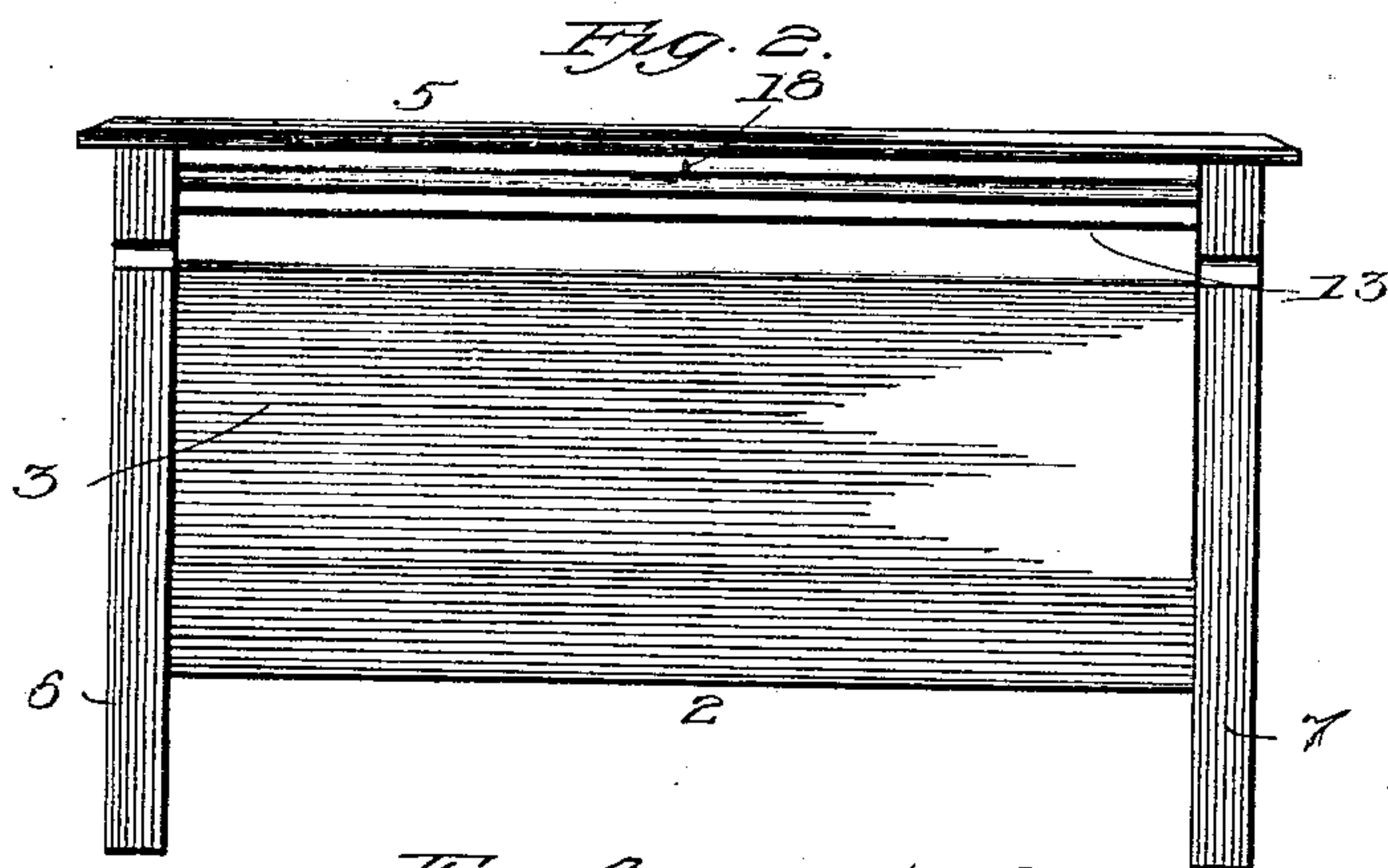
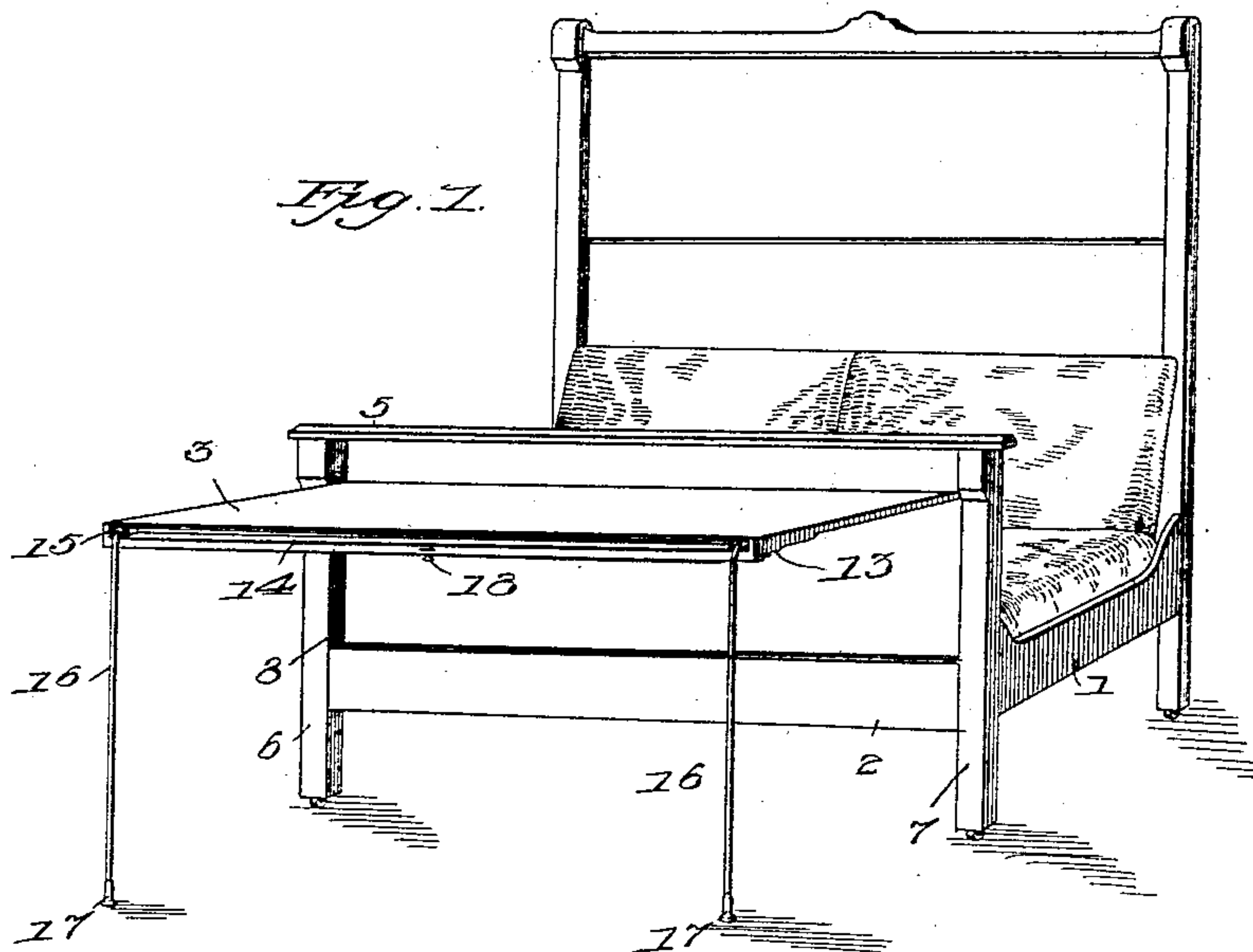
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES SWINDELL, Sr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Watertown, in the county of Wilson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Table Attachments for Bedsteads, of which the following is a specification.

This improvement relates to bed attachments, and particularly refers to a table appliance in connection with the footboard of a bed.

The object of the improved attachment is to provide simple and effective means in connection with the footboard of a bed, which may be readily arranged to serve as a game-table, ironing or sewing table, which constitutes a footboard-panel of the bedstead when closed and is so constructed as to obviate unsightly projections and at the same time capable of ready disposition for convenient use in the manner set forth.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bedstead, showing the table attachment extended over the footboard in position for use. Fig. 2 is an elevation of a footboard of a bedstead, showing the table attachment folded thereinto. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section through a portion of the footboard. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of a portion of the table attachment. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of a portion of the footboard.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 1 designates a bedstead having a footboard 2, provided with a slidable panel 3, which serves as a table when drawn into proper position for this purpose. The footboard 2 is formed with a recess 4 to receive the panel 3, and has a cap 5, which overhangs the said recess. At opposite ends the footboard has vertically-disposed strips 6, which continue into the legs 7, and on their inner sides the said strips are formed with vertical grooves 8, which continue into upper outwardly projecting grooves 9, lead-

ing to seats 10, with inner vertical guards 11. The opposite ends of the panel 3 adjacent one side edge are formed with trunnions 12, which slidably engage the grooves 8 and are also movable outwardly through the grooves 9 and into the seats 10. The inner face of the panel 3 is smooth and unbroken to form a table-top, and the outer face of said panel, adjacent the side edge thereof opposite to that near the trunnions 12, has a suitable ornamental molding 13 to fit up under the cap 5 and cause the footboard to have the appearance of being provided with an ornamental panel structure when the said panel 3 is closed into the recess 4. When the panel 3 is closed into the recess 4, the footboard has the appearance of ordinary structures of this character, and those who are not acquainted with the presence of the table attachment provided by the movable panel will hardly discover any difference between a footboard having the attachment and an ordinary paneled footboard.

The side edge of the panel adjacent to the location of the molding 13 is formed with a longitudinal slot 14, and in opposite ends of the said slot fulcrum-blocks 15 are secured and have the bent ends of rods 16 pivotally mounted therein. The rods 16 are adapted to serve as legs to support the panel 3 when disposed as a table, and the free ends of the said rods are provided with knobs or enlargements 17 to serve as feet to rest against the floor-surface. The groove 14 is deep enough to receive the rods 16 and wide enough to permit said rods to be folded therein, with their extremities overlapping or extending past each other.

When the panel 3 is closed into the footboard, the rods 16 are turned into the groove 14, as shown by Fig. 4, and the panel is held closed by a suitable catch 18, carried thereby and cooperating with the under adjacent portion of the cap 5. When it is desired to arrange the panel as a table, the catch is released and the trunnions 12 and panel are drawn upwardly through the groove 8 and brought over forwardly and disposed in the seats 10, the rods 16 being let down in the position shown by Fig. 1 to serve as legs for the outer edge of the attachment.

The improved device has a general use, but



is particularly adapted for a game, ironing, or sewing table, and by the combination thereof with the footboard of a bedstead it can be readily stored in compact form without adding an extra piece of furniture to the necessary articles in a bed-room.

It will be seen that when the panel 3 is disposed as a table it will be impossible for the inner edge thereof to become displaced in view of the formation of the seats 10 and the guards 11, and when it is desired to fold the attachment into the footboard the legs are turned into the groove 14 and the inner edge of the panel raised to clear the seats and guards and to permit the trunnions 12 to move downwardly into the grooves 8.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. In a device of the class set forth, the combination with a footboard of a bedstead, of a table attachment formed by a sliding panel which is foldable into the said footboard, the said panel having a groove ex-

tending longitudinally through the edge opposite that engaging the footboard, and legs foldable into said groove. 25

2. In an attachment of the class set forth, the combination with a footboard of a bedstead having a recess in the outer side thereof and end strips with vertical grooves in the inner sides continuing into outwardly-extending grooves and seats, a movable panel which is adapted to serve as a table having trunnions adjacent one side edge at opposite ends to engage the said grooves and seats and also formed with a longitudinal groove in the opposite edge, and legs pivotally mounted in the groove in the edge of the panel and foldable into the latter. 35

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses. 40

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