

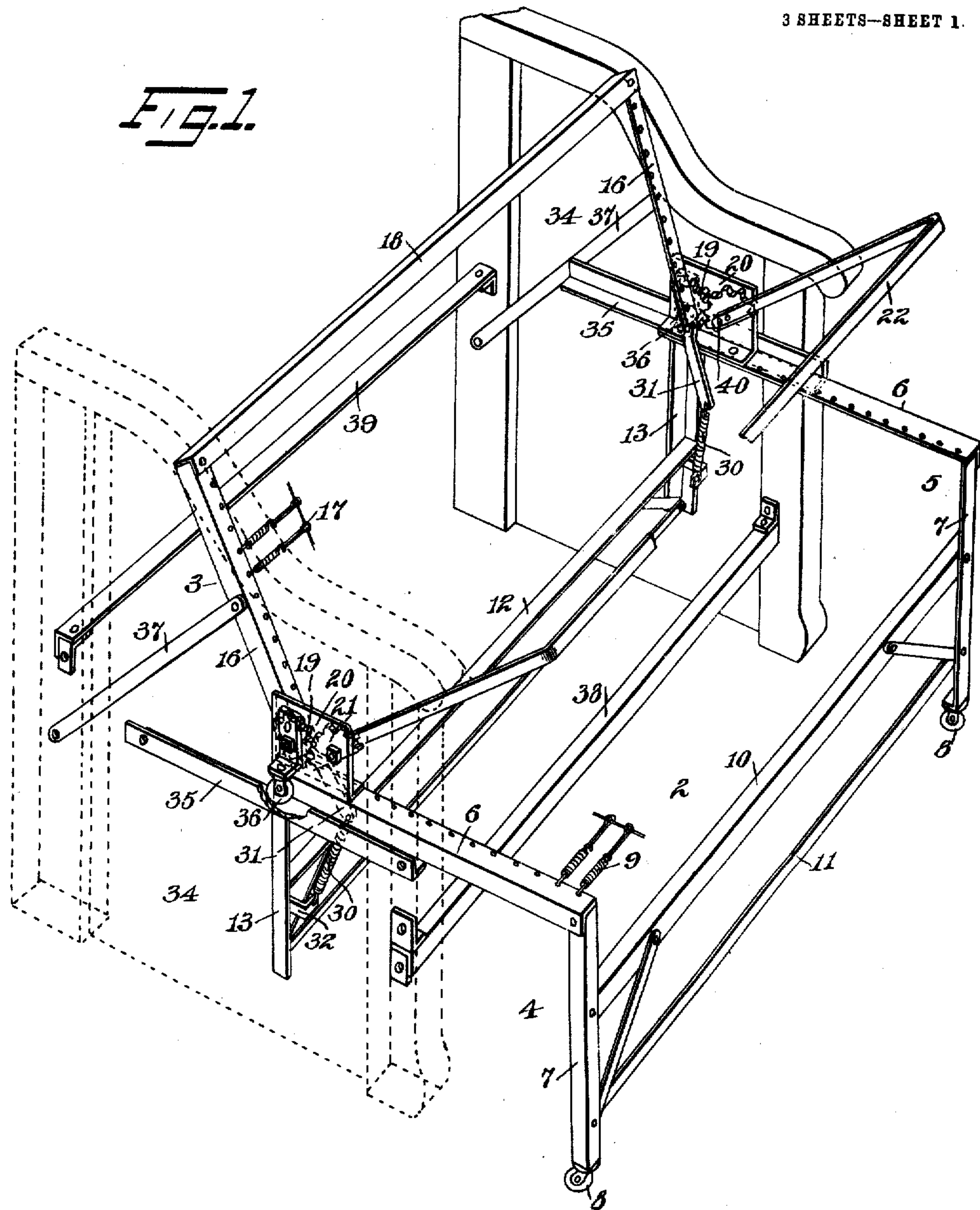
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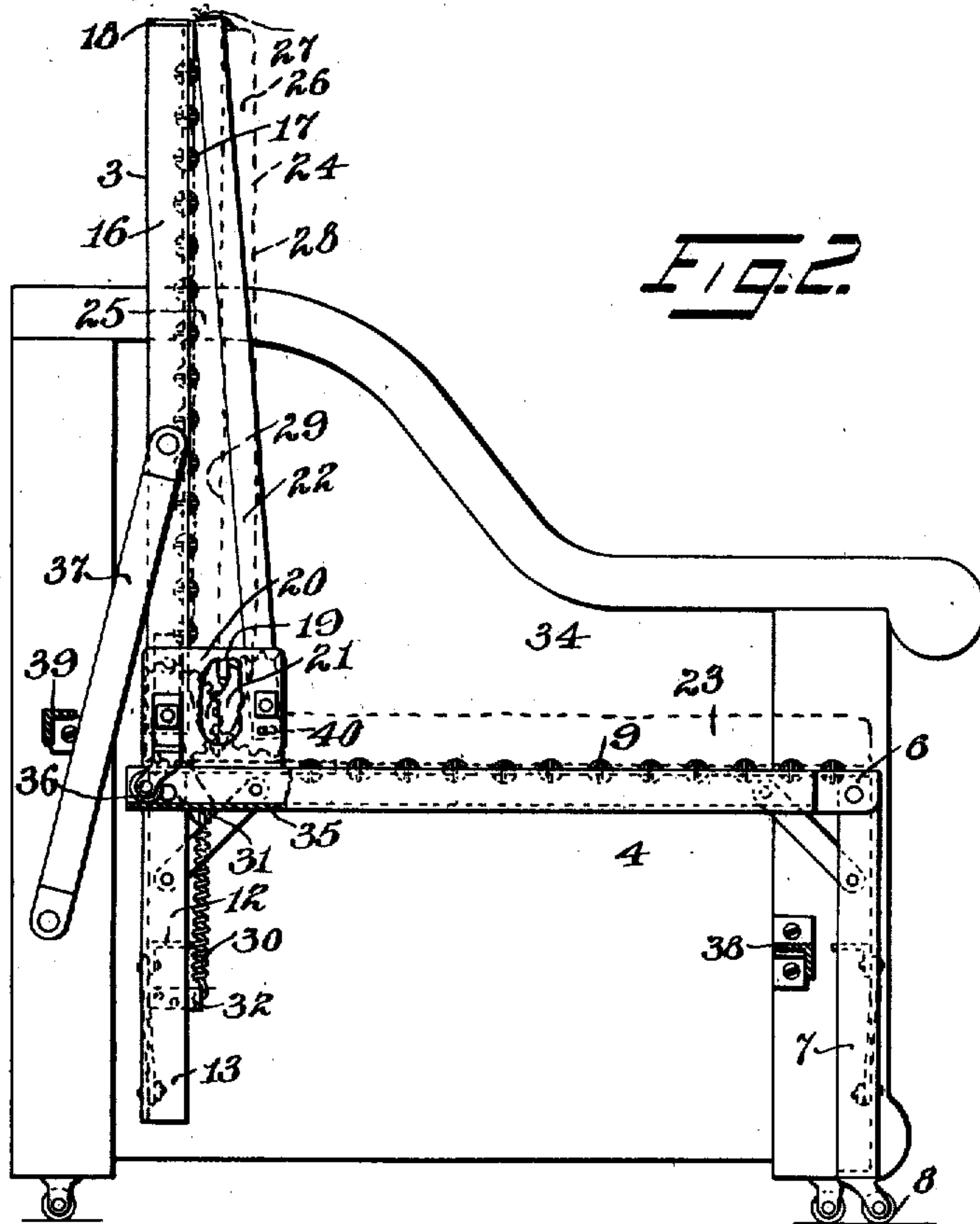


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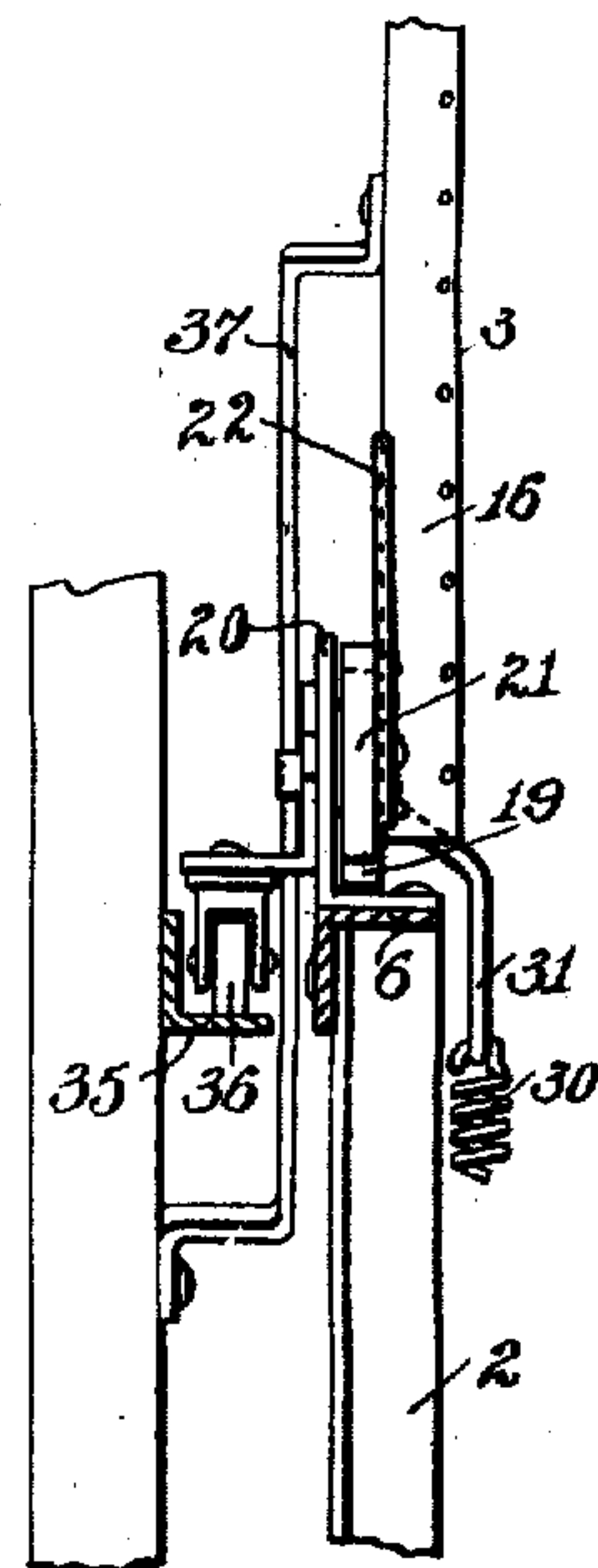
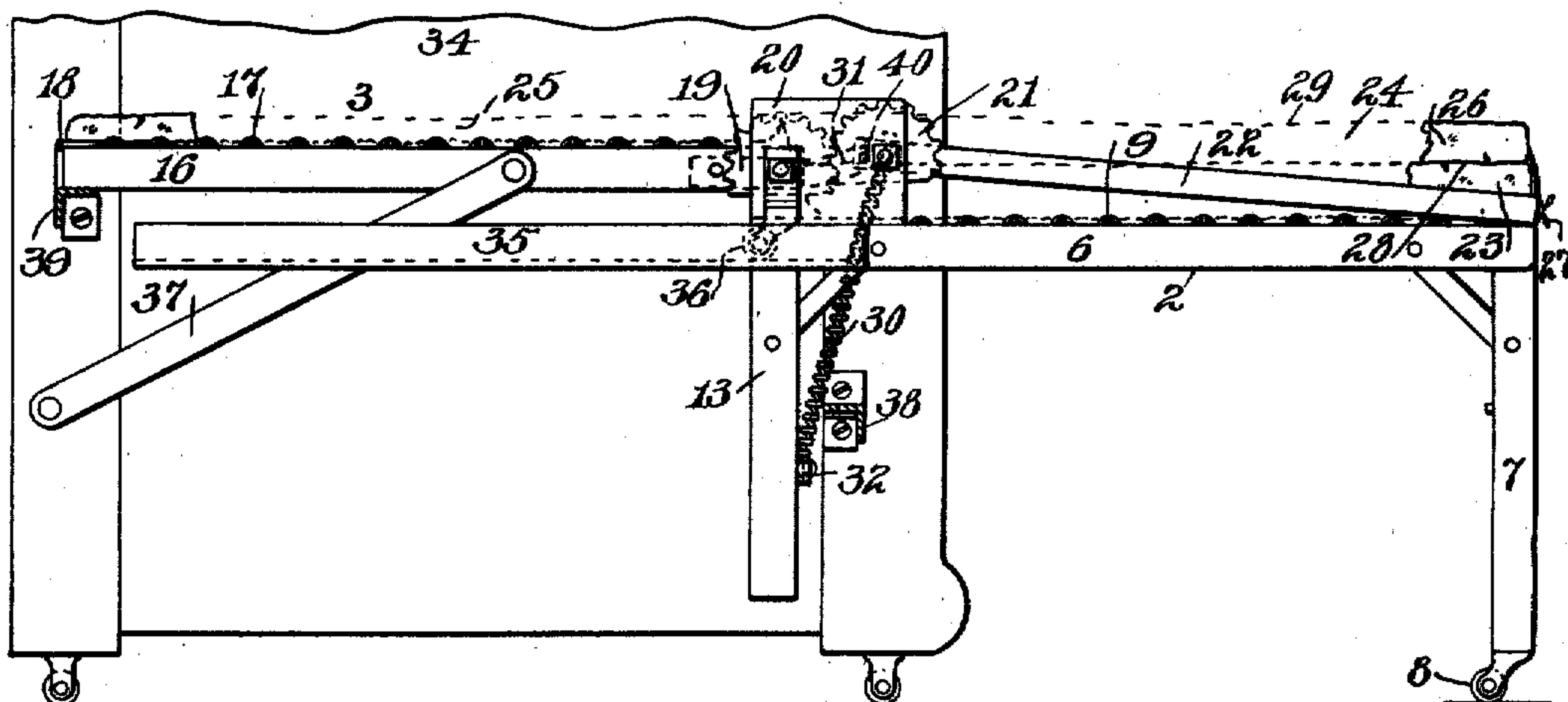


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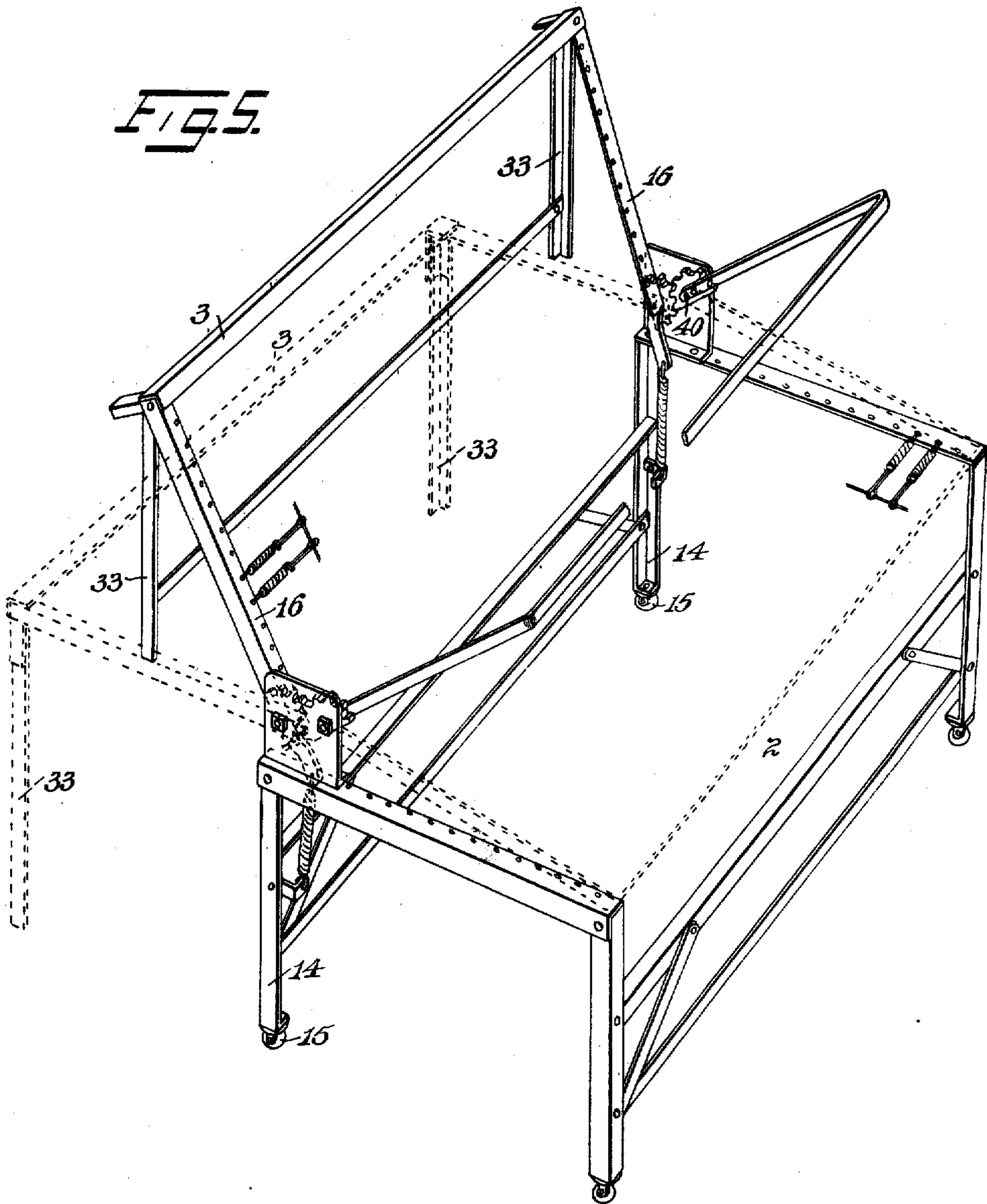
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH LUPPINO, a subject of the King of Italy, residing in New York, borough of Manhattan, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Davenport-Beds, of which the following is a specification.

The present improvement relates to couch beds, and more particularly to that class of couch beds in which one section is movable with relation to the other to form either a double bed or a davenport, the object of the present invention being to provide an improved means for shifting one of said sections relatively to the other to form either a double bed or a davenport, and which means will also, on the shifting of said section, open or close the cushions or mattress.

In the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the framework of this improved davenport bed, the metallic fabric of both sections being broken away to more clearly illustrate the improvement and the end members or arms being shown in dotted lines; Fig. 2 is an end view of this improved davenport bed arranged as a davenport, the arms or ends being removed; Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but showing the improvement arranged as a double bed; Fig. 4 is a detail of a part of the operating means; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modification of this improvement, the dotted lines illustrating the same arranged as a double bed.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the different figures of the drawings.

In the present embodiment this improved davenport bed comprises a pair of sections 2 and 3, one of which, as 2, may be considered the main section and the other, as 3, the swinging or adjustable section. Each section may be made up in any suitable manner, but in the present instance the main section comprises a pair of end frames 4 and 5, each comprising a cross bar 6 and a depending leg 7 provided with a suitable caster 8, the cross bars being connected by means of a metallic fabric 9 while the legs are suitably braced by longitudinally extending braces 10, 11. The rear side of these two end frames is also connected by suitable

longitudinally extending bars 12 to depending members 13 secured to the cross bars 6. In the form shown in Fig. 5 these depending members are sufficiently long to form an additional pair of legs 14 carrying casters 15 for the main section. The other or swinging section 3 likewise comprises a pair of cross bars 16 connected by a metallic fabric 17, which bars are connected at their outer ends by a longitudinally extending bar 18. Fixed to the inner end of each cross bar 16 of the swinging section is a gear 19, which gear is journaled on an upstanding bracket 20 fixed to each cross bar 6 of the main section, and this gear meshes with a similar gear 21 likewise journaled on said bracket, and to each pair of gears 21 a swinging bar formed frame 22 is fixedly secured and by means of which the gears 21 are rotated to rotate the gears 19 and thereby swing the section 3 of the bed upwardly or downwardly.

The metallic fabric of the main section supports a suitable cushion or mattress 23 which is usually provided with a fancy covering, while the swinging section is provided with what may be considered a book mattress 24, it comprising two parts 25 and 26; one of which, as 25, is permanently connected to the swinging section and has its top formed of some suitable material, as ordinary ticking, while the other, as 26, is connected or attached to the swinging bar frame 22 by means of tapes 27 or otherwise, and the outer side 28 of this part which is attached to the swinging bar frame is usually of the same material and formation as the permanent cushion fixed to the main frame, while the inside 29 thereof is of the same material as the mattress carried by the swinging section and therefore usually of ticking, so that when the swinging bar frame is up in its normal position and the couch bed is in the form of a davenport the seat and back of the davenport will be alike and of some ornamental fabric. When, however, the structure is transformed into a double couch bed, in which position the swinging bar frame is in the position shown in Fig. 3, the book mattress 24 will then be opened, so that the top of the swinging section of the bed and the inside of the cushion carried by the swinging bar frame will form the top of the bed, and this may be, as stated, of ordinary ticking. It will be observed that by this arrange-

ment, when that part or half of the book mattress carried by the swinging bar frame is resting upon the seat cushion of the main section, then both of the mattresses will be level, although the metallic fabric of the swinging section is slightly higher than the metallic fabric of the main section.

In order to assist the movement of the swinging section suitable springs 30 are provided connected to projections or extensions 31 at the inner ends of the cross bars 16 of the swinging frame 3 and to a part 32 of the main section. On the swinging of the bar frame 22 the swing section of the bed will be swung downwardly into position shown for instance in dotted lines in Fig. 5, in which form of bed the outer ends of the cross bars 16 forming the end frames are provided with legs 33 pivotally secured thereto and suitably braced for supporting the swinging section or frame when it is swung downwardly. In practice, however, it is preferable to provide the davenport with end members or arms 34 of ornamental form, and when these are furnished it is desirable to transform the structure from a davenport into a couch bed without it being necessary to move the arms away from the wall, and to accomplish this these end members are shown provided with tracks 35, preferably of angle iron formation, one secured on the inner side of each end frame or arm. These tracks guide the inner ends of the main section or frame which are provided with rolls or casters 36 for this purpose. The swinging frame is linked by suitable levers 37 to these arms, the arms in turn being suitably braced by longitudinally extending bars 38 and 39, one, as 38, being located adjacent to the front ends of the arms while the other, as 39, is located adjacent to the rear ends of such arms, the latter being located at just the right height to support the outer side of the swinging frame 3 and thus takes the place of the pivoted legs shown in Fig. 5. In this form of the davenport, when the swinging bar frame is swung downwardly it will move or slide the main section forwardly or outwardly on its tracks in a horizontal plane, while simultaneously throwing the back or swinging section downwardly and backwardly into position to form a double bed, the forward side of the back moving or sliding forward, in other words, following the rear side of the sliding section so that the back is swung down into a horizontal position without the necessity of sliding the davenport from the wall in order to swing the back down into a horizontal position. At the same time the book mattress is opened in the manner herebefore described, ready for use. The bed clothing may be carried between the two halves or portions of the book mattress, so that when the davenport is transformed into

a couch bed the bed will be in readiness for use, since the same can be made up prior to adjusting the bed into a davenport. By this improvement the bed may be arranged as a davenport and the ordinary observer would not know that it was anything else but a regular davenport, while at the same time all the advantages of a metallic formed double couch bed are obtained, and this in a comparatively simple manner. Moreover, the transformation from a davenport to a couch, or vice versa, can be readily and quickly accomplished by the manipulation of the swinging bar, which bar can be readily manipulated even by a child.

By means of the foregoing improvement it will also be observed that when the structure is used as a davenport one half of the two-part or book formed mattress is so folded or doubled that it rests upon the other half, while the latter rests directly upon its metallic fabric, so that the two parts of the mattress are folded to form a cushion of double thickness the full width of the couch, but that when the bar frame, which is of skeleton formation, is swung downwardly it not only shifts the sections into a double bed, but also unfolds or opens out the book mattress and swings one part thereof over upon the top of the seat of the main section. This simultaneous transforming of the davenport into a double bed and the opening of the mattress is thus accomplished by a single bar comparatively light in weight and readily accessible and easy to manipulate either from the end thereof or by grasping it midway of its length, thus obviating the use of any independent mattress carrying frame or other cushioned support. It will also be observed that the transformation of the bed into a double bed and the opening of the mattress is obtained by a single downward movement of the bar. It will, of course, be understood that the cushions or mattresses might be reversed, that forming the seat in the present construction being attached to the swinging section of the bed while the book mattress could be attached to the main section, in which case, of course, the bar would have to be arranged so as to swing upwardly instead of downwardly.

The ends or arms of the combined davenport and bed may be readily detached so as to form the structure shown in Fig. 5, in which case it is only necessary to add the shiftable legs to the swinging section of the bed and supply the depending members of the main section with sufficient length of casters to reach the floor.

In practice it is preferable to have the swinging bar 22, when the davenport is opened as a couch bed, rest at its front end directly upon the metal parts of the main section, as shown, for instance, in Fig. 3, and

to permit this the bar 22 is so attached to its gears 21 that the bar will have a slight play relative to such gears, and for this purpose the bar is shown pivoted to the gears 5 with the inner ends of the bars provided with slots in which work pins 40 carried by the gears. By this means, when the gears have been rotated to swing the back of the davenport down into its proper position the 10 bar will be permitted to drop slightly so as to rest at its upper end on the metal portions of the main section. Of course, it will be understood that any suitable means could be used to support the outer end of the swinging section or back instead of the bar 39 if 15 preferred.

I claim as my invention:

1. A combined davenport and couch-bed comprising a pair of bed sections, one a seat 20 section and the other swingingly attached to the seat section to form a back, a folding two-part mattress attached to one of said sections, and means effective to shift the seat section forward and swing the back section 25 backward and downward to form a couch-bed, and simultaneously to open the mattress and extend it on to said sections.

2. In a combined davenport and couch-bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections, one a sliding section and the other 30 swingingly attached thereto to form a back, a folding two-part mattress attached to one of said sections, and means effective to shift said sliding section in a horizontal plane 35 and swing said swinging section up or down into position to form either a davenport or a double bed and simultaneously to close or open the mattress.

3. In a combined davenport and couch-bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections, one a sliding section and the other 40 swingingly attached thereto to form a back, a folding two-part mattress attached to the swinging section, and means effective to shift said sliding section in a horizontal plane and 45 swing said swinging section up or down into position to form either a davenport or a double bed and simultaneously to close or open the mattress.

4. A combined davenport and couch-bed 50 comprising a pair of bed sections, one a seat section and the other swingingly attached thereto to form a back, a folding two-part mattress attached to the swinging section, a 55 permanent cushion attached to the seat section, and means connected with the swinging section and folding mattress and effective on the shifting thereof to shift the seat section forward and swing the back section 60 backward and downward to form a couch-bed and simultaneously to open the mattress and extend it on to said section.

5. In a combined davenport and couch-bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections, one a sliding section and the other 65

swingingly attached thereto to form a back, a folding two-part mattress attached to the swinging section, a permanent cushion attached to the sliding section, and swinging means connected with said swinging section 70 and folding mattress and effective on the shifting thereof to slide said sliding section in a horizontal plane and shift said swinging section up or down into position to form either a davenport or a double bed and simultaneously to close or open the mattress. 75

6. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections one swingingly attached to the other to form a back, and means, including meshing gears located adjacent to the inner sides 80 of the two sections, for shifting said swinging section into position to form either a davenport or a double bed.

7. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections one swingingly attached to the other to form a back, and means, including meshing gears located adjacent to the inner sides 85 of the two sections, and a swinging bar connected to one of said gears for shifting said swinging section into position to form either a davenport or a double bed. 90

8. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections one swingingly attached to the other to form a back, a folding mattress attached to one of said sections, and means, including meshing gears located adjacent to the inner sides of the two sections, for shifting 95 said section into position to form either a davenport or a double bed and to simultaneously close or open the mattress. 100

9. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections one swingingly attached to the other, 105 a folding mattress for one of said sections, and means connected with said swinging section and said folding mattress, and including meshing gears, effective on the shifting thereof in one direction to form either a davenport or a double bed and to close or open the mattress. 110

10. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of sections 115 one movable relatively to the other to form either a davenport or a double bed, a folding mattress for one of said sections, and means operatively connected with the movable section and with the folding mattress and effective on the movement thereof in one direction to shift one section upward to form a davenport or backward and downward to form a double bed and simultaneously to close or open the mattress. 120 125

11. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of sections one movable relatively to the other to form either a davenport or a double bed, a folding mattress for one of said sections, and means, in- 130

cluding gearing, operatively connected with the movable section and with the folding mattress and effective on the movement thereof in one direction to form the structure either into a davenport or a double bed and to close or open the mattress.

12. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections each comprising a pair of end frames connected by a metallic fabric, two pairs of gears carried by one of said sections and to one of each pair of which one of said bed sections is rigidly connected for movement therewith, and means for rotating the other gear of each pair thereby to swing the movable section into position to form either a davenport or a double bed.

13. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections each comprising a pair of end frames connected by a metallic fabric, two pairs of gears carried by one of said sections and to one of each pair of which one of said bed sections is rigidly connected for movement therewith, means for rotating the other gear of each pair thereby to swing the movable section into position to form either a davenport or a double bed, and a folding mattress for said movable section and connected with said rotating means whereby it is opened or closed on the shifting of said movable section of the bed.

14. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections comprising a main section and a movable section, two pairs of gears journaled on the main section and to one of each pair of which one of said bed sections is rigidly connected for movement therewith, and a swinging bar rigidly connected to the other of each pair of said gears for rotating the same and thereby swinging the movable bed section into position to form either a davenport or a double bed.

15. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections comprising a main section and a movable section, two pairs of gears journaled on the main section and to one of each pair of which one of said bed sections is rigidly connected for movement therewith, a swinging bar rigidly connected to the other of each pair of said gears for rotating the same and thereby swinging the movable bed section into position to form either a davenport or a double bed, a mattress for the main section, and a two-part mattress for the swinging section one part thereof connected to the bar whereby on the shifting of the movable section the mattress is opened or closed.

16. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections comprising a main section and a mov-

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17. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections comprising a main section and a movable section, two pairs of gears journaled on the main section and to one of each pair of which one of said bed sections is rigidly connected for movement therewith, a swinging bar rigidly connected to the other of each pair of said gears for rotating the same and thereby swinging the movable bed section into position to form either a davenport or a double bed, a mattress for the main section, a two-part mattress for the swinging section one part thereof connected to the bar whereby on the shifting of the movable section the mattress is opened or closed, and springs for facilitating the movement of the movable section.

18. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of ends or arms, a track carried by each of said arms, means for rigidly connecting said arms together, a pair of bed sections one a sliding section and the other a swinging section, the latter linked to said arms and the former having rolls in engagement with said tracks and means for shifting both of said sections, one forward in a horizontal plane and the other backward and downward to form either a davenport or a double bed.

19. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of ends or arms, a track carried by each of said arms, means for rigidly connecting said arms together, a pair of bed sections one a sliding section and the other a swinging section, the latter linked to said arms and the former having rolls in engagement with said tracks, and means for shifting both of said sections, one forward in a horizontal plane and the other backward and downward to form either a davenport or a double bed, said means including meshing gears.

20. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of ends or arms, a track carried by each of said arms, means for rigidly connecting said arms together, a pair of bed sections one a sliding section and the other a swinging section, the latter linked to said arms and the former having rolls in engagement with said tracks, and means for shifting both of said sections, one forward in a horizontal plane

and the other backward and downward to form either a davenport or a double bed, said means including a swinging bar.

21. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of ends or arms, a track carried by each of said arms, means for rigidly connecting said arms together, a pair of bed sections one a sliding section and the other a swinging section, the latter linked to said arms and the former having rolls in engagement with said tracks, and means for shifting both of said sections, one forward in a horizontal plane and the other backward and downward to form either a davenport or a double bed, said means including a swinging bar and meshing gears.

22. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of ends or arms, a track carried by each of said arms, means for rigidly connecting said arms together, a pair of bed sections one a sliding section and the other a swinging section, the latter linked to said arms and the former having rolls in engagement with said tracks, means for shifting both of said sections to form either a davenport or a double bed, a cushion for the sliding section, and a two-part cushion for the swinging section one part connected to said operating means whereby it will be opened or closed on the shifting of the bed sections.

23. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of ends or arms, a track carried by each of said arms, means for rigidly connecting said arms together, a pair of bed sections one a sliding section and the other a swinging section, the latter linked to said arms and the former having rolls in engagement with said tracks, means for shifting both of said sections to form either a davenport or a double bed, a cushion for the sliding section, a two-part cushion for the swinging section one part connected to said operating means whereby it will be opened or closed on the shifting of the bed sections, and springs for facilitating the movement of the swinging section.

24. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of end members connected together and each having a track, a pair of bed sections one a sliding section and the other a swinging section, the latter linked to said end members and the former having rolls guided on said tracks, two sets of gears secured to the sliding section and to one of each pair of which the swinging bed section is rigidly connected, and a swinging bar rigidly secured to the other of each pair of said gears for rotating the gears thereby to form either a davenport or a double bed.

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26. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of detachable ends or arms, means for connecting the same together, each of said arms having a track, a pair of bed sections one a sliding section and the other a swinging section, the latter linked to said arms and the former carrying a pair of rolls for engagement with said tracks, springs connected with both sections of said bed for facilitating the movement of the swinging section, two pair of gears carried by the main section to one of each pair of which the swinging bed section is rigidly connected and to the other of each pair of which a swinging bar is rigidly connected for rotating the gears, a permanent cushion for the sliding bed section, and a folding two-part mattress for the swinging bed section one part thereof connected to said bar whereby on the shifting of the section the folding mattress will be opened or closed.

27. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of detachable ends or arms, a pair of bed sections one a swinging section linked to said ends and the other a sliding section, each supported by said arms and one connected to the other, and means for shifting both of said sections thereby to form the structure into either a davenport or a double bed.

28. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of detachable ends or arms, a pair of bed sections one a swinging section linked to said ends and the other a sliding section, each supported by said arms and one connected to the other, and means for shifting both of said sections thereby to form the structure into either a davenport or a double bed, said means comprising gearing and a swinging bar.

29. In a combined davenport and couch bed, the combination of a pair of bed sections, one a sliding section and the other swingingly attached thereto to form a back, a folding two part mattress attached to the swinging section, a permanent cushion attached to the companion section, and a swinging bar connected to said swinging sec-

tion and folding mattress and effective on the shifting thereof to slide said sliding section in a horizontal plane and swing said swinging section up or down into position to form either a davenport or a double bed and simultaneously to close or open the mattress.

30. A davenport couch-bed comprising a pair of sections each having a yielding mattress-supporting means connected thereto, a swinging bar connected to said sections the operation of which bar will form the structure into a double bed or a davenport, and a folding mattress connected to said bar and opened or closed on the shifting of said bar.

31. A davenport couch-bed having removable sides and comprising a pair of sections each having a yielding mattress-supporting means connected thereto, a swinging bar connected to said sections the operation of which bar will form the structure into a double bed or a davenport, and a folding mattress connected to said bar and opened or closed on the shifting of such bar.

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33. A davenport couch-bed having removable sides and comprising a pair of sections forming a back and a seat, each having a yielding mattress-supporting means connected thereto, a swinging bar connected to said sections and swinging above the top of the seat section, the operation of which bar will form the structure into a davenport or a couch, and a folding mattress connected to said bar and opened or closed on the shifting thereof.

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