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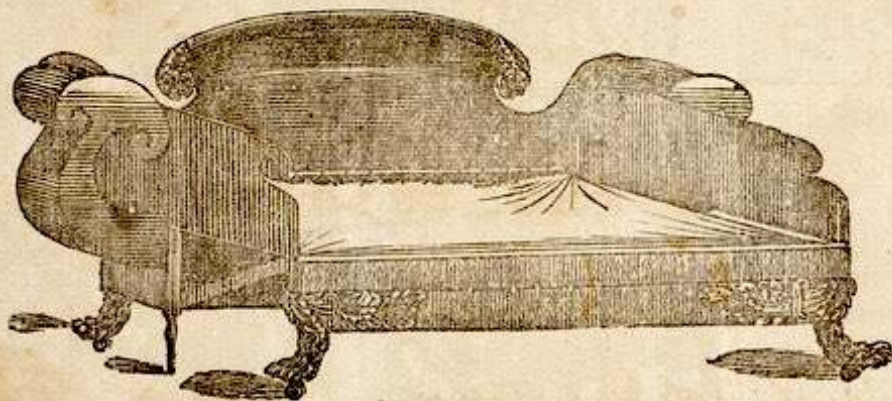
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27. For an *Improvement in Sofa Bedsteads*; William I. Clowes, Hartwood, Sullivan county, New York, June 24.

Claim.—"What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by letters patent, is the constructing the frame of the sofa, settee, ottoman, divan, or other article of furniture, in two divisions, hinged or jointed together in the manner set forth, so that it may at pleasure be converted into a bedstead. I also claim the method of affixing the sacking to a movable rail, for the more easy conversion of the sofa into a bedstead, and the bedstead back again into a sofa, whenever it may be desirable to put the bed and bed-clothes under the seat of the sofa; the said rail being kept in place by braces, or by the head and foot boards."

JOHNSON'S PATENT SOFA BEDSTEAD.



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*Sofa Bedstead patent model.
1877, mixed media, Smithsonian
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