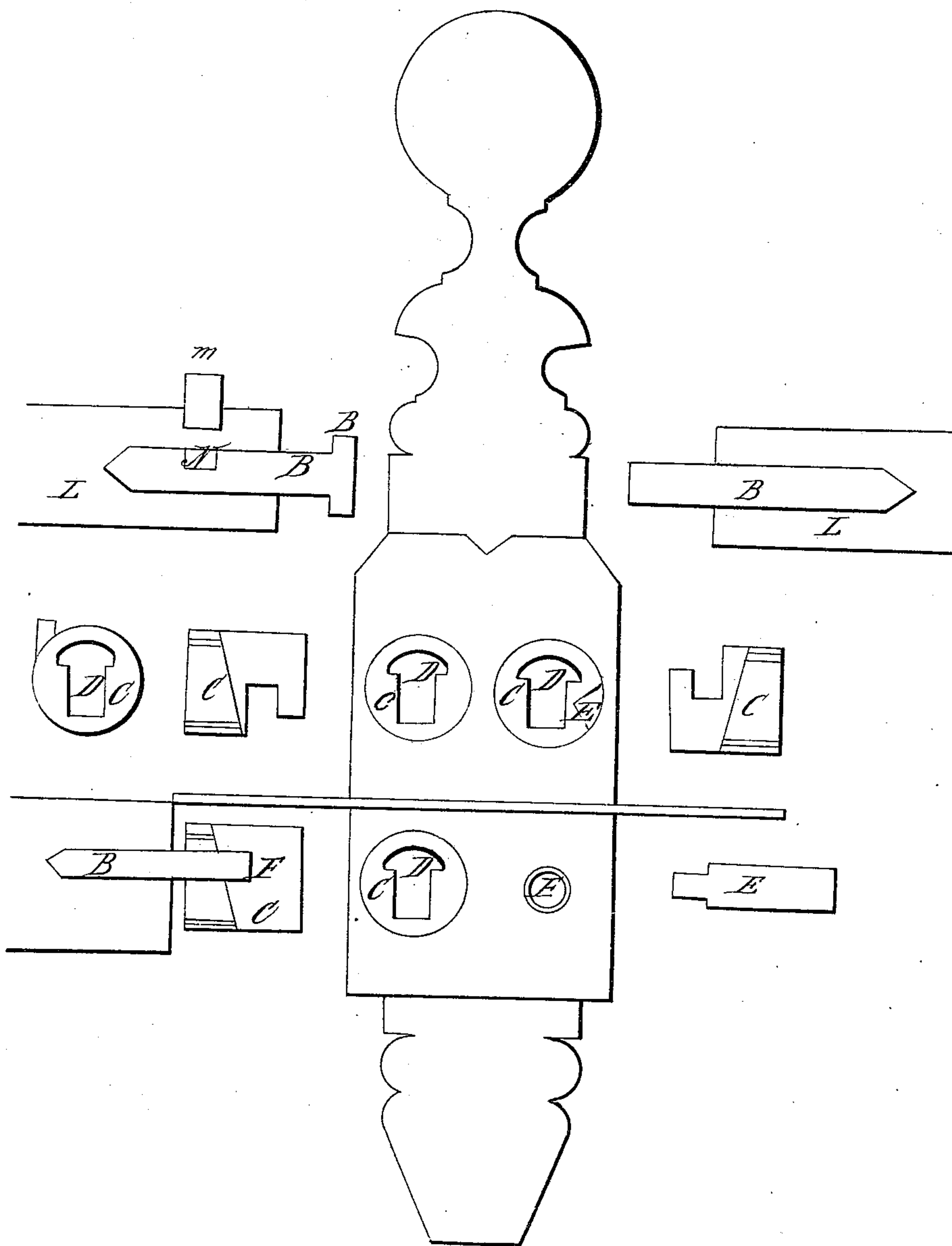


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT RAMSEY, of
Wilmington, in the county of Mercer and
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have in-
5 vented a new and Improved Method of Fas-
tening Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare
that the following as a full and exact de-
scription.

The nature of my invention consists in
10 providing iron tenants for the rails of a
bedstead and iron mortises for the posts
that connect with each other in the post and
receive the tenants on an inclined plane, so
as to fasten the whole bedstead together by
15 the sinking of the rails without the use of
screws or other fixtures on the outside of
the posts or rails.

To enable others skilled in the art to make
and use my invention I will proceed to de-
20 scribe its construction and operation. I con-
struct my bedstead in any of the known
forms with round or square rails. An iron
tenant with shoulders on the end as shown
at B, in the accompanying drawing is in-
25 serted in the end of the rail L and held by
the pin or key M in the notch N, as seen in
the drawing. Two cast iron bushes each
containing a mortise as shown at C, in the
drawing (C representing the bush and D
30 the opening of the mortise) are inserted into
the post at right angles to each other to re-

ceive the end and side rails, the bushes inter-
lock by being notched and dropping into
each other which is effected by turning the
bush around after inserting it and are thus 35
held firmly in their place. The mortise in
the post thus fixed receives the tenant of the
rail upon an inclined plane upon which the
shoulders of the tenants slide downward and
draw the post inward until the bedstead 40
is firmly fastened. The cast iron contain-
ing the mortises (which I have called
"bushes") are secured from turning and
held firmly in their places by a key or pin
inserted in the opening E as seen in the 45
drawing.

Bedsteads may be constructed if preferred
with one instead of two iron fastening in
each post by constructing the end rails in
the usual way and fastening the iron mor- 50
tise for the side rail with a pin or key E, to
be inserted in the hole F, as represented be-
low the black line in the drawing.

What I claim as my invention and desire
to secure by Letters Patent is— 55

The employment of bush pieces C, C,
locked by the key piece E in the manner and
for the purpose set forth herein.

ROBERT RAMSEY.

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