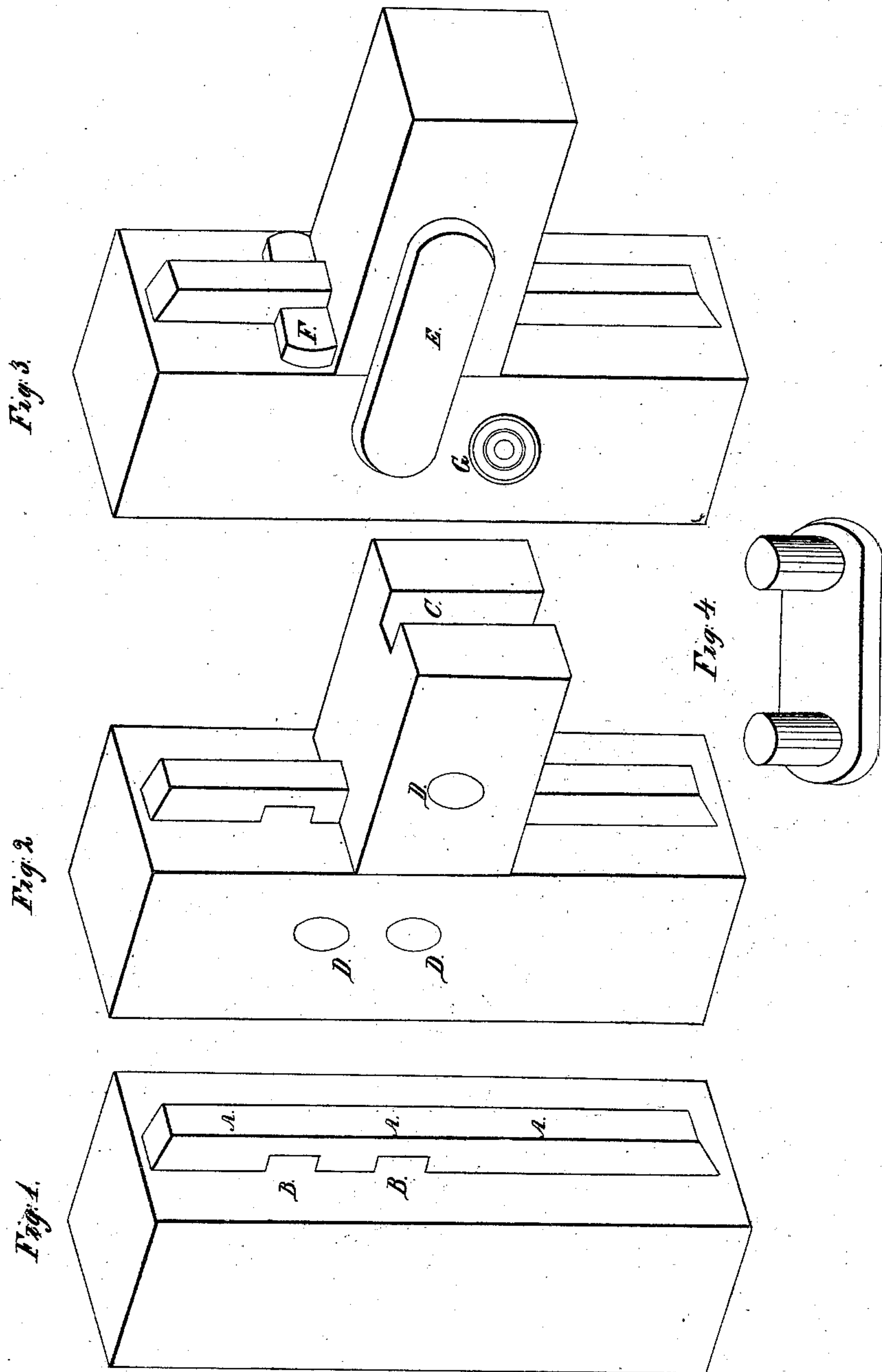


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BEDSTEAD-FASTENING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SHAW, of Clarion, in the county of Clarion and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Mode for Fastening Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification.

When the square of a bedstead-post is planed up I take a strip of wood one inch square and of the length of the square of the post and glue and nail it thereto, as shown by letters A in Figure 1, places being cut in the strip before it is put on, for a wedge to work in as shown at letters B. I next cut a groove in the end of the bedstead-rail as shown at letter C, Fig. 2, so that the rail may fit tight against the post, and work up and down on the strip as shown by Fig. 2. I then bore holes in the post, and one in the rail as shown at letters D, Fig. 2, in two of which holes I place a metal link

or tie as shown at letter E, Fig. 3. Fig. 4, 25 is an inside view of the metal link or tie. I next make a wedge to fit in the mortise or place in the strip as shown at letter F, Fig. 3. When the wedge is shoved into the mortise nearest the top of the rail as shown at 30 letter F, Fig. 3, it wedges with the assistance of the link, the end of the rail against the post, thereby making a perfect joint as shown by Fig. 3. It will readily be seen that the metal link may be put into any of the 35 holes in the post, in order to make the bed the desired height. The holes in the post that are not in use I fill and cover with wooden rosettes as shown at letter G, Fig. 3.

What I claim as my invention and desire 40 to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combined action or the combination of the link and wedge, as above described, for fastening bedsteads.

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