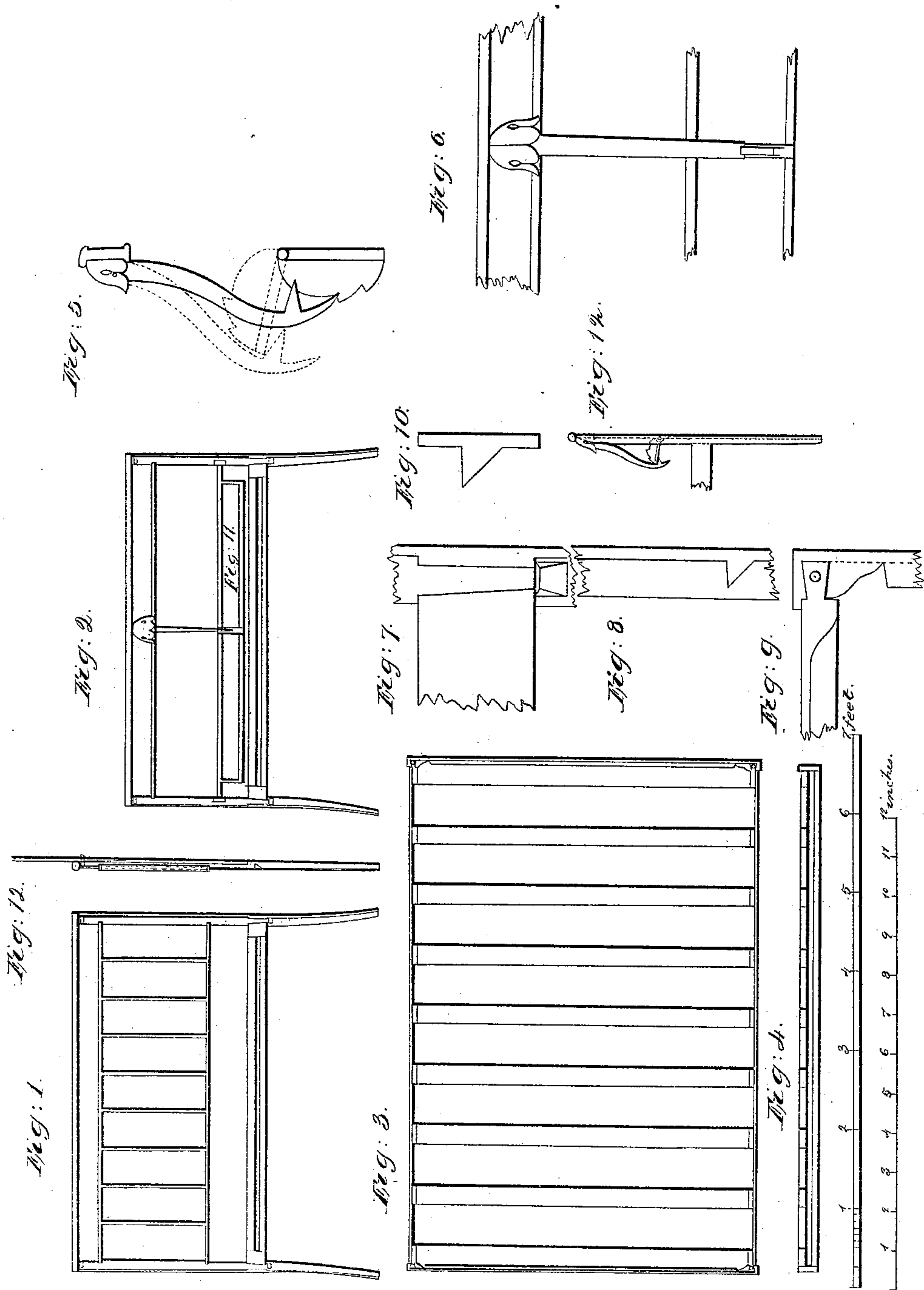


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## BEDSTEAD.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 9,347, dated October 19, 1852.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DANIEL W. SMEAD, of Peru, in the county of Lasalle, in the State of Illinois, have invented a new and  
5 Improved Mode of Making Footboards of Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters or figures of  
10 reference marked thereon, and particularly to the diagrams marked with the Figures 5, 6, 11, and 12.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a movable or swinging  
15 foot board, that may be raised or lowered, and so as to hold the bed clothes in their proper place.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed  
20 to describe its construction and operation.

I construct the bed stead in any of the known forms, of cast iron or other material. The foot board, whether of wood, cast iron, or other material to be of two or more parts, the upper part stationary; the lower  
25 part movable, turning upon pivots as shown in Figs. 11 and 12 on the drawing, and to be turned up or held down in its place by a ratchet and pawl as shown in Figs. 5, 6, 11  
and 12 of the drawing. 30

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

The swinging foot board to serve the purpose of a clasp for securing the bed clothes, it being held down by a ratchet and pawl or  
35 otherwise.

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