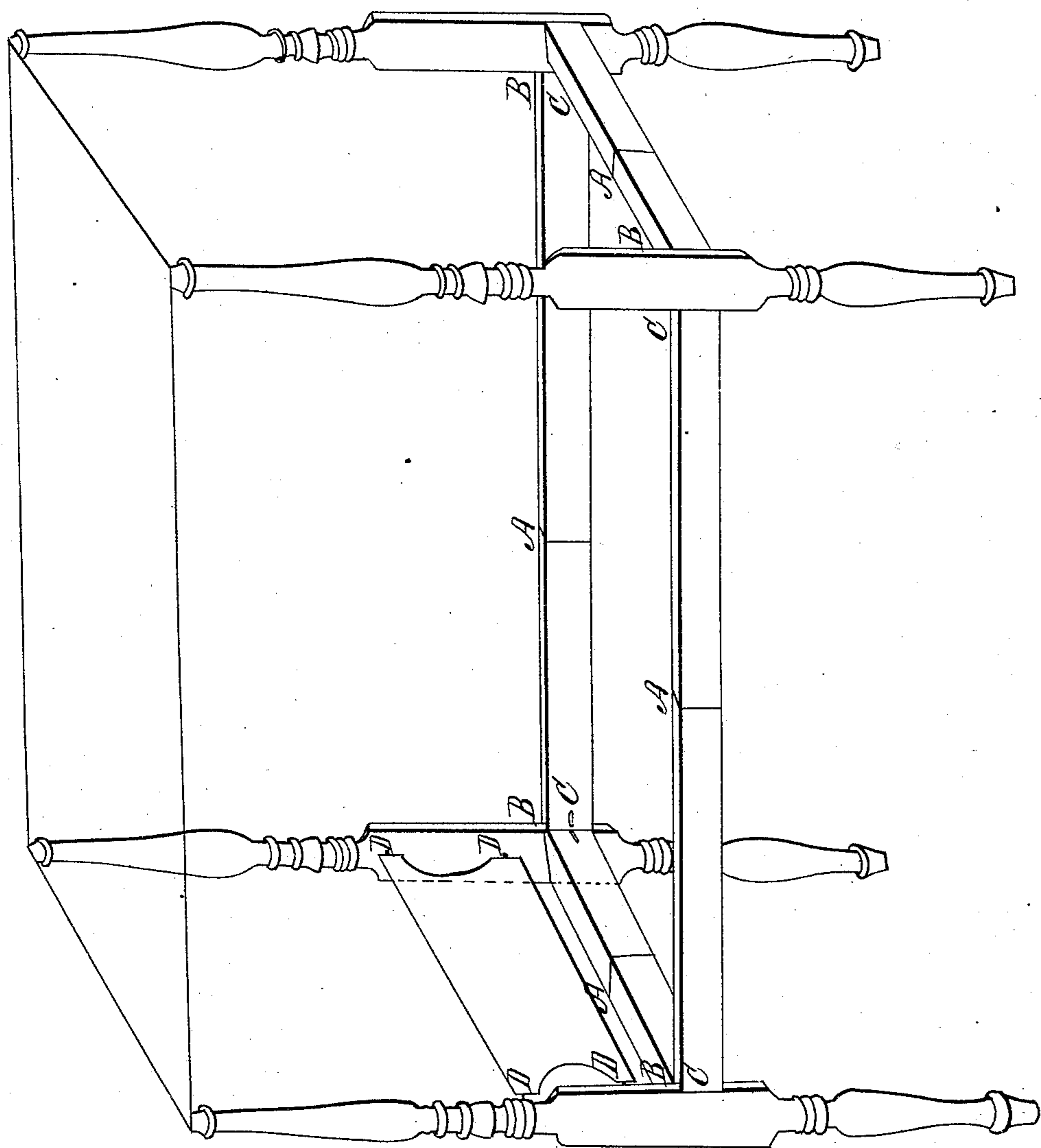


Mc Quern & Lyon,
Folding Bedstead,
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BEDSTEAD.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 23,222, dated March 8, 1859.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, SAMUEL McQUERNS and BENJAMIN M. LYON, of Abbeville district and State of South Carolina, have invented a new and Improved Mode of Constructing Bedsteads; and we refer to the following drawings and description for the full and intelligible specification of said invention by the letters on said drawing, to wit:

In the middle of the end and side railings is a joint made and connected by the use of a common hinge or butt let in on the under side of said railing as indicated by the letters, A, A, A, A. Also the ends of all the railings are connected to the uprights or posts by means of the same kind of hinges or butts let into said railings and posts as shown at the letters, B, B, B, B, by means of which hinges the entire frame is constructed and made to occupy not exceeding one fourth the space occupied by bedsteads in our chambers; likewise for the sake of additional strength small staples and hooks are used as shown at the letters C, C, C, C thus, in each post midway between the meeting of the ends of the several rails is in-

serted a small staple to which staple is permanently fastened two hooks each of which hooks fasten into like staples inserted into the railings near the ends on the inside as at letter C, by means of which staples and hooks all the different railings and posts are more closely, strongly and securely connected without the necessity of either mortise or tenon, boring or screws which are entirely dispensed with under the operation of this invention. The head-board is fastened by means of small hooks in the upright and eyes in the ends of said boards as shown at letters, D, D, D, D.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The use of the hinges in the middle of both the cross and longitudinal rails, in combination with the hinges between the rails and posts substantially, as and for the purposes specified.

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