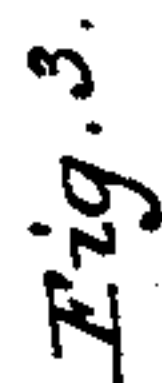


Wardrobe Bedstead.

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IMPROVED WARDROBE-BEDSTEAD.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, A. DIETZ, of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and Improved Wardrobe-Bedstead; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the specifications, in which—

Figure 1 represents a longitudinal vertical section of my invention when opened and arranged for sleeping purposes. Fig. 2 is a similar section of the same when closed up. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the same, the doors being open and the bed-bottom removed to to expose the back of the mosquito-frame.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in a hinged bottom, with legs, and hinged adjustable mosquito-frame, in combination with a wardrobe, in such a manner that on opening the wardrobe the bed-bottom can be readily folded down and the mosquito-frame up and locked, and by these means a bed can be fitted up and protected by mosquito netting in a few minutes and with little labor. The mosquito-frame when raised is fastened by double spring-catches, which can be released by an easy and simple motion of the hand.

A represents a wardrobe made of wood or any other suitable material, and provided with folding doors B, which fasten by a latch, *a*, and by a bolt, or in any other suitable manner. On opening these doors the back or under surface of the bed-bottom C is visible. This bottom is hung on gudgeons *b*, which have their bearings in cross-bars *c*, secured in the ends of the wardrobe, and it is provided with a leg or legs, *d*, hinged to that surface of the same which is visible when the doors of the wardrobe are thrown open. Said bed-bottom is retained in an upright position by a spring-catch *e*, which is fastened in the top part of wardrobe, and by pressing back this catch the bottom is released and free to be turned down

to a horizontal position. In this position its outer end supported by the legs *d*, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

The mattress D is secured to a slide, E, which moves backward and forward in guide-grooves in the bottom C, and after the bottom has been let down to a horizontal position the slide is drawn out to allow the platform F to swing out to a horizontal position. This platform sustains the mosquito-net, and it is suspended from gudgeons *e*, which have their bearings in lugs *f* secured to the inner side of wardrobe A.

When the platform is raised to a horizontal position, it is retained by spring-catches *g*, which are secured to the front side of the wardrobe, and catch over the edges of the platform. In order to release said platform, and to push back the spring-catches simultaneously, a slide, *i*, is arranged on the top or outer surface of the platform. This slide connects by means of links *j* with bolts *k*, which move in a lateral direction, and are pressed inward by the action of springs *l*. By pushing the slide *i* back in the direction of the arrow marked on it in Fig. 3 the bolts *k* are thrown out, and the spring-catches *g*, being forced back, release the platform and allow the same to swing down to the position shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

Fastened to the under or inner side of the platform are two longitudinal bars, *m*, which form the guides for the transverse sliding-bar *n*, and for the rings *o*, from which the mosquito-net is suspended. After the platform has been raised, and the bed adjusted, the mosquito-net is drawn out by pulling the cord or ribbon *p*, and the person lying on the bed will be perfectly protected against the attacks of these troublesome insects.

By this arrangement the bed and all its appliances are fully concealed in the interior of the wardrobe, and during daytime, or when not used, it takes up but little room and does not mar the genteel appearance of the room, and whenever the bed is required, it can be fitted up instantaneously and without much trouble.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The hinged bottom C and platform F, with bars *m o* to sustain the mosquito-net, in combination with the wardrobe A, constructed and operating in the manner and for the purpose substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The slide *i*, links *j*, and spring-bolts *k*, in

combination with the catches *g*, platform F, and wardrobe A, constructed and operating the manner and for the purpose substantially as set forth.

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