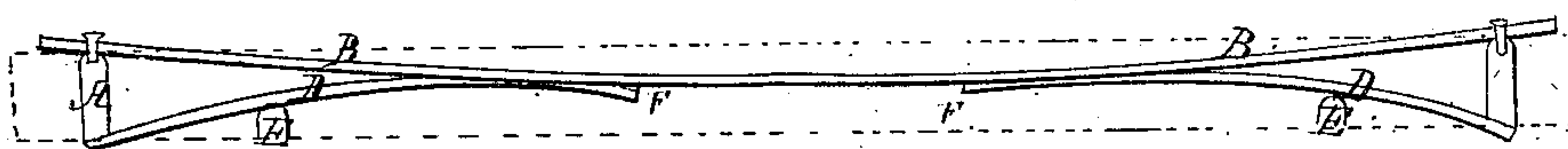
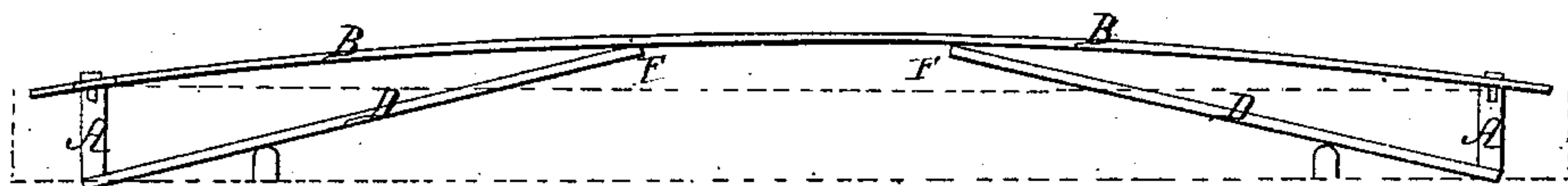
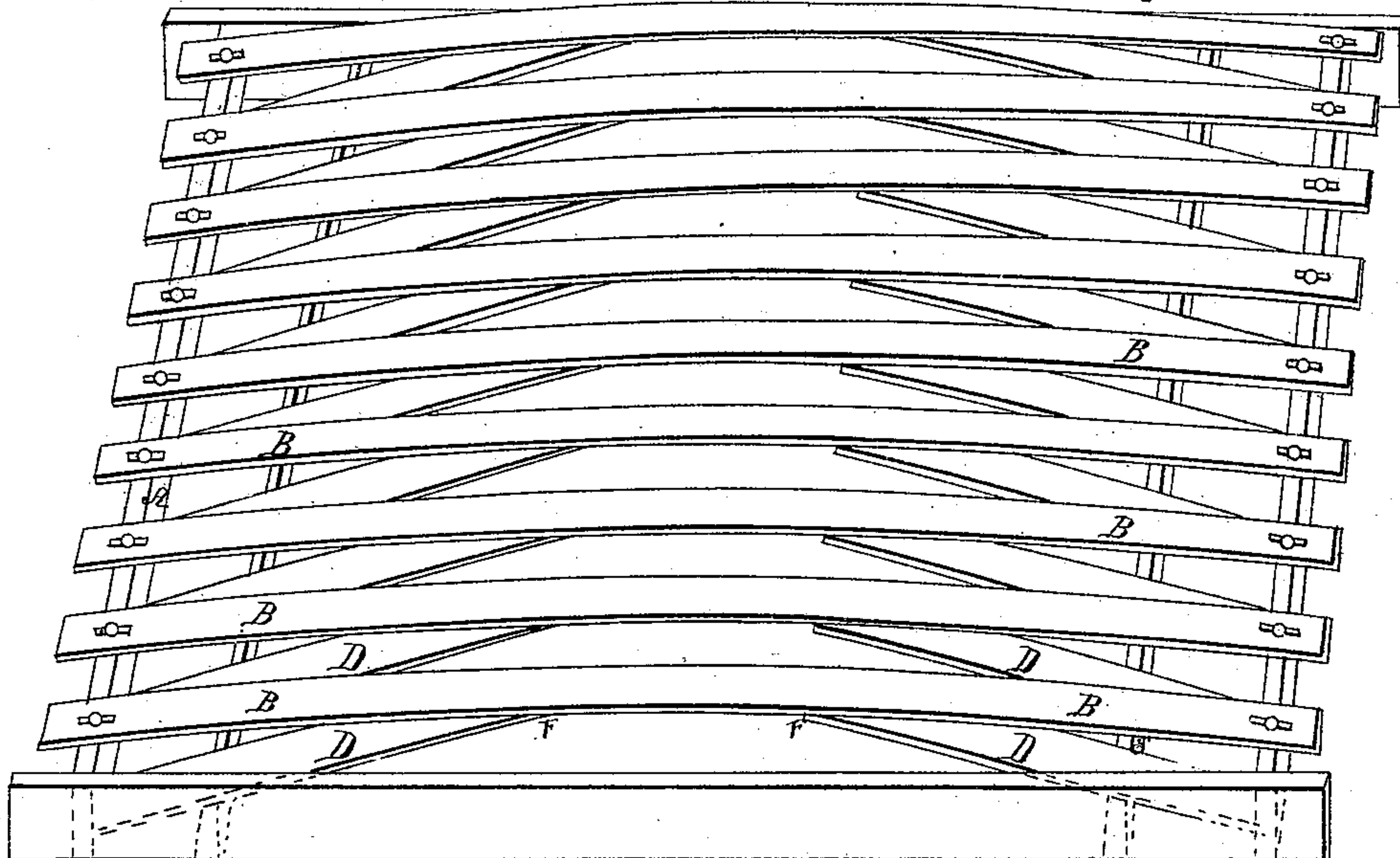


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## IMPROVED SPRING BED-BOTTOM.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 47,086, dated April 4, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, J. BLAIR BOWDITCH, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Spring Bed Bottom; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in forming a spring bed-bottom of a series of flexible wooden slats placed horizontally upon a frame and resting upon wooden springs.

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

I construct a frame the size of an ordinary bedstead. Upon the top of this frame (marked A in the accompanying drawing) I place a series of longitudinal slats, B B, made of flexible wood, attached at both ends to the ends of the frame A by screws or pins passing through a slot in each. Below each slat, at

both ends, I place the wooden springs D D, secured at one end to the lower edge of the end of the frame A, forming an angle with it, and passing over the transverse bar E, supporting the slats B B at F. The springs D D are so arranged as to be readily detached from the frame A, and the ends of them and the surface of the frame beneath the slats coated with some substance to prevent noise from friction.

I am aware that flexible slats, and also wooden springs, have been used before in various ways in constructing bed-bottoms, and therefore do not claim either as my invention; but

I claim—

The combination of the slats B B with the wooden springs D D, as herein described, for the purpose specified.

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