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Bedstead Fastening,

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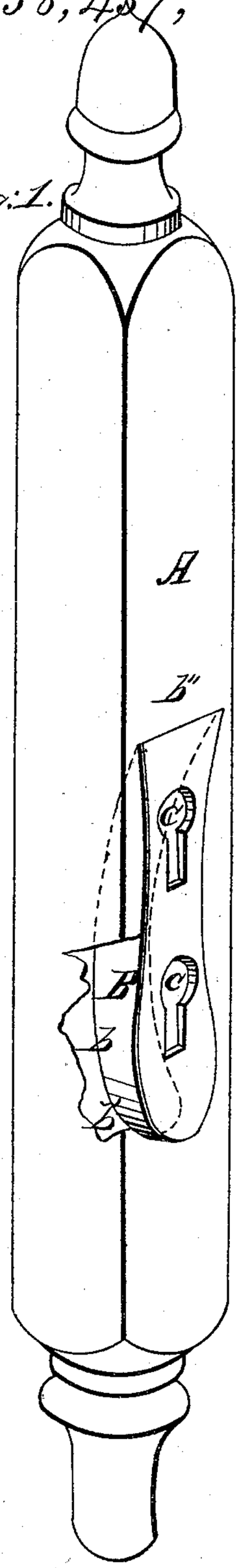
Fig: 1.



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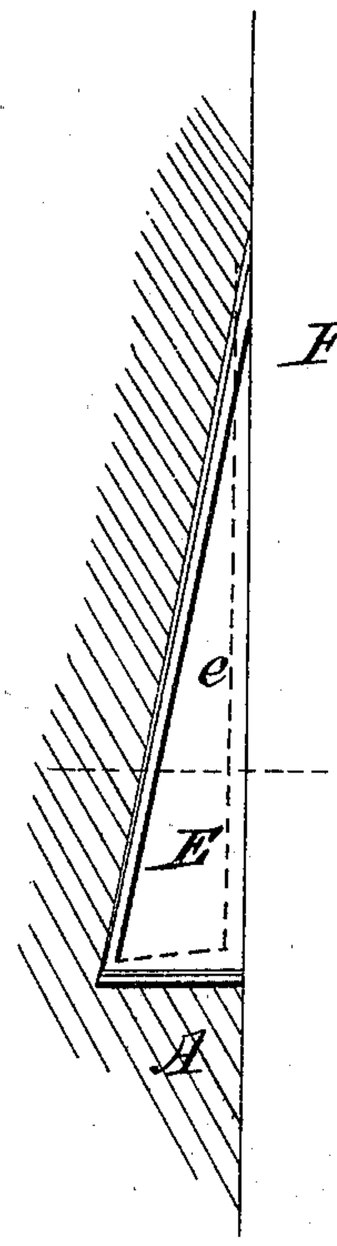

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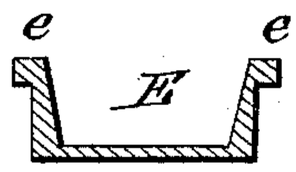

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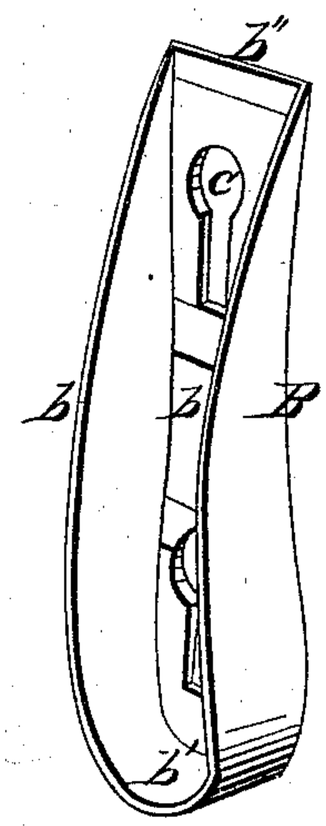

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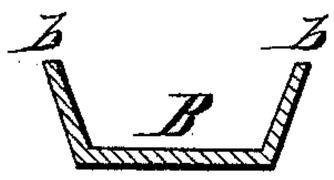

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IMPROVED BEDSTEAD-FASTENING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LEMMAN, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bedstead-Fasteners, of which the following is a full and clear description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improved mode of fastening a device to a bedstead-post to receive the rails.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved fastener in its place in a bedstead-post. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the female part of the fastener embodying my improvement, showing the shape of the piece. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the fastener, taken centrally, showing the plane of the side flanges. Fig. 4 represents a side view, a modified form of my improved bedstead-fastener, located in the post. Fig. 5 is a transverse section of my modified improvement taken in the plane 1 2.

A is a bedstead-post, to which is secured my improvement, the female part of the fastener B, which is an open box of metal. The sides *b* flare outward and continue round the lower end, *b'*, of the box, where the flare is the greatest. The post A is mortised to receive the female part B. B has slots C, which receive the lugs of any common male fastener that are used on rails. The edges of the sides *b* and lower end, *b'*, are cut to the arc of a circle, commencing at the feather-edge *b''*.

In the modified form E of the female part, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, the sides are vertical and their edges straight from the feather-edge to the opposite end; also, flanges *e* project externally from the edges. They fit into grooves in the sides of the mortise in posts A. In placing the female part B of the bedstead-fastener in the mortise in post A the lower circular end, *b'*, is inserted in the upper end of the mortise in post A. The flare of side *b* secures the female part B to post A without the use of screws. It is readily removed without the use of instruments. In the modified form the edges *b* may be straight, and exterior flanges *e* may be made to answer in place of the flare, as shown in female part B.

Having described my improved fastening, its application and utility, I make the following claim—

Inserting in a bedstead-post a segment of circle B, in a mortise with beveled sides and lower end, for the purpose of securing it to the post A without any other fastening, substantially as described and set forth.

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