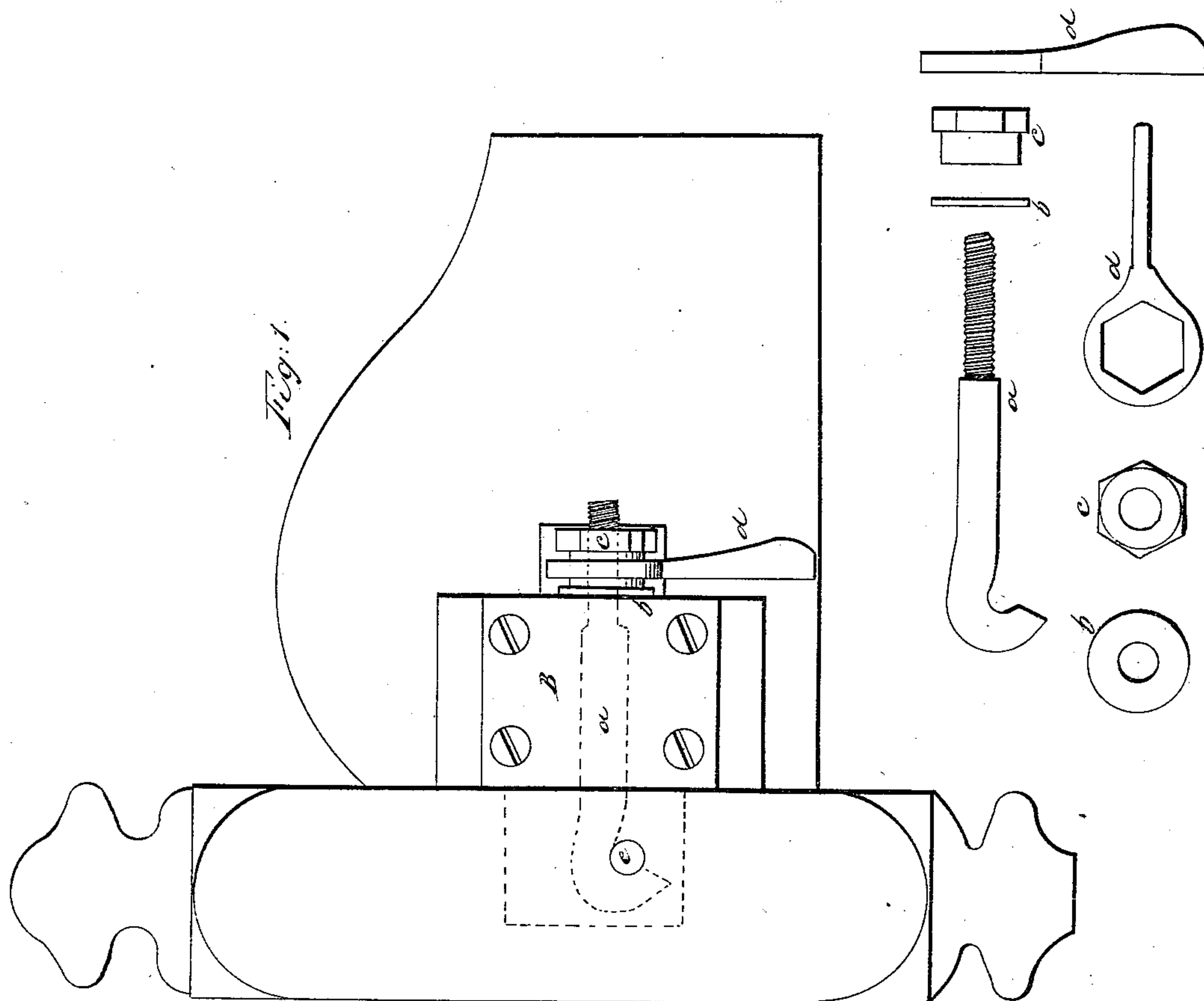


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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WARREN S. BARTLE, of Newark, in the county of Wayne, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Fastening for Attaching the Posts and Rails of Bedsteads together; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

A hook, *a*, sectional drawing, is fixed to the rail as shown in Figure 1, either by being laid against the rail, and held in place by a lug, *B*, as shown in fig. 1, or by being inserted in a hole bored into the end of the rail. This hook enters a mortise in the post, and engages a bolt or pin, *e*, fig. 1, which passes through the post. On the end of the shank of the hook, as seen at *a*, sectional drawing, and in fig. 1, is a screw to which a nut, *c*, is applied. This nut is made with two differently formed sections, one of which is six-sided, as represented in the sectional drawings *c*, and also in fig. 1, for the purpose of engaging the wrench *d*, fig. 1, used in turning it, and for such purpose it may be three or four or more than six sided, or may be round, with slots or recesses in the periphery. The other section, as shown in fig. 1, is cylindrical, and is employed to suspend and keep in place the wrench when not in actual use. This last-mentioned section of the nut may be separate and detached from the other, or may be combined with the washer *b*, fig. 1, and be nearly equivalent in respect to operation, though not quite as substantial. *d*, sectional drawing, is a wrench, appended to the nut by embracing and being suspended upon the cylindrical section of it, as shown in fig. 1. A wrench is provided for every fastening, and is so made as to engage the nut, whatever the form thereof. *b*, sectional drawing, and also shown in fig. 1, is a washer against which the nut turns. A mortise or recess, as shown in fig. 1, is made in the rail, of sufficient length to admit of the action of the nut, but not long enough to permit the wrench to become disconnected.

The advantages of this fastening over others, are, that a wrench is provided for every fastening; the range of the nut on the shank of the hook is so great as to permit the rail to be drawn tight against the post in all cases, and the form and peculiar application of the nut keep the wrench appended to it, and always ready to be conveniently applied.

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

The combination of the appended wrench *d*, and the nut *c*, with the hook *a*, all as described and set forth in the foregoing specification.

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