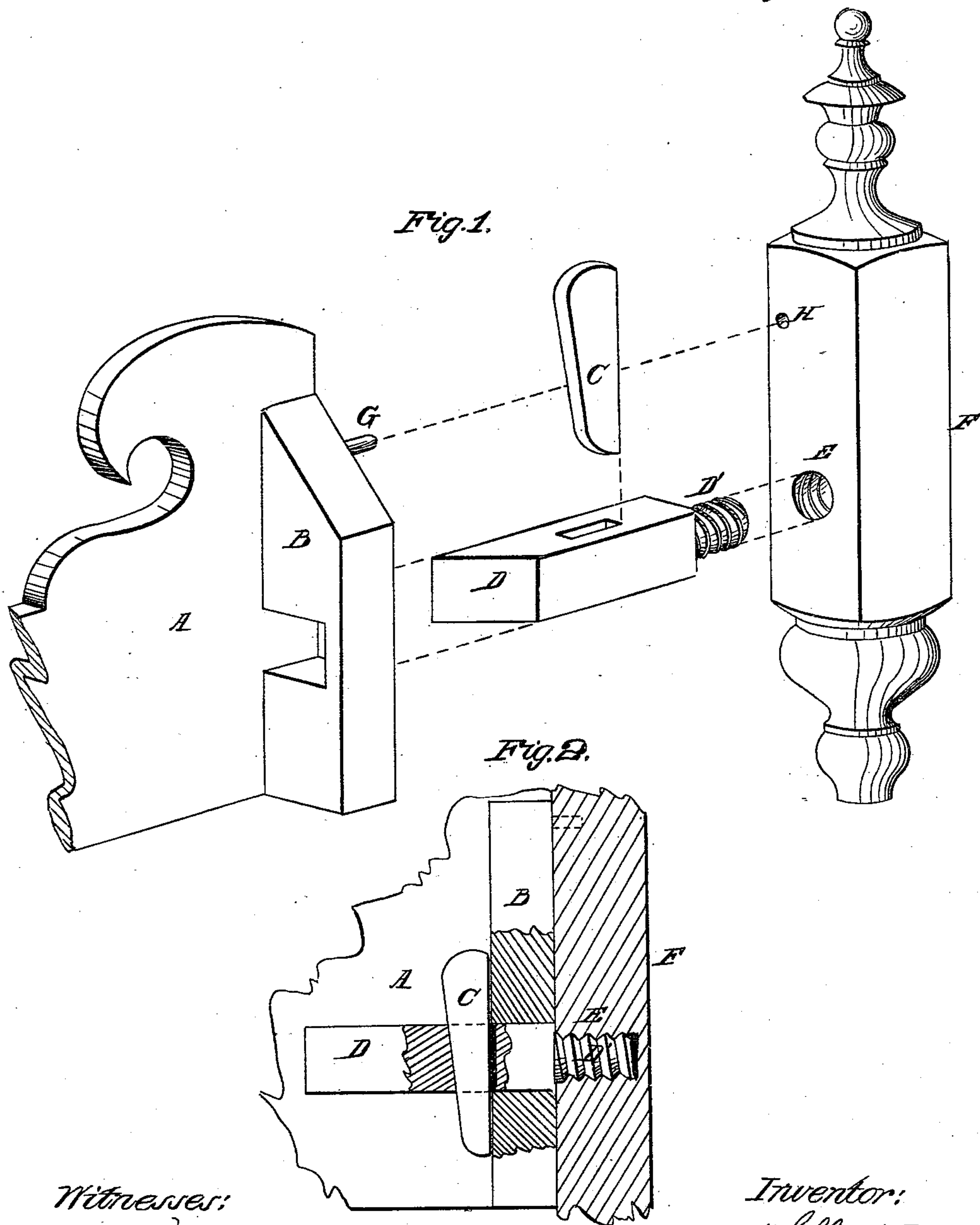


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IMPROVED BEDSTEAD FASTENING.

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH SCHLINGMAN, of West Alexandria, in the county of Preble, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful "Bedstead Fastening;" and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

This invention relates to a compact, cheap, and effective device for the ready attachment and detachment of the rails to and from the posts.

Figure 1 shows the component parts of a corner of a bedstead embodying my improvement.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section through a joint put together showing the parts in place.

A is the side rail of a bedstead, having at each end on its inner side a customary cleat, B, which cleat, in addition to its usual offices of stiffening the rail end and affording an ample area of contact with the post, also serves in my invention as a bearing for a wedge or key, C, which in the ordinary putting up of the bedstead becomes effective to draw the parts firmly together, the said key traversing a slot which passes vertically through a tongue, D, which tongue traverses a gain in the said cleat, and terminates in a screw, D', which occupies a correspondingly screw-threaded aperture, E, in the post F. A dowel, G, projecting from the end of the rail A, enters an orifice H in the post and prevents any turning of the rail. In the ordinary putting up or taking down of the bedstead, the tongue D remains in the post, and the rail is effectually and quickly engaged or disengaged by the driving or releasing of the key C, the only tool required being a hammer or wooden mallet, and the work being easily performed by a woman or lad. For package or transportation the tongue D is unscrewed from the post, and being drawn back so as to bring the screw within the gain of the cleat may be temporarily secured in that position. I have selected for illustration the form preferred by me, but reserve the right to vary the same; for example, the tongue D may have a round instead of the represented square form.

I claim herein as new, and of my invention—

Securing a bedstead rail by a tongue, D, which being screwed or otherwise firmly secured to the post, is traversed by a key, C, which as it is driven downward bears against the rear side of the cleat, and acts to close and effectually secure the joint, in the manner set forth.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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