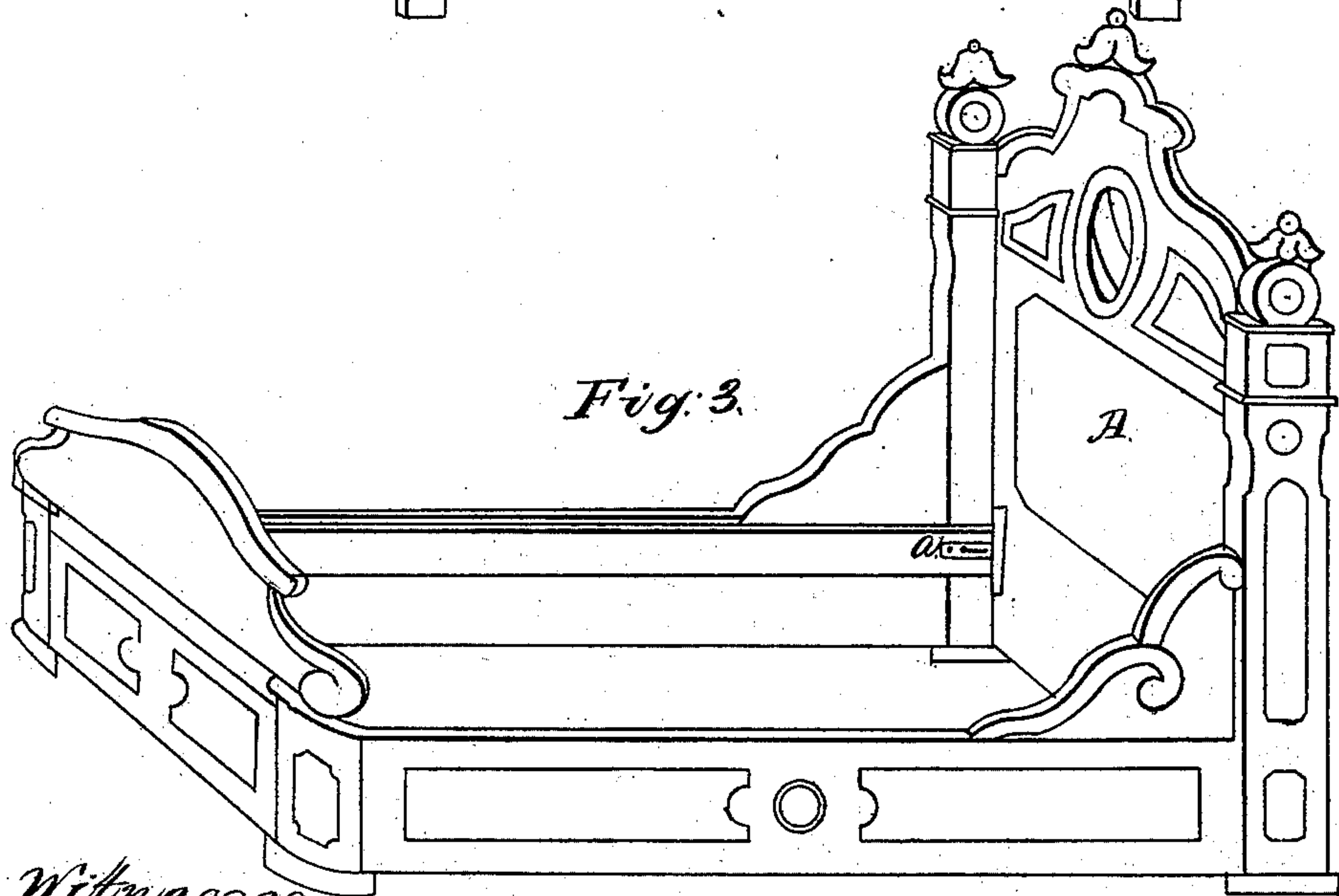
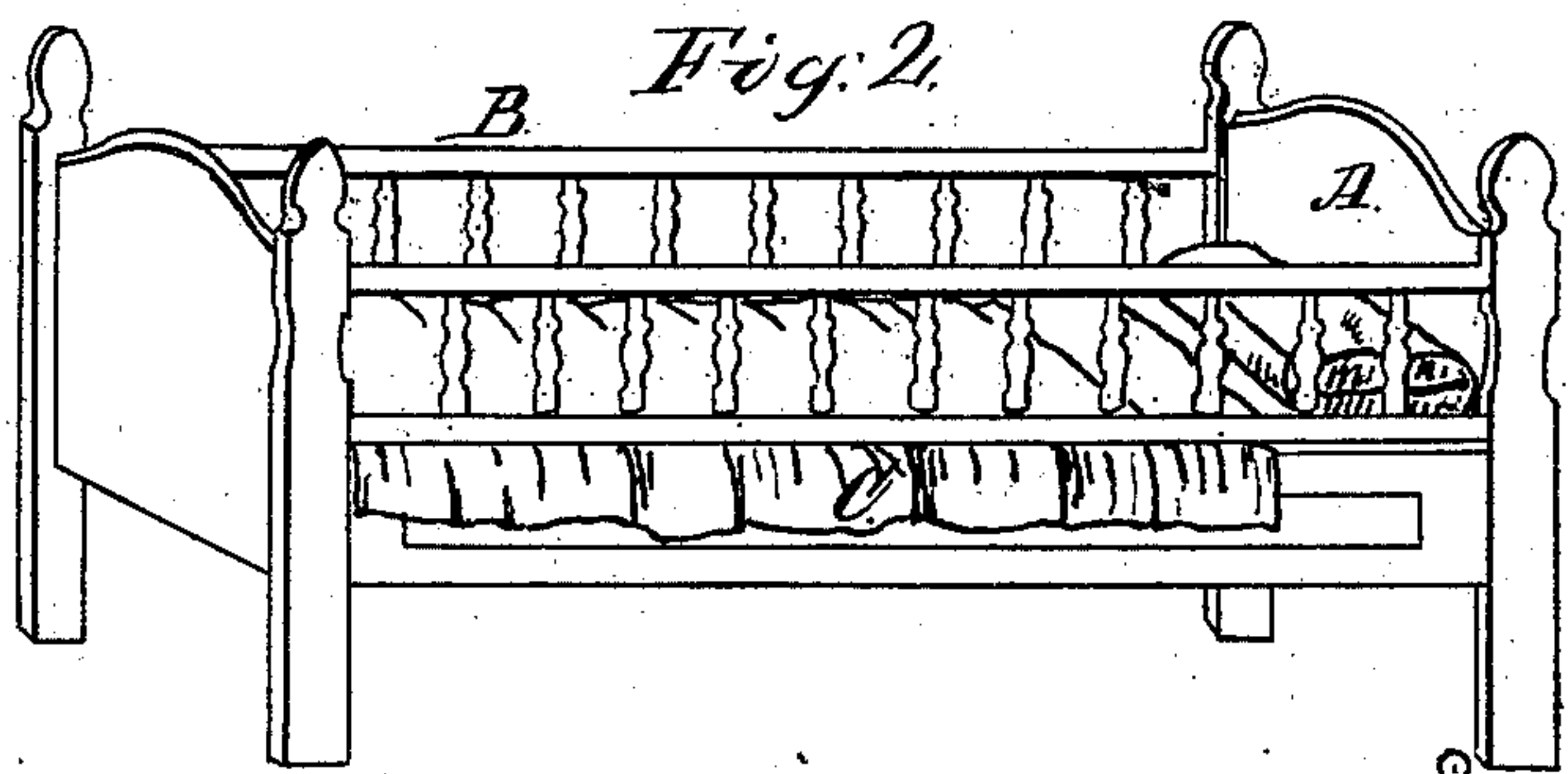
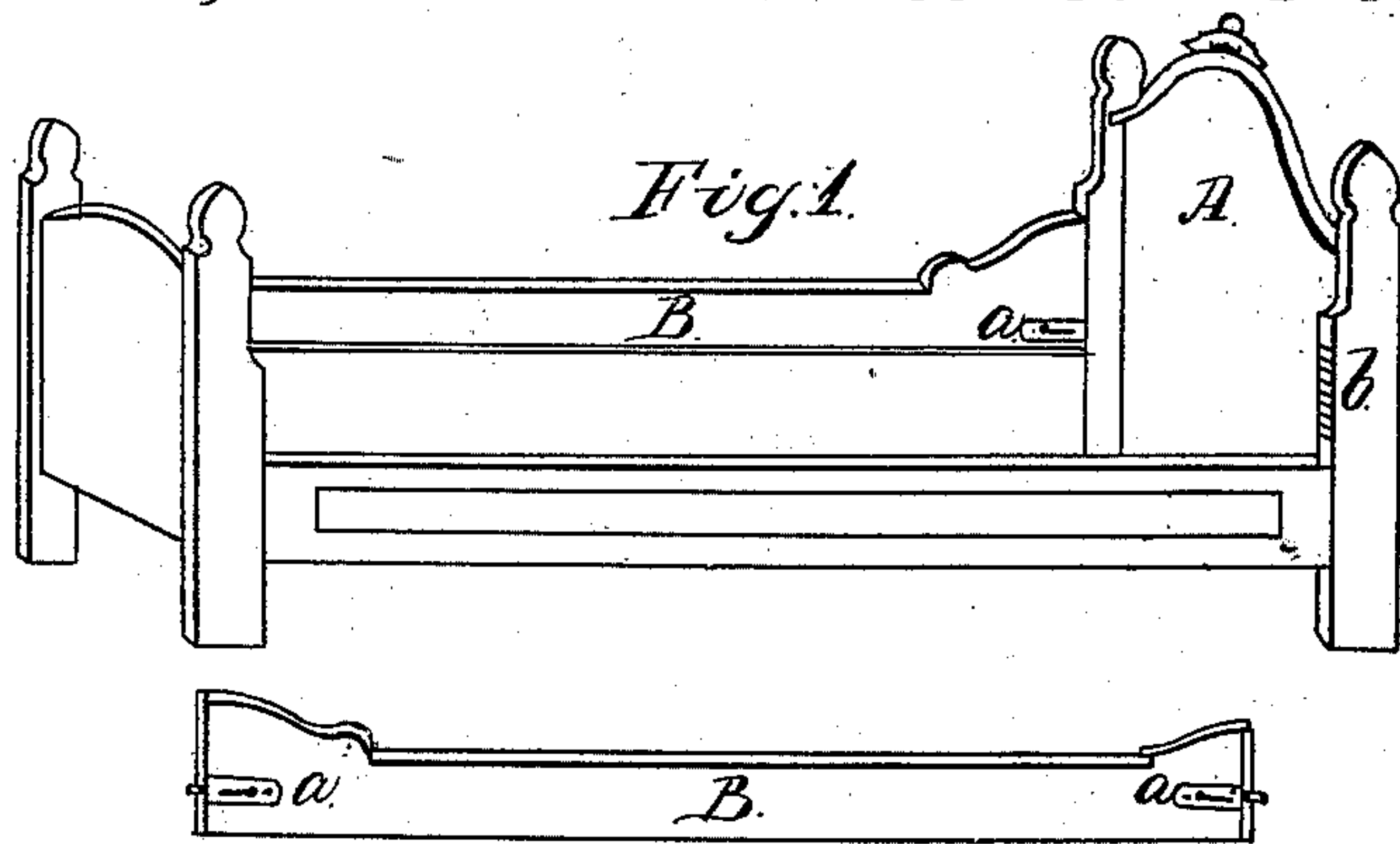


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IMPROVED CRIB AND BEDSTEAD.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, GEORGE T. PALMER, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, in the State of New York, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Cribs and Bedsteads, which are especially adapted for children's use; 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.

The nature of my invention consists in attaching a device, or making the device a part of the bedstead, for the purpose of clamping the sides of the covers of a bed, and securely hold them in place, so that they cannot be removed by the turning, pushing, or restlessness of children when in bed, the nature of which I will hereafter fully explain when describing the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a child's bedstead, with a part of each side made to be removable, and showing the near side removed.

Figure 2 represents a child's crib, having the bed-covers clamped by the removable or clamping sides.

Figure 3 represents an adult's bedstead, having the clamping-piece on the inside of the permanent sides of the bedstead.

Like letters indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

In fig. 1, A is the body of the bedstead. B B are removable parts of the sides, on which *a a* are spring-bolts or catches. *b b* are tongues on the ends of the removable parts, which fit into corresponding grooves on the side posts of the bedstead. In the grooves on the side posts are racks, which are shown by *b*, into the ribs or notches of which the spring-bolt catches, and thereby holds the removable part B firmly in place.

In fig. 2 the parts are the same as in fig. 1. C are the bed-covers shown to be clamped by the removable sides B.

In fig. 3, B shows a modification of the clamping-piece. The part B is made to work inside of the permanent sides of the bedstead, instead of on the top of the permanent sides, as shown by figs. 1 and 2, the other parts being substantially the same.

The spring-bolts *a* are made so that the bolt can be retained back in the case or sheath, so as to remove all impediment to the easy removal of the clamping part B.

The rack is made so that the bolt will slip down over the ribs and catch on them, so that the bolts must be drawn back before the removable part can be raised. The tongue on the parts B, slipping in the grooves on the side posts, keeps the part B from moving laterally when in position.

The operation of the crib or bedstead is thus: Place the child in bed, cover it as loosely as is desired, turn the covers over the edge of the permanent sides of the bedstead; then place the sides B in position and press them down upon the covers, when the spring-bolts will catch in the racks *b* and hold the parts B down, thereby clamping the bed-covers and keep them as placed.

The object of my invention is to obtain a simple, easily-managed, and efficient means of holding the bed-covers on children, and prevent their removal by the turning, restlessness, or kicking of the children, without the liability of the covers being torn, which is often the case where a short hold or gripe is made on the covers, such as when strings, buckles, &c., are used for the purpose of retaining the covers.

My invention holds the covers, by a long gripe, firmly and securely until the covers are relieved from the clamping of the part B.

The clamp may be modified so as to be adapted to work on the inside of the permanent sides of a bedstead, as shown by fig. 3, or by hinging the sides with a yielding hinge to accommodate the varying sides of the covers.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A bedstead, provided with a clamp, composed of the part B, having spring-bolts *a*, and racks *b*, or their equivalents, substantially as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

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