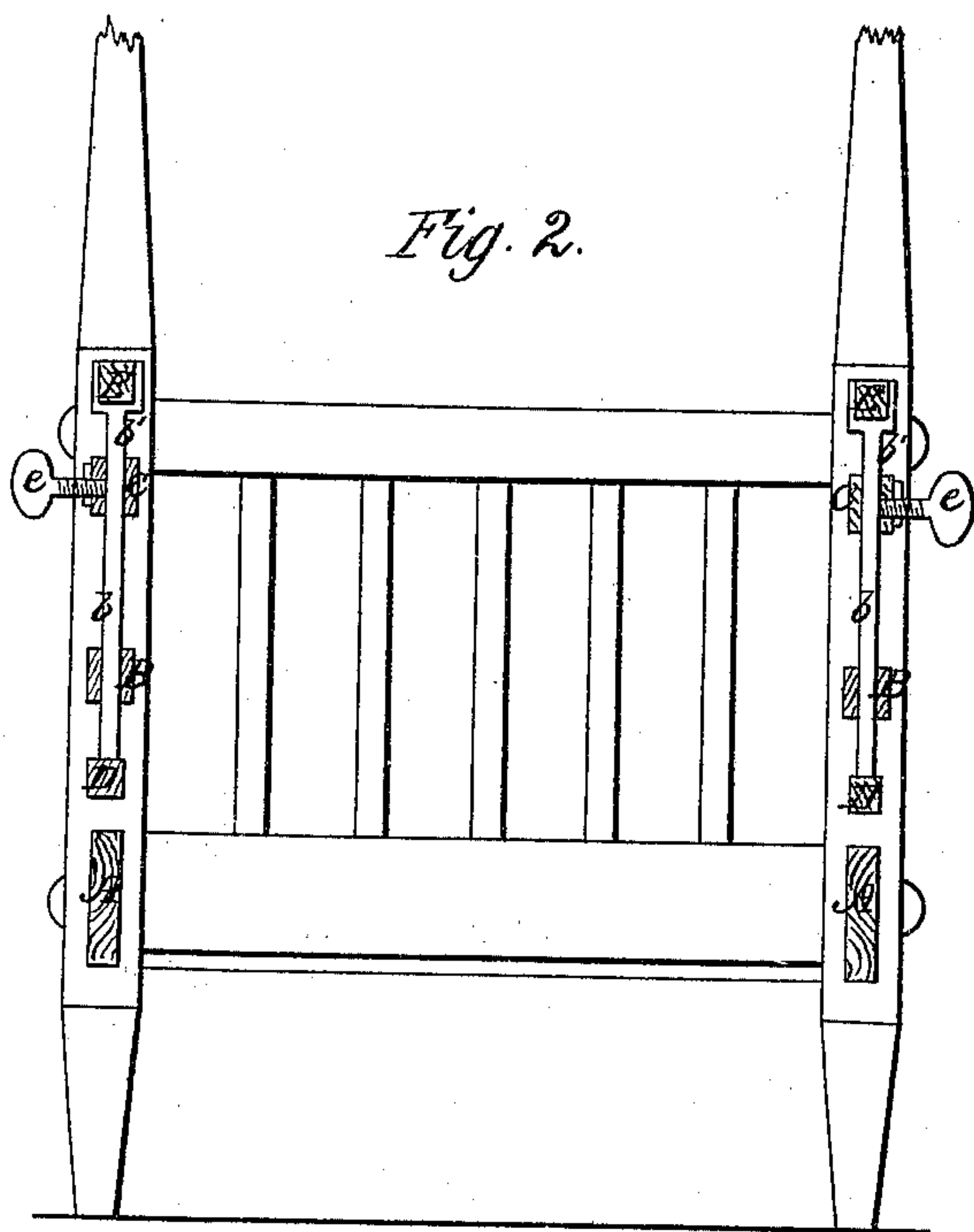
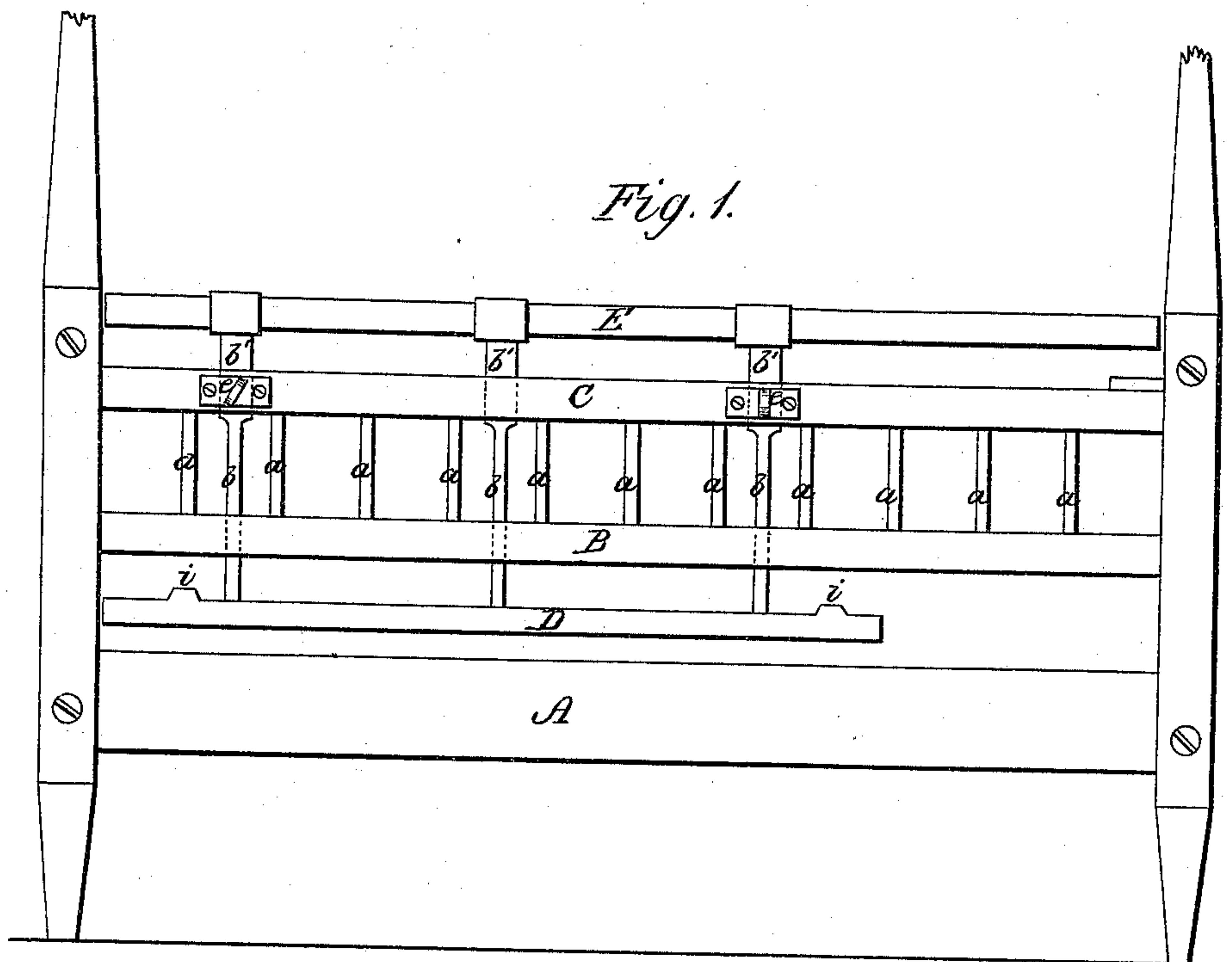


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IMPROVED DEVICE FOR SECURING BED-CLOTHES.

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, GEORGE INWOOD, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented a Device for Securing Bed-Clothes; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains, to make and use my said invention or improvements without further invention or experiment.

My invention relates to a device for securing bed-clothes on beds, cribs, cradles, and couches of all kinds, so as to prevent the persons sleeping under them from getting uncovered by any means; and

It consists in adding to the sides of the bedsteads an additional rail, and placing movable bars joined together by means of metal rods, passing through the upper, or additional slats, one above, and the other below it, so that they may be raised and lowered, and confined in any position desired by means of set-screws.

The covers are drawn under the lower movable rail, which is then forced down upon the lower bed-rail, and held by the screws, confining the covers, so that they cannot be taken off without first releasing them from their confinement.

In cribs and cradles, the place of the additional rail is supplied by the surrounding double rail, between which the vertical bars, or slats are placed.

To more fully illustrate and explain my invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawings, and letters marked thereon, of which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation.

Figure 2 is an end sectional view.

Similar letters of reference in each of the figures indicate like parts.

A is the lower side rail of a child's crib.

B and C are the double rails, between which the vertical standards *a a* are placed. These parts are common to cribs of this description, and therefore need not be altered when it is desired to add my device to the crib.

My device consists in placing upon the lower bed-rail A, the short bar D, and upon the rail C, the full-length bar E, and joining them together by rods *b b b*. These

rods pass through the double rails B and C, and at their upper end, where they pass through the rail C, they are flattened, as seen at *b'*, working in a square hole in the upper rail.

By raising the upper bar, E, the lower one, D, is also raised, until it strikes the lower of the double rails, B, leaving a space between it and the lower bed-rail A, through which the covers may be drawn, after the occupant has been placed under them, and the bars let down, and forced tightly upon them, and secured by set-screws *e*, so that it is impossible to remove the covers without first releasing and raising the bars.

Small projections, *i i*, are placed on the bar D, at each end, and prevent it from coming closely against the rail B, when it is drawn up.

By the use of this device, children can be prevented from kicking the covers off them, or getting them off in any manner, and thus avoid many of the unhealthy consequences of lying naked.

Common bedsteads can be provided with the same device, by placing an extra side rail above the ordinary side rail, and passing the connecting-rods through them, thus making a bedstead that will be especially useful for hospitals, and places where invalids are kept, as by its use the liability of their becoming chilled, by getting the covers off them, and many lingering ills, which finally result in consumption, are avoided.

Having thus described my invention,

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

The clamping-bar D, when held and operated by rods *b*, sliding in or upon the fixed rail or rails of the bedstead, and secured at the proper point by the set-screws *e*, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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