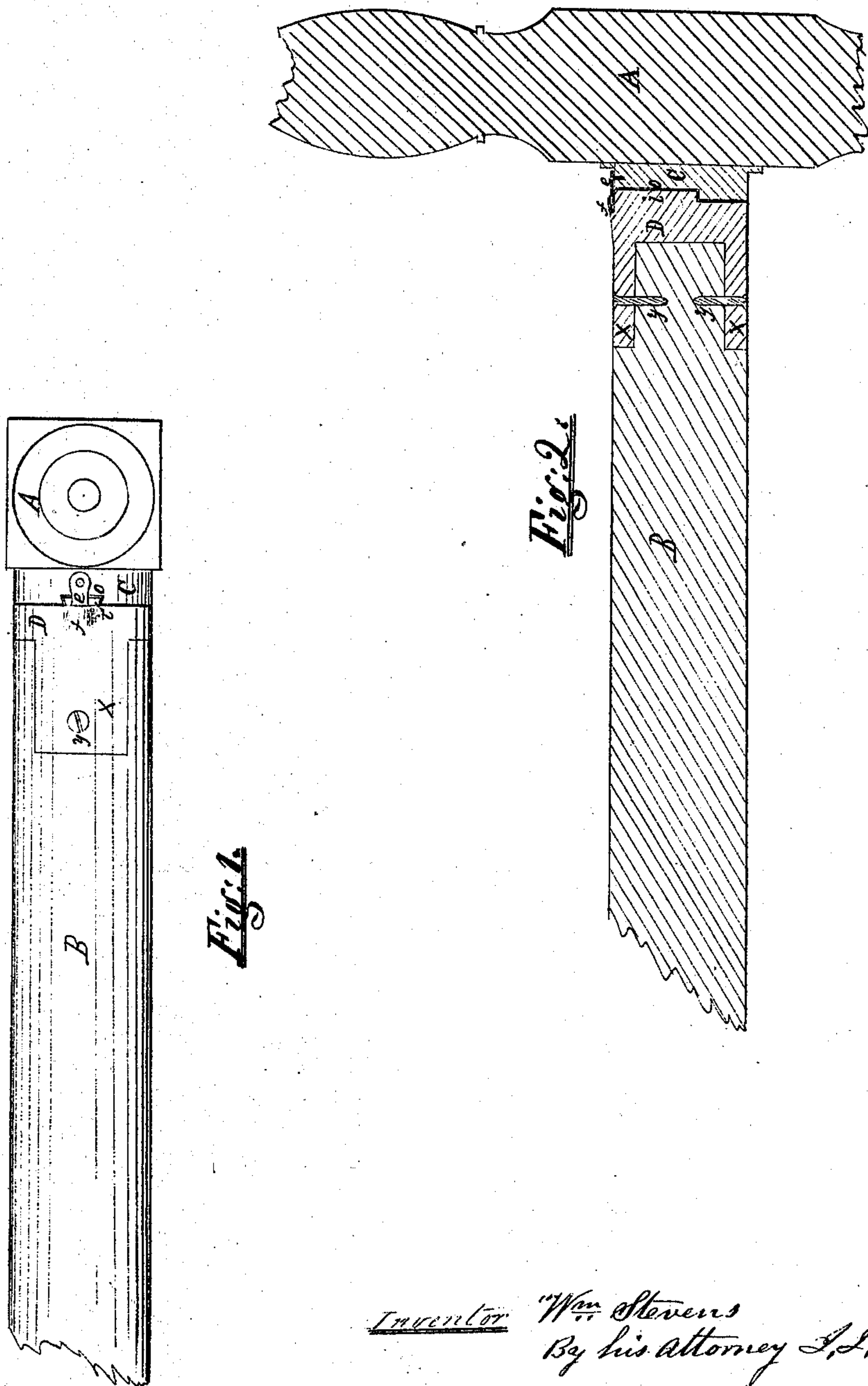


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## IMPROVED BEDSTEAD-FASTENING.

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, WILLIAM STEVENS, of Tarentum, in the county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fastener for Bedsteads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in combining, with the ordinary "dovetail lock" of a bedstead-fastener, a latch so arranged as to hold the male and female parts together.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction.

In the accompanying drawings, which form part of my specification—

Figure 1 represents a top view of one of the posts, and a section of a rail, provided with my improvement in fastener.

Figure 2 is a vertical and longitudinal section of the same.

In the accompanying drawings—

A represents an ordinary post of a bedstead.

B represents a rail for the same.

C represents the female part of the fastener, which is provided with a dovetail recess, *o*, and a latch, *e*, which is pivoted to the part C, so that it can be turned directly over the recess.

The outer end of the latch *e* is bevelled off, so as to fit neatly in a recess in the protuberance *f* on the male part D of the fastener.

On the front end of the male part D is a dovetail projection, *i*, which, in form and size, corresponds to the dovetail recess *o*.

The male part D of the fastener is provided with two lugs, *x*, which are used for securing it to the rail B by means of screws *y*.

By means of these lugs the screws enter the rail at right angles to the fibre of the wood, and thereby secure the part D, so that it is not liable to become loose on the rail.

In securing the parts C and D together, the latch *e* is turned to one side, and the projection *i* is placed in the recess *o*. The latch is then turned over the projection *i*, with its bevelled-off end inserted in the recess in the protuberance *f*, as shown in fig. 2.

The female part of the fastener is secured to the bed-post A, by means of ordinary "wood-screws."

By constructing a bedstead-fastener as hereinbefore described, the several rails and posts of the bedstead may be secured together, so that they will not be liable to become separated in handling or moving the bedstead.

What I claim as of my invention, is—

The combination of the latch *e* with the parts C and D of the bedstead-fastener, the whole being constructed, arranged, and operating as herein described, and for the purpose set forth.

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