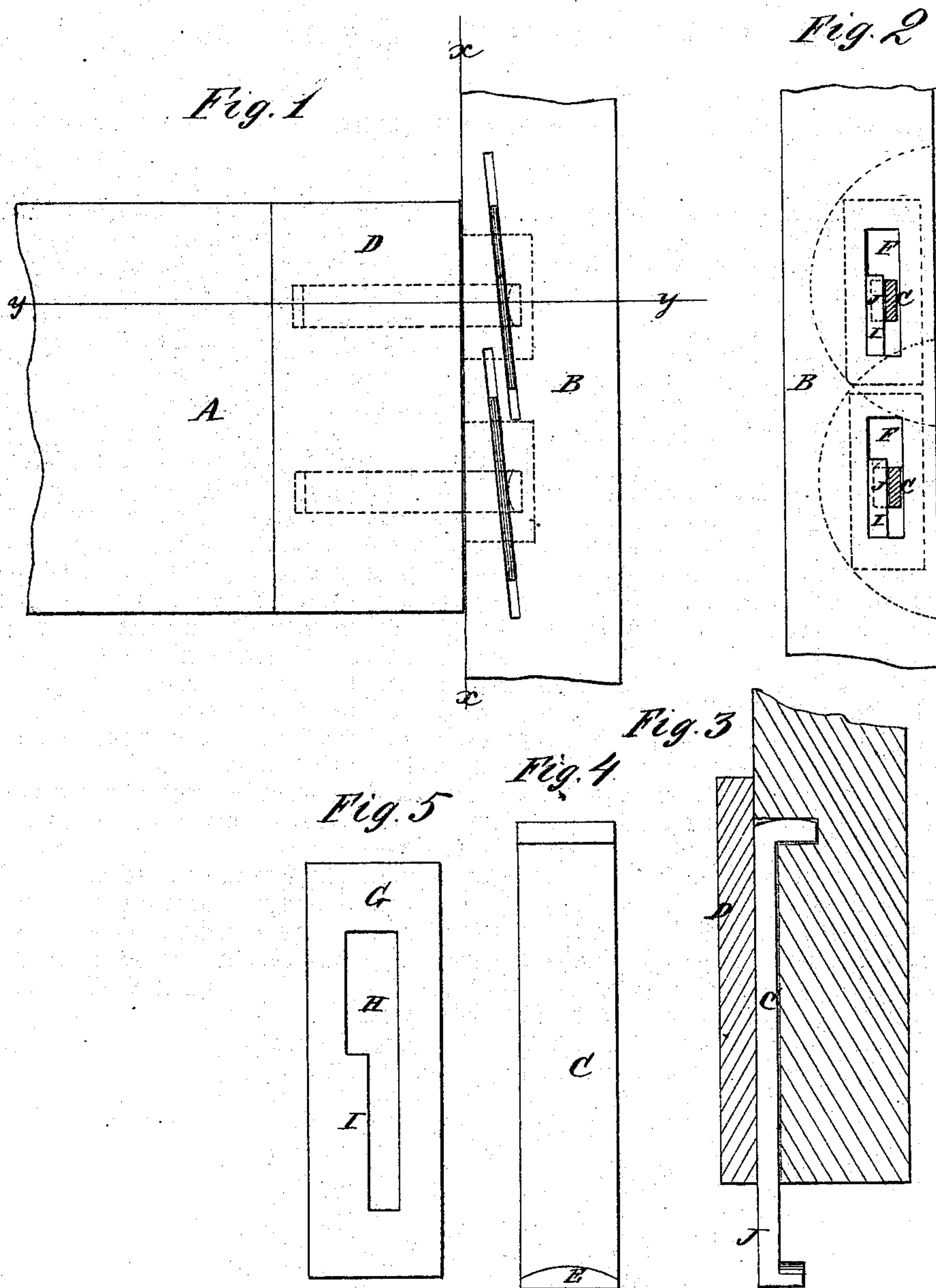


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IMPROVEMENT IN BEDSTEAD-FASTENINGS.

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Specification describing a new and Improved Bedstead-Fastening, invented by LEANDER MAY, of Columbus, in the county of Muscogee and State of Georgia.

This invention relates to the construction of bedsteads; and consists in the mode of fastening the rails to the posts, hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is an inside view of the fastening. Fig. 2 represents a face view of the post. Fig. 3 is a section of the rail, showing the fastening-hook, taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a side view of the iron plate that is placed in the post. Fig. 5 is the hook or iron attached to the rail.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the rail. B is the post. The rail is provided with one or more hooks, C, inserted into it, as seen in Fig. 3. The portion of the hook that is in the rail is covered by a separate piece of wood, D, glued or fastened to the rail, as represented. The hook C extends out from the end of the rail one inch, more or less, with the hook of the fastening end preferably rounded, as seen at E, Fig. 4, to allow it to engage more readily with the iron in the post. The face of the post has a mortise for each hook, as seen at F F, of sufficient size to admit the projecting hooks of the rail and allow of a downward movement after insertion. G is the fastening-plate, which

is placed in each mortise of the post. These plates are made of iron, one-eighth, more or less, in thickness, with a mortise or slot, H, therein, of a length equal to or about equal to the mortise in the post, and of a breadth at one end equal to the post mortise, and less at the other end, as seen in Fig. 5, so that, when it is placed in the mortise, the part I will project into the mortise in the post. It is with this part I that the hook J of the rail engages.

These plates are inserted into the posts through slots cut (by a circular saw or otherwise) on the inside, the slots being shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2. The plates (as inserted) are also seen in dotted lines in the same figure. When the plates are inserted the slots may be filled with strips of wood in any manner to exclude vermin. The hooks and plates may be made of any kind of iron or other metal, but I prefer wrought or malleable iron, especially for the hooks.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A bedstead-fastening consisting of the hook C and plate G, one or more for each fastening, when the same are attached to the rail and to the post, substantially in the manner described.

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