

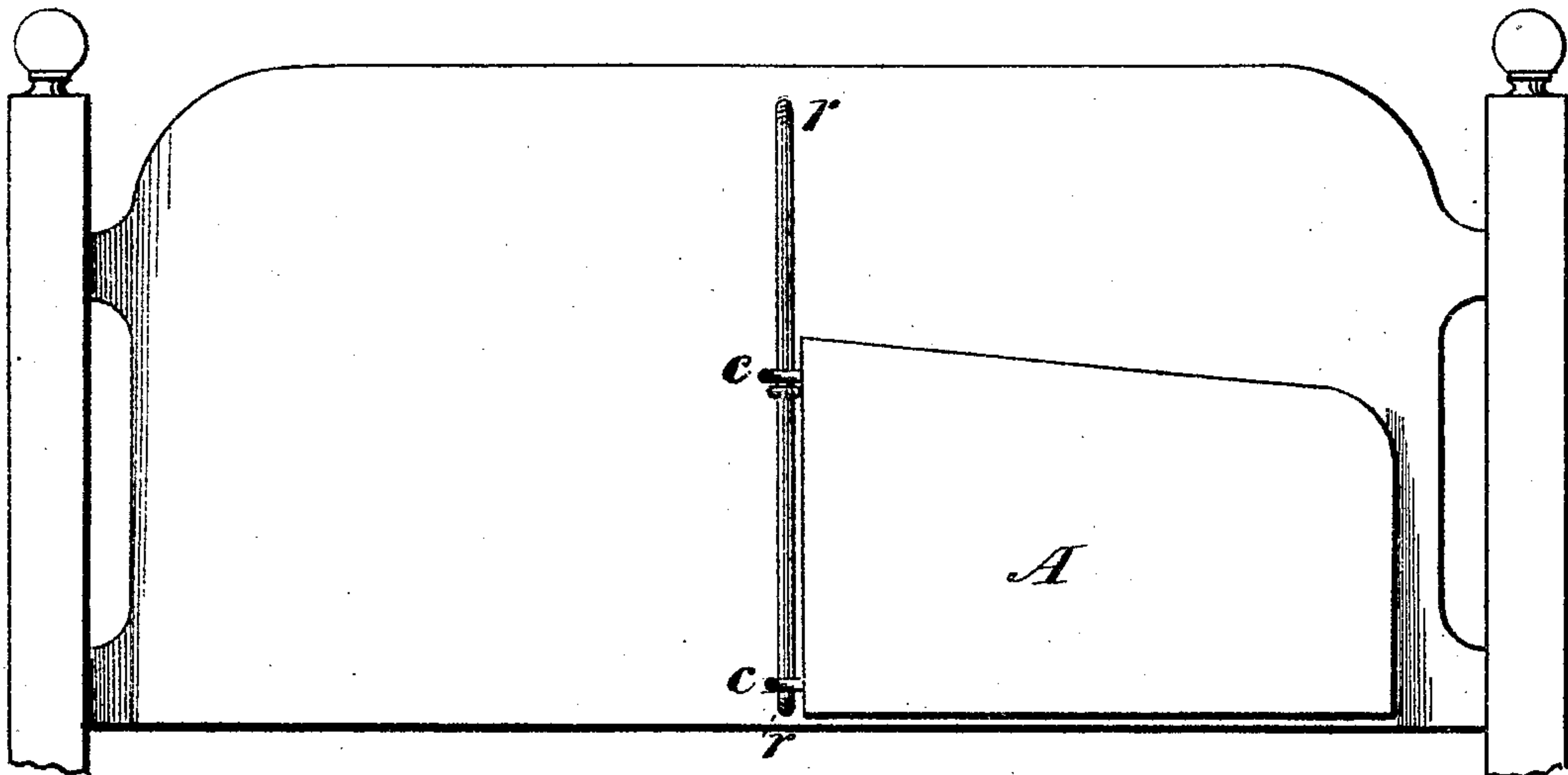
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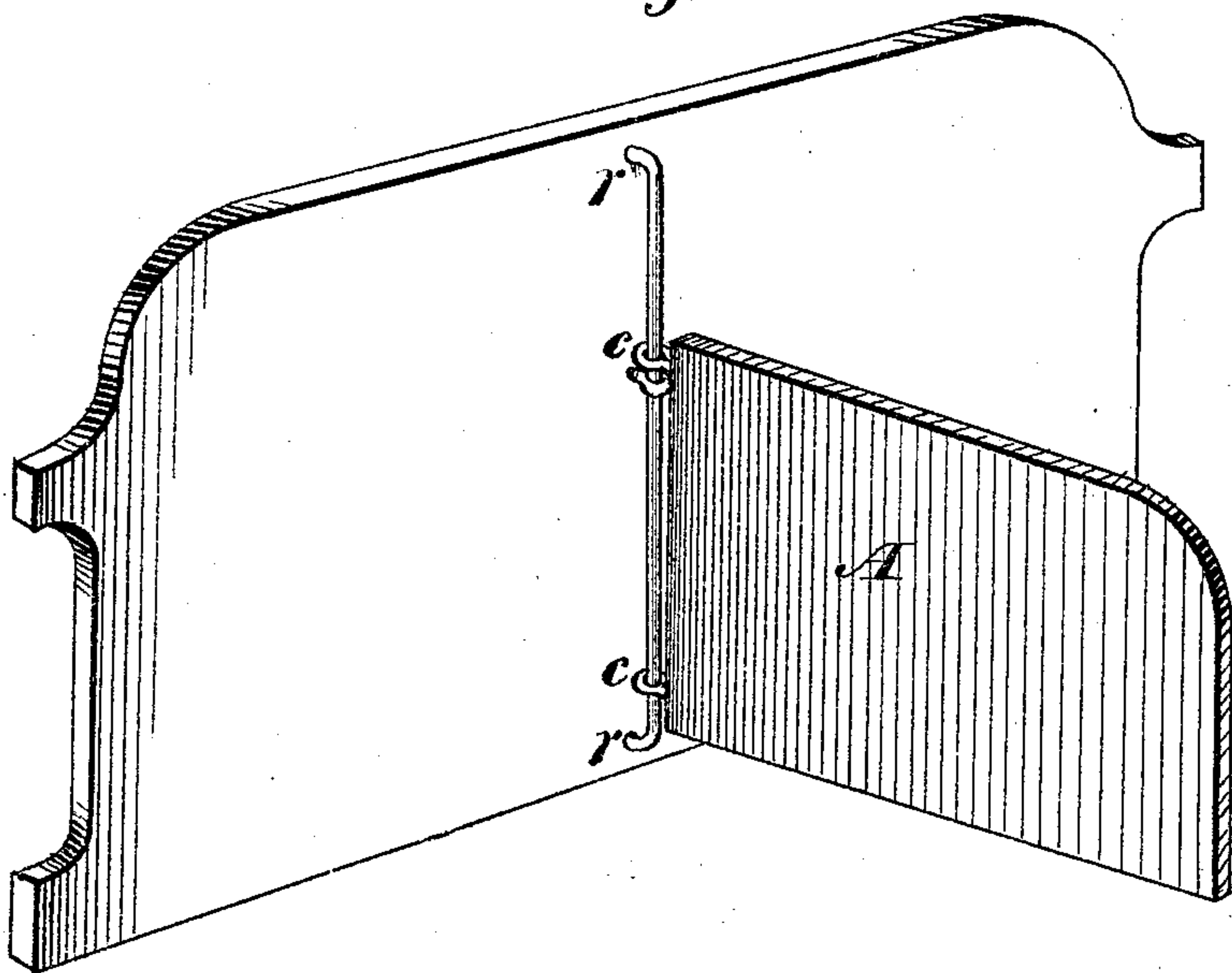
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BEDSTEADS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 130,355, dated August 13, 1872.

Specification describing certain Improvements in Head-Boards for Bedsteads, by WILLIAM E. BRIGGS, of Sparta, Monroe county, Wisconsin.

The object of my invention is to prevent persons from inhaling air which has been once breathed during sleep, where two persons occupy the same bed; or more especially to prevent one person from inhaling air which has once been breathed by another. This is done by attaching a short adjustable partition to the head-board of the bed, made of wood or other suitable material, a convenient length, being about two feet and from twelve to twenty inches wide, which separates the heads of the sleepers, and which, at pleasure, may be turned back against the head-board.

Figure 1 is a head-board with the adjustable partition A turned back against the head-board. Fig. 2 is a head-board with the partition adjusted.

A is the adjustable partition, into the end of which eyes are inserted near the upper and lower edges. A rod, *r*, is inserted in the eyes *e e*, the ends of the rod being bent and fastened to the head-board. The rod *r* and the screw-eyes *e e* form a hinge or joint, on which the adjustable partition turns. The rod *r* is made to extend nearly across the head-board, which gives a chance to raise or lower the attachment A, according to the thickness of the bed and the amount of bedding, to adapt it to summer or winter.

What I claim is as follows:

The adjustable partition A, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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