

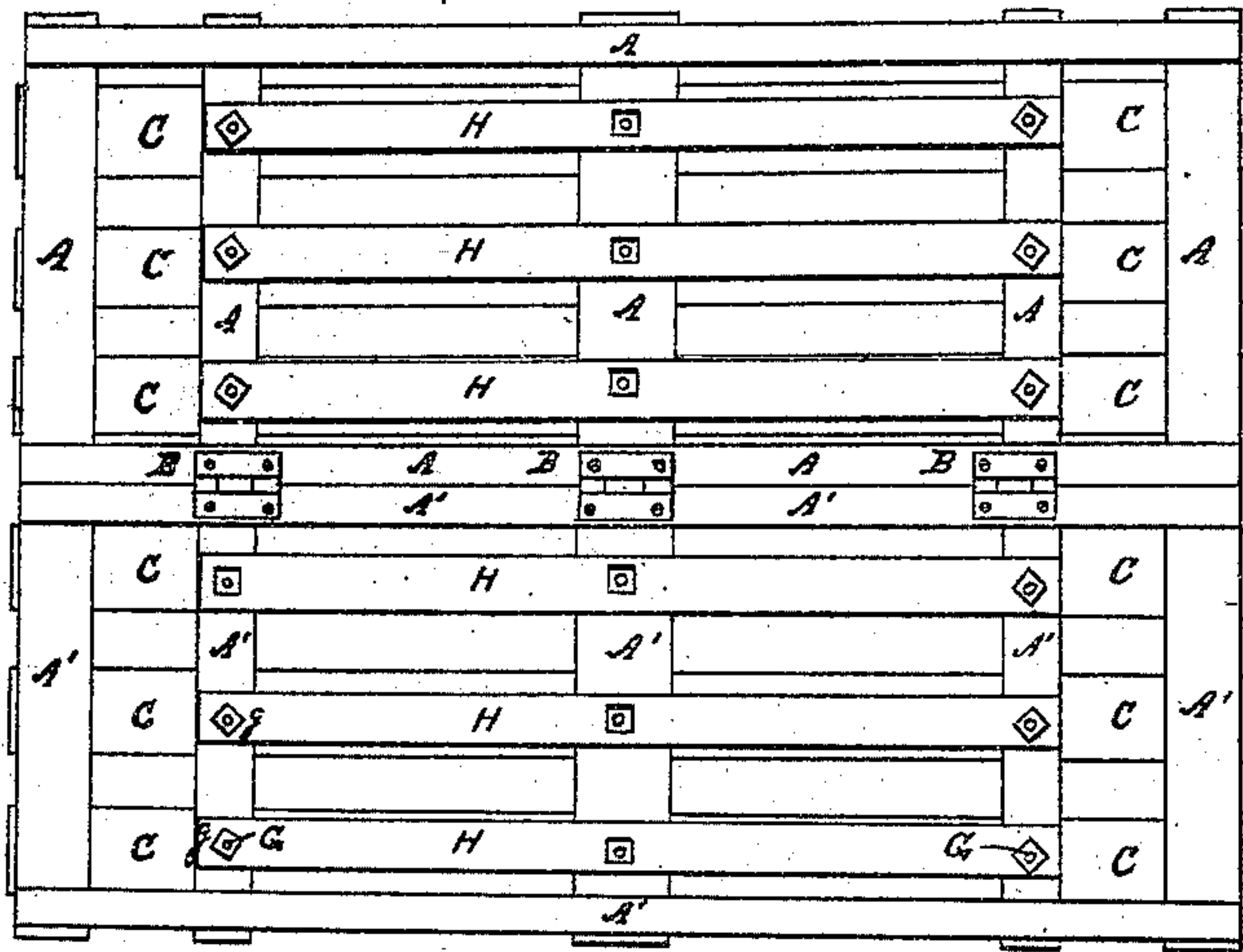
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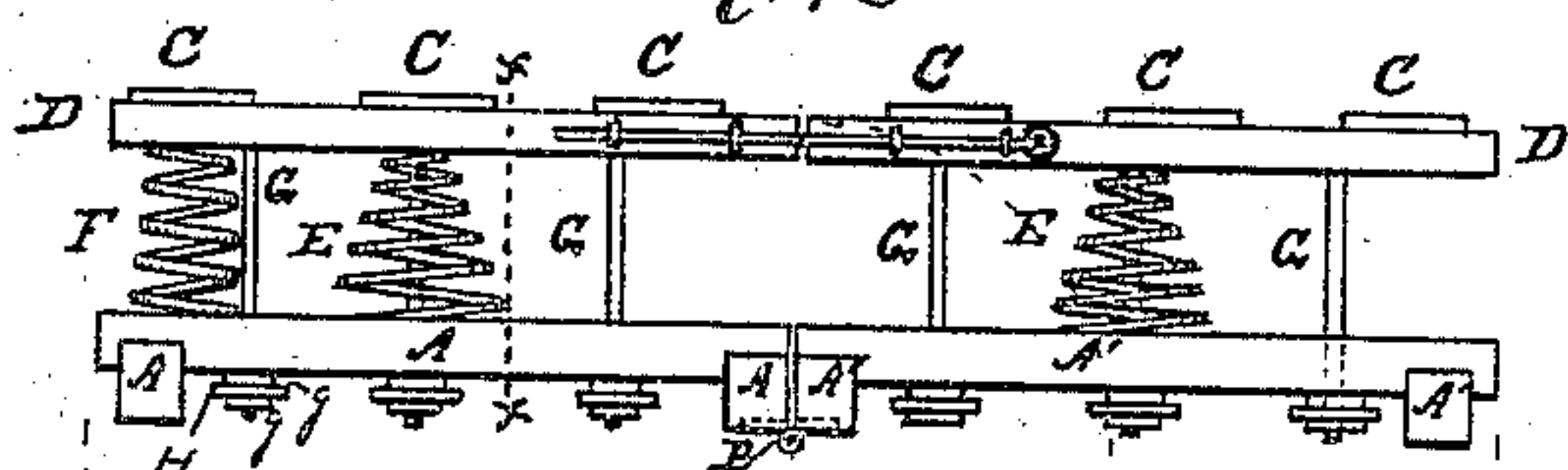
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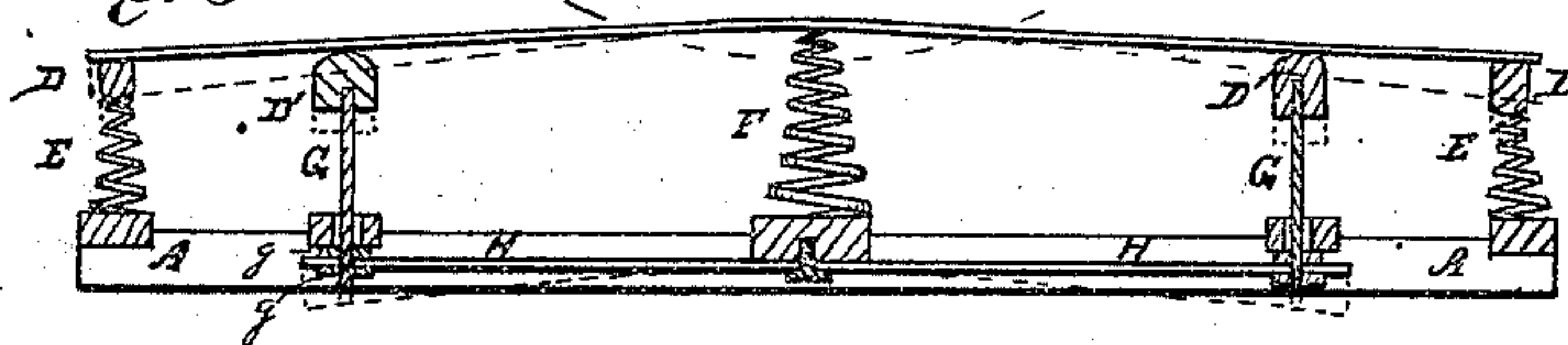
*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SPRING BED-BOTTOMS.

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### SPECIFICATION.

*To whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARCUS FREEMAN, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spring Bed-Bottoms, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, which will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a bottom view of my improved bed-bottom; Fig. 2, an end view of the same; and Fig. 3 a longitudinal vertical section of the same in the plane of the line *x* of Fig. 2.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts.

The object of my invention is to improve the construction and operation of spring bed-bottoms; and to that end it consists in the novel features hereinafter described.

In the drawing, A A' represent the frame of the bed-bottom, the parts A and A' being in all respects alike. B B are hinges uniting the parts A and A' in such a manner that one part may be folded against the other as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 2. C C are slats, preferably flexible, and D D' are cross-pieces to which they are attached. E E are spiral springs on which the cross-pieces D D' rest, but these springs are not essential, as will hereafter appear. F is a spring on which the central part of the slats rest; only one such spring is shown in the drawing, but each slat is so supported. The springs E and F are attached to the frame, cross-pieces, and slats, respectively, in any suitable manner. G G are pins or bolts attached to the cross-pieces D' D' and projecting downward through cross-pieces of the frame, as shown, and playing in

perforations or slots in said cross-pieces as the slats are pressed and released. H H are flat springs attached to the central cross-piece of the frame, and lapping the lower face of the cross-pieces through which the bolts G G pass, which bolts also pass through the springs H H. *g g* are nuts run upon the lower end of the bolts G G, one above and one below the springs H H, so that the ends of the springs are firmly held between the nuts. By this means the slats C C are supported by the springs H H as well as by the spiral springs, and the upward movement of the slats is limited. The cross-pieces D D' are broken midway between their ends so as to admit of the whole bed-bottom being folded together in the manner described. I are staples in the cross-pieces D D', and J is a removable pin or bolt passing through them when the bottom is not folded, so that one part will not yield to a pressure independently of the other. In order to attach the bottom to a bedstead provided with slats provision must be made for the downward movement of the ends of the springs H H.

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

The slats C connected by means of cross-bars and supported by the springs E and F, in combination with the springs H, bolts G, and nuts *g*, and constituting, in connection with the hinged frame A A', staples I, and bolts J, a folding spring bed-bottom, substantially as shown and described.

The foregoing specification signed by me this 29th day of June, A. D. 1872.

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