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Bed-Slat.

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Fig. 1.

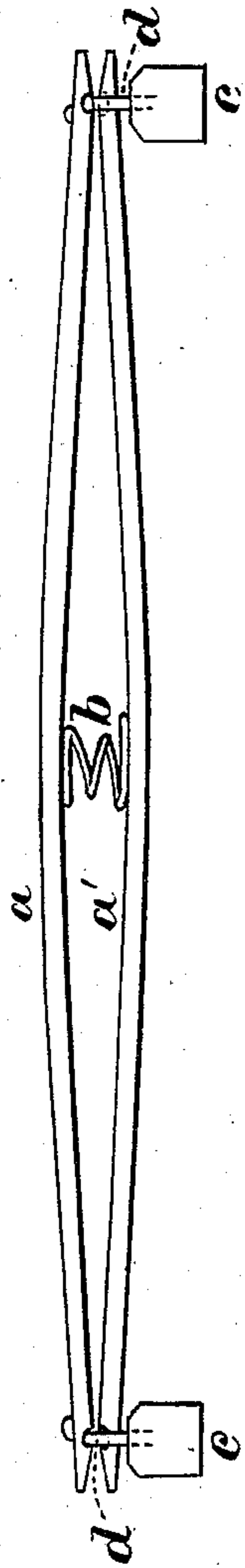
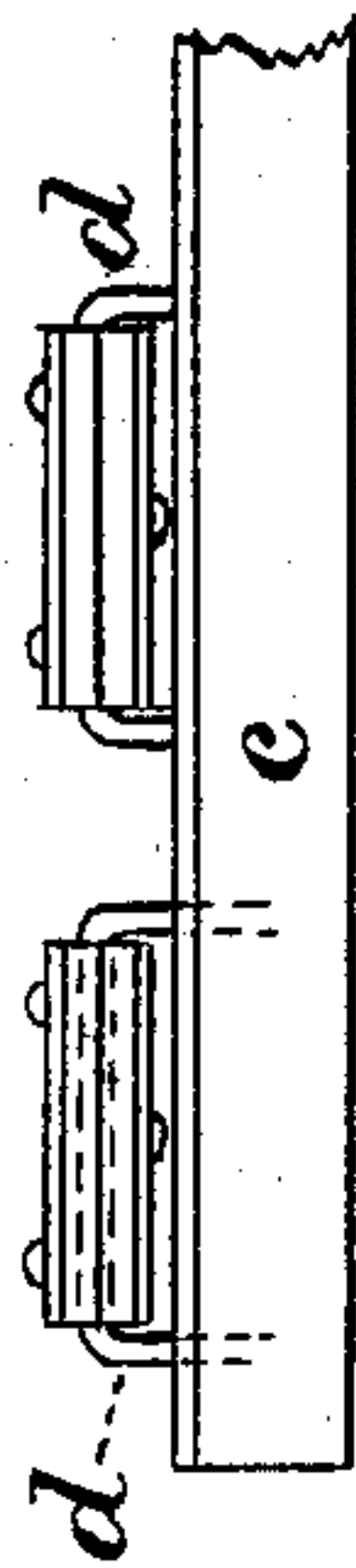


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BED-SLATS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **168,664**, dated October 11, 1875; application filed November 22, 1873.

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, THOMAS L. ODELL, of Iowa Falls, county of Hardin and State of Iowa, have invented certain Improvements in Bed-Slats.

The following description, taken in connection with the accompanying plate of drawings hereafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification, wherein are set forth the nature and principles of the invention, by which the same may be distinguished from others of a similar class, together with such parts thereof as are claimed as new and are desired to be secured by Letters Patent of the United States.

My invention relates to those parts of bedsteads commonly known as the slats, and the nature thereof consists in certain improvements in the construction of the same, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates my invention, and in which corresponding parts are designated by similar letters, Figure 1 is a longitudinal view of the slat with my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is an end view.

In the said drawing, the two thin boards *a* *a'* are secured together at the ends thereof by means of rivets or bolts, and spread apart by the spiral springs *b*. The said slats are attached to the cross-bars *c* by means of the staples *d*, which are secured in slots cut for their reception between the boards and outside of the rivets. The ends of the said staples are bent over the lower board *a*, and made to enter slots cut in the cross-bar *c*. By this construction when the upper board becomes bent out of position by use the slats can be reversed in position by turning the staples.

Having described my invention, I claim—

The combination of the boards *a* *a'*, secured together at their ends by means of bolts, spiral springs *b*, cross-bars *c*, and staples *d*, as and for the purposes described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 3d day of September, 1873.

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