

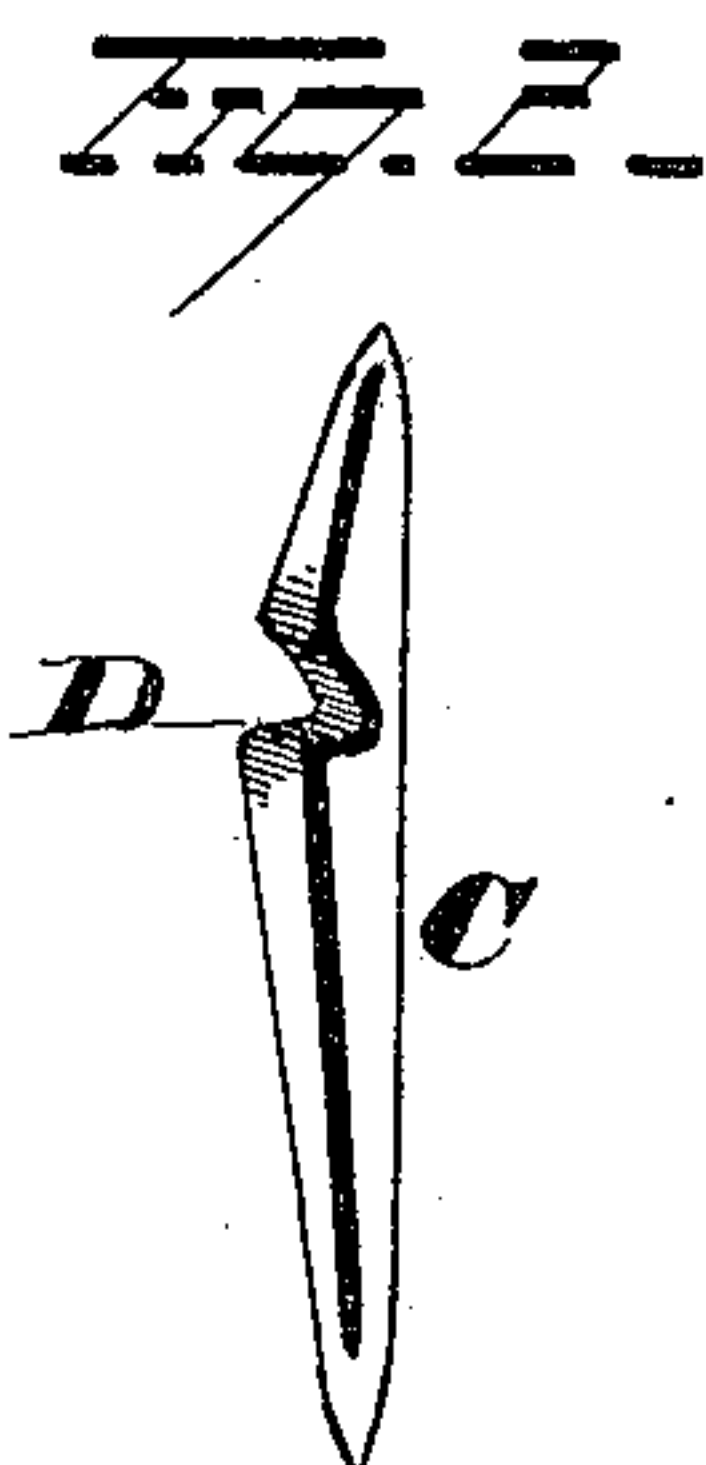
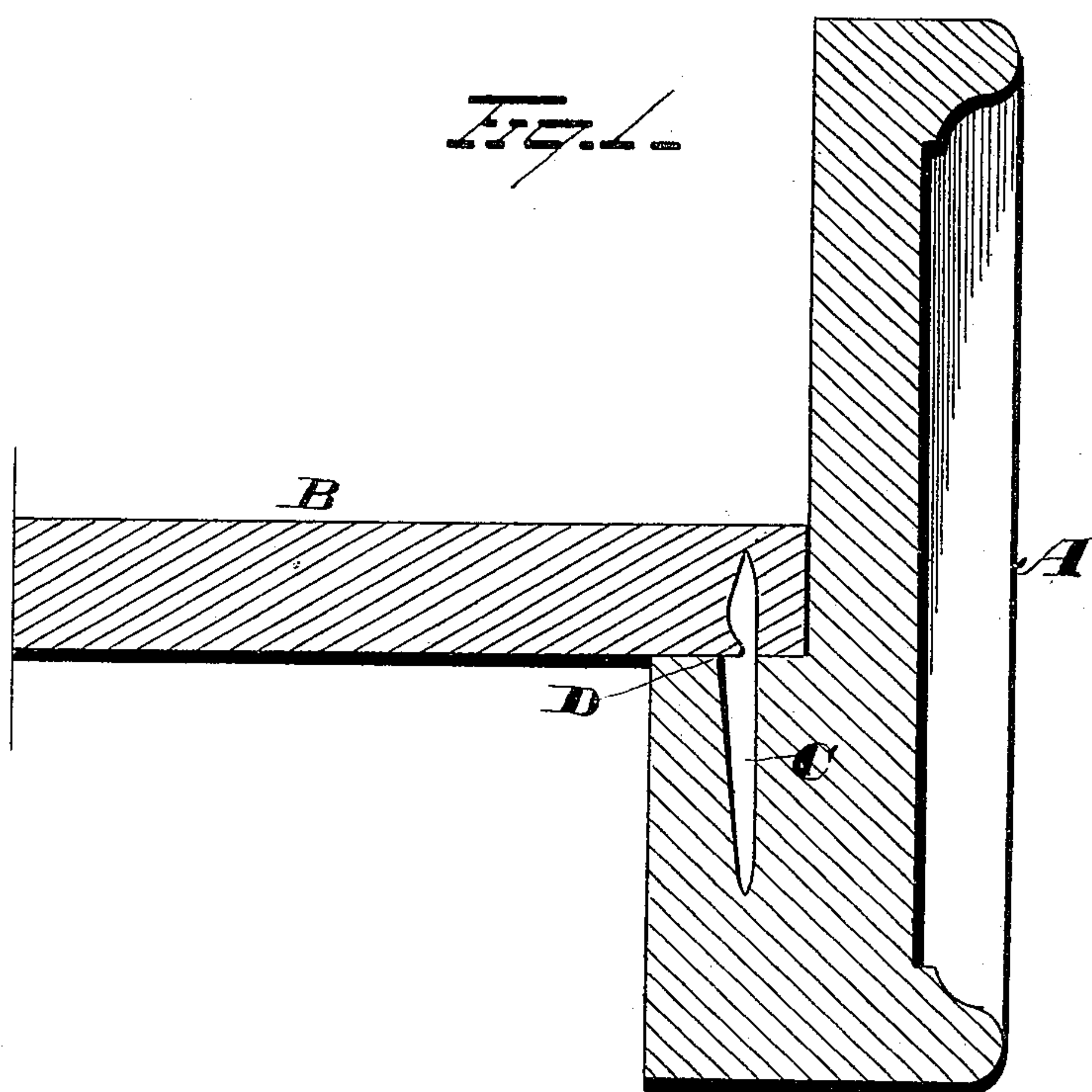
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. HUGHEN, of Athens, in the county of Clarke and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Nails; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in devices for attaching the slats of bedsteads to the side rails upon which they are supported, the object being to prevent the said slats from being disengaged from the rails.

With this object in view my invention consists in a double-pointed nail, provided with a ledge between the two points, whereby the nail is engaged and driven.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in vertical section through one of the side rails of a bedstead, showing a rail in adjustment thereupon, the rail being held in place by a nail constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail view in perspective of my improved double-pointed nail.

A is the side rail of a bedstead, and B is an ordinary slat which rests upon it.

C is a double-pointed nail, the same being

provided with a ledge, D, whereby the nail is engaged in being driven. The longer point of the nail is driven into the side rail, while the slat is engaged with its shorter point. 35

If desired, the nail may be formed from a short section of wire having a bend between its two ends. The opposite ends of all the slats are secured in this manner, and by one or more nails to the side rails, thus preventing the slats from being disengaged therefrom when heavy weights are imposed upon them. 40

It is apparent that my improved double-pointed nail is not limited in use to the capacity in which it is shown, but that it may be used in other and all places where it can be advantageously applied. 45

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 50

A nail having its ends pointed and an inflexible body portion or shank, the same being notched to form a ledge by which the nail is engaged for the purpose of driving it, substantially as set forth. 55

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of June, 1882.

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