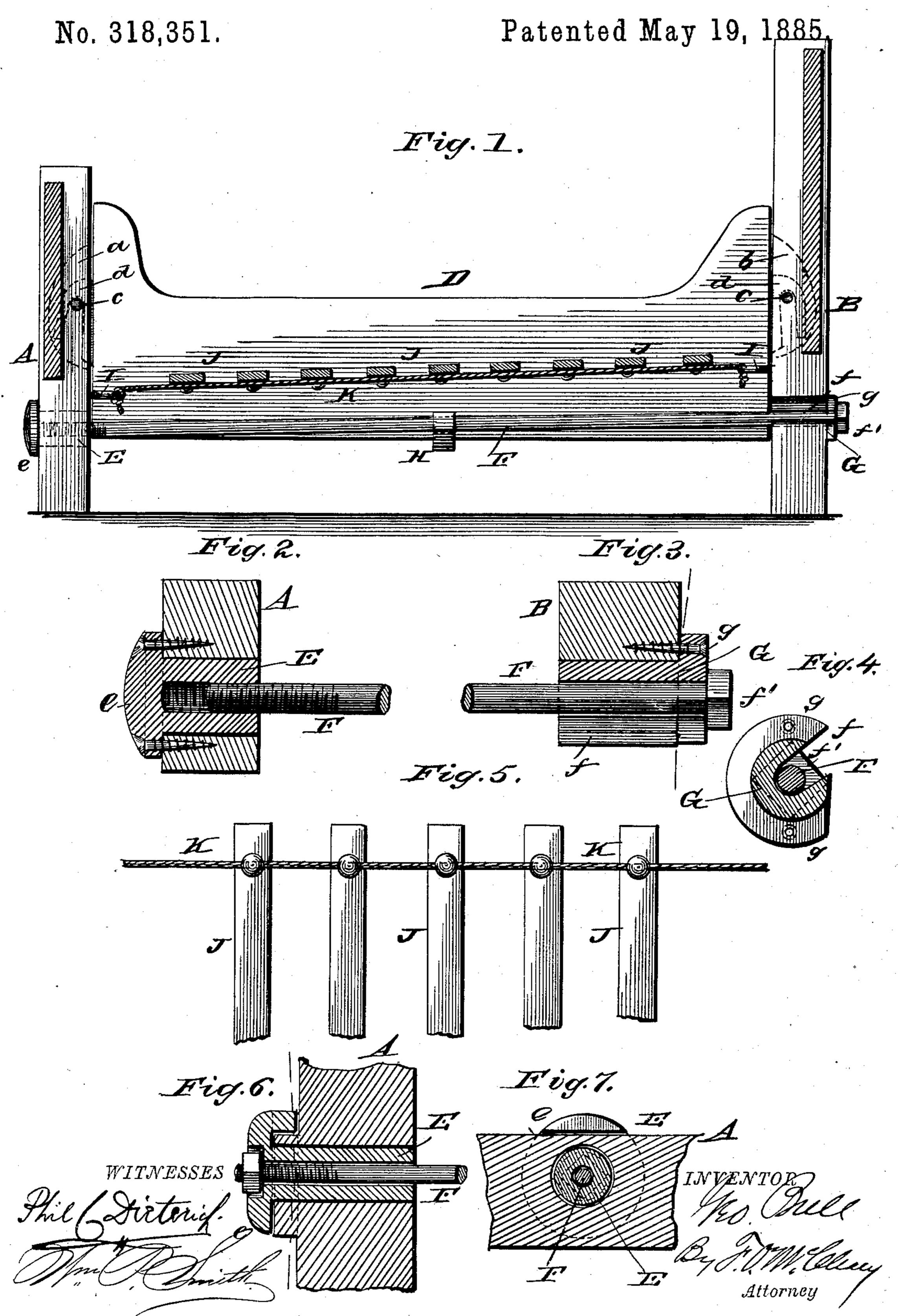
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## BEDSTEAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BULL, of Winfield, in the county of Cowley and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedsteads; 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 pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to bedsteads, the object being to secure the head and foot posts or

boards together in a novel manner.

The invention consists in the features of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents in section a side elevation of parts of a bedstead with my improvements applied. Figs. 2, 3, 20 4, 5, 6, and 7 are views of parts of my invention in detail.

A represents the foot-post of the bed, and B the head-post of the same. These posts are each formed with vertical slots a and b, within which are secured cross-rods c, to receive the hooks d d, secured to the ends of the side rail, D, of the bed.

The foot-post A is bored near its lower end to receive an interiorly-threaded sleeve, E, 30 which latter is formed with a cap or head, e. This sleeve is inserted into the bore of the foot-post from the outer side, so that the open end of the sleeve is presented on the inner side of the post to receive the screw-threaded end of a rod or bolt, F.

The head-post B is formed with a horizontal slot, f, near its lower end, to receive a longitudinally-slotted sleeve, G, formed with a flange, g, which rests against the outer surface of the post B. This open or slotted sleeve G receives the headed end f' of the rod F.

It will be apparent from the above description that the rod F serves to securely hold the head and foot posts together, and said rod may be screwed into the sleeve E by means of a wrench. The open sleeve G admits of the ready disconnection of the parts, as the rod F,

instead of being entirely unscrewed and withdrawn, may be simply lifted out of the sleeve G after being loosened.

H represents a brace, of bracket form, secured to the side rail, D, and embracing the rod F.

As shown in the drawings, the head-board (secured to the head-posts) should not extend 55 below the upper edge of the slot f, so as not to interfere with the removal of the rod F.

I I represent staples or eyes firmly secured to the inner sides of the posts A B, to receive the ends of cords or wires which support and 60 secure the slats.

The slats J are secured together by cords or wires K K, whose ends, as above suggested, are secured to the eyes I I of the posts. Thus it will be observed that the slats are suspended, 65 and afford a yielding or spring action for the bed.

Another important advantage of my arrangement of the slats is found in the fact that I avoid the employment of the recessed cleats 70 for slats, and thus to a great extent guard against vermin.

I do not limit myself to the precise forms of securing eyes or other details of my improvement, but reserve the right to make all such 75 minor alterations and modifications as may properly fall within the scope of my invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters 80 Patent, is—

In a bedstead, the combination, with a footpost provided with an interiorly-threaded socket, of a head-post provided with a longitudinally-slotted sleeve, and a headed tension-85 rcd, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

GEORGE BULL.

Witnesses:

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