

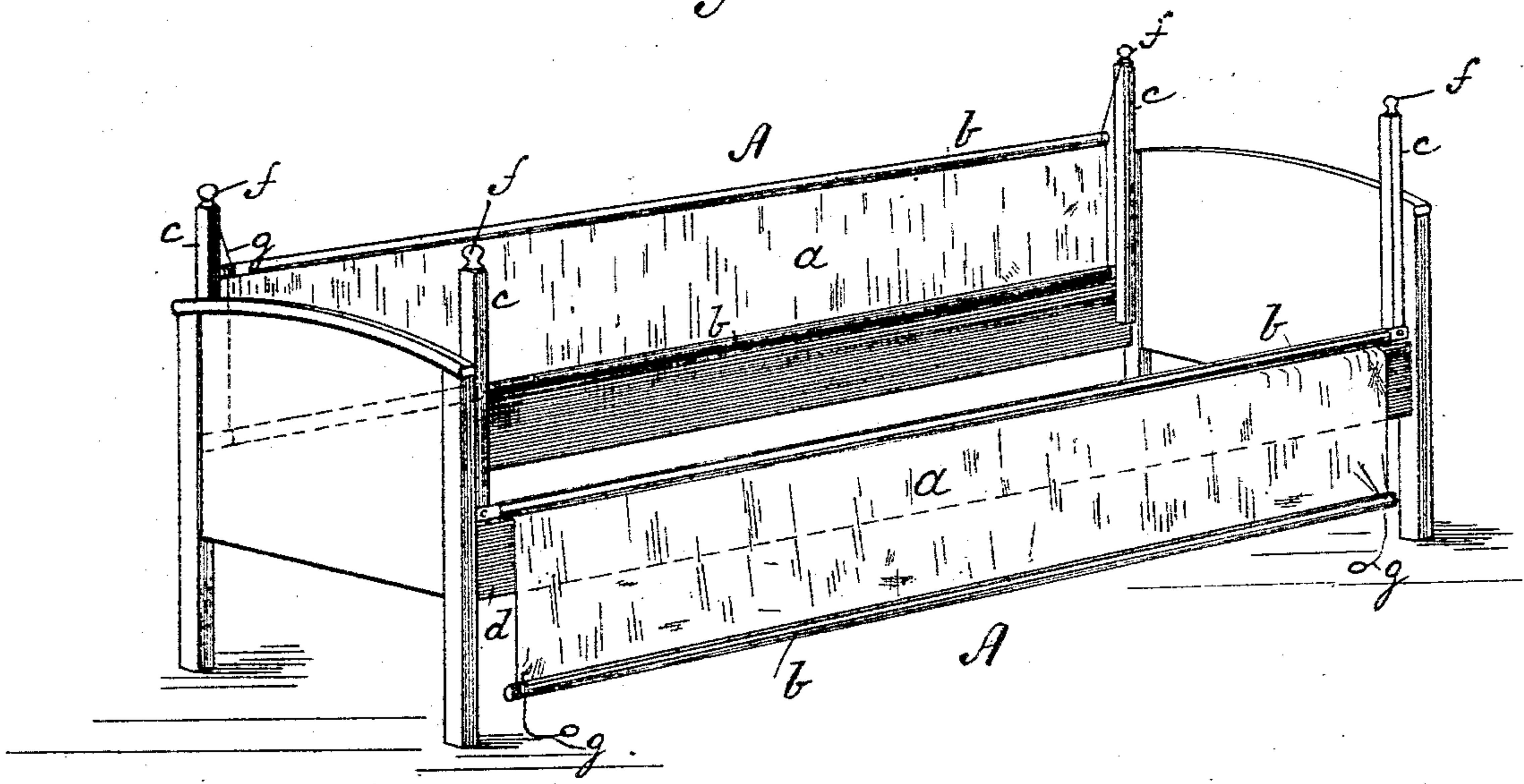
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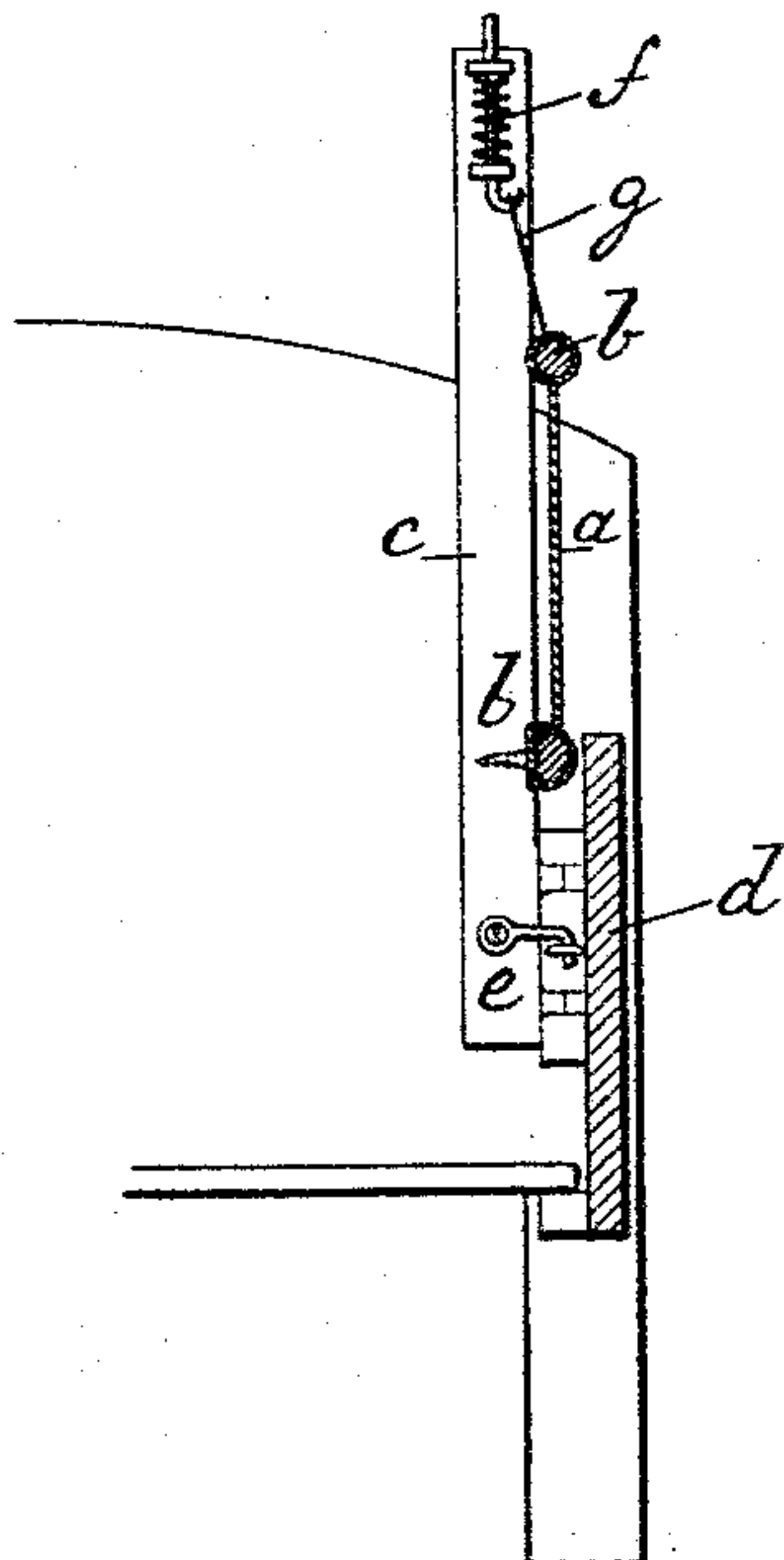
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*Fig 1.*



*Fig 2.*



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## GUARD FOR BEDSTEADS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUISA J. SHELLEY, of Keokuk, in the county of Lee and State of Iowa, have invented a new and Improved  
5 Guard for Bedsteads, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to furnish a simple and convenient device for preventing children from falling out of bed, and also for  
10 retaining the bed-clothes in place. To those ends I make a guard of flexible material, attached on bars and fitted to the side rail of the bed in a manner to allow of its being readily raised and lowered, as hereinafter de-  
15 scribed and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

20 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bedstead provided with the guards, and Fig. 2 is a cross-section through one rail of the bedstead.

The guards A are shown as applied to a bedstead of plain character, but can readily  
5 be applied to a bedstead of any style. Each guard consists of a strip, *a*, of canvas, cloth, carpet, or other flexible material, either plain or ornamented, attached on its longer sides to bars *b b*, that are of a length to extend from  
30 the head-board to the foot-board. The bottom bar *b* projects beyond the flexible material so that it can be attached at its ends to

the head and foot posts directly, or to auxiliary posts *c*, that I prefer to use. When the posts *c* are used, they will be attached to a  
35 block secured either on the side rails or to the head and foot boards, so as to offset the posts *c* from the moldings. Hooks, as shown at *e*, may be used to fasten the posts to the blocks. On their upper ends are knobs, hooks, or  
40 catches *f*, adapted for receiving and holding the ring or loops on the ends of cords *g*, that are connected to the top bars *b* of guards A, so as to retain the guards in their raised position. These knobs or catches may be fitted  
45 with springs for the purpose of straining the guards. In Fig. 2 a spring-bolt is shown for that purpose.

It will be seen that when the guards are not required, or during the day, either one or both  
50 can be let down, rolled up, and tucked under the mattress out of the way. When raised, they serve as a perfect guard against a child falling, and also prevent the clothes from dragging to the floor.

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

The spring-holding device *f*, and the cords *g*, combined with the flexible guards A on a bedstead, substantially as described.

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