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Fig. 1.

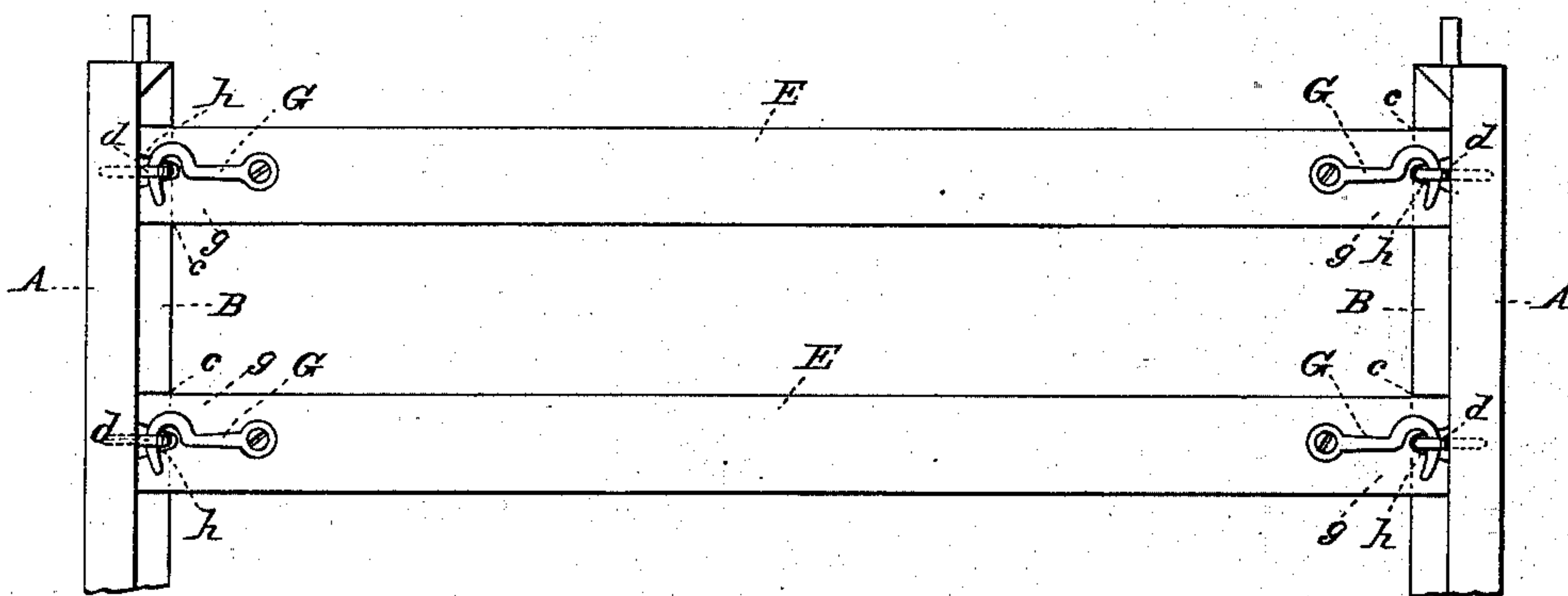


Fig. 3.

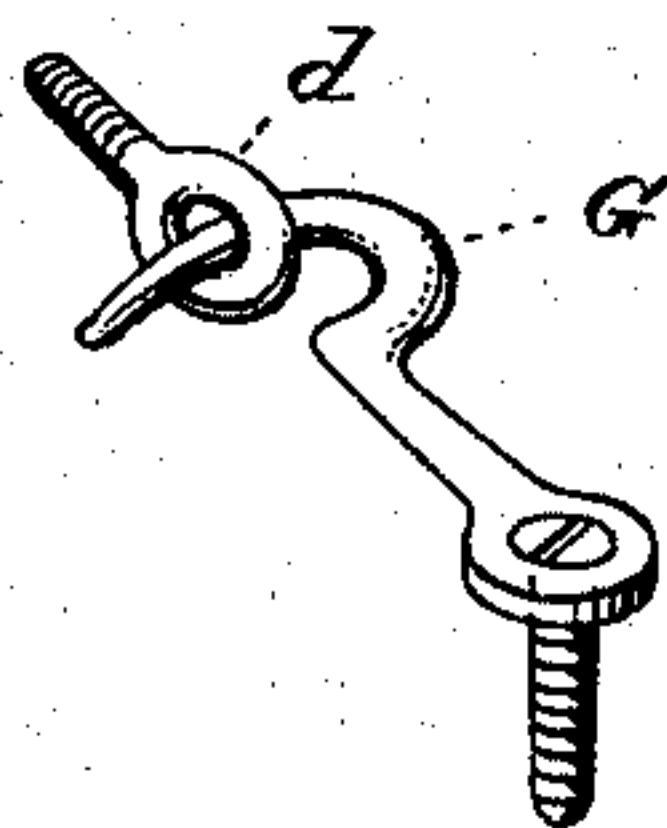
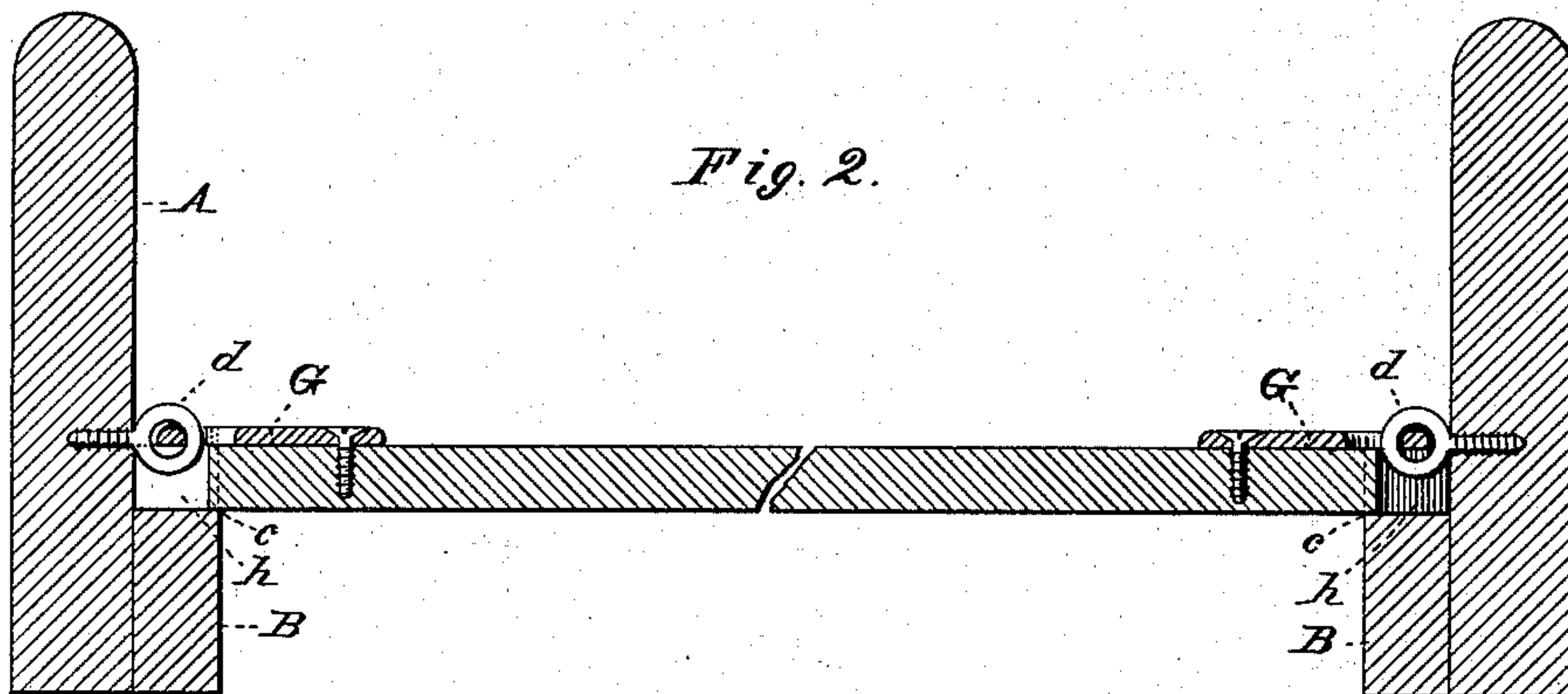


Fig. 2.



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SLAT-FASTENING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN P. KEITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Alexander, in the county of Erath and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Slat-Fastenings; and I do 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 or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention, and is a top view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the hook, eye screw, and fastening-screw to the hook.

This invention has relation to bed-slats and means for connecting them to the rails of bedsteads; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of devices, as hereinafter set forth, and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the rail of the bedstead, having the longitudinal slat-rest B, which is constructed with the recesses or slat-seats *c*, arranged at suitable distances apart in the usual manner. At about the middle of each slat-seat *c* is provided an eye, *d*, the lower portion of which descends into said seat.

E represents the slat, the ends *g* of which are notched at *h*, to provide for the eyes *d*, which, when said slat is placed in position, with its ends engaging the seats *c*, are received

in the end notches, *h*. In this position the opening of the eye projects above the upper surface of the slat, while the lower portion of the metallic body of the eye is in the notch below said surface. When the hooks *G*, which are pivoted to the upper surface of the slat near its end, are engaged with the eyes, which appear above said surface, a tight fastening is provided, which effectually connects the rail and slat, and at the same time holds the slat firmly, so that it cannot shake in its seat.

The hooks *G* in this construction do not project beyond the end of the slat, and are therefore in great manner protected from casual injury when removed from the bedstead.

Both hooks and eyes are brought down as nearly as possible to the slat-surface, so that they will not injure the mattress.

I am aware that it is not new to provide a bed-slat at opposite ends with a hook to engage a cross-bar in a casting secured to the bed-frame, and therefore do not claim such devices, broadly.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with the eyes *d*, of the notched slats adapted to receive said eyes in the end notches and the hooks pivoted to the slats and adapted to engage the eyes, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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