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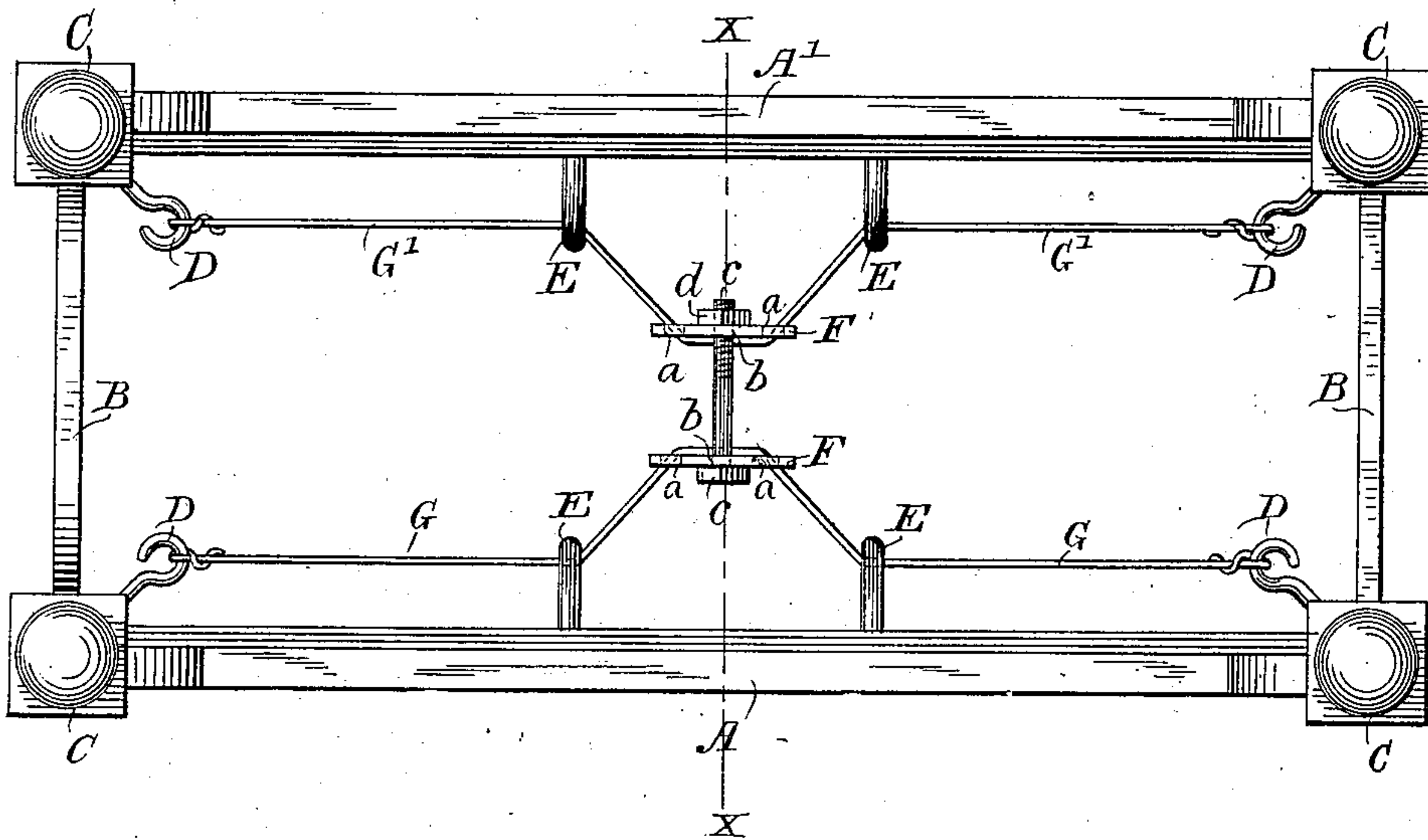
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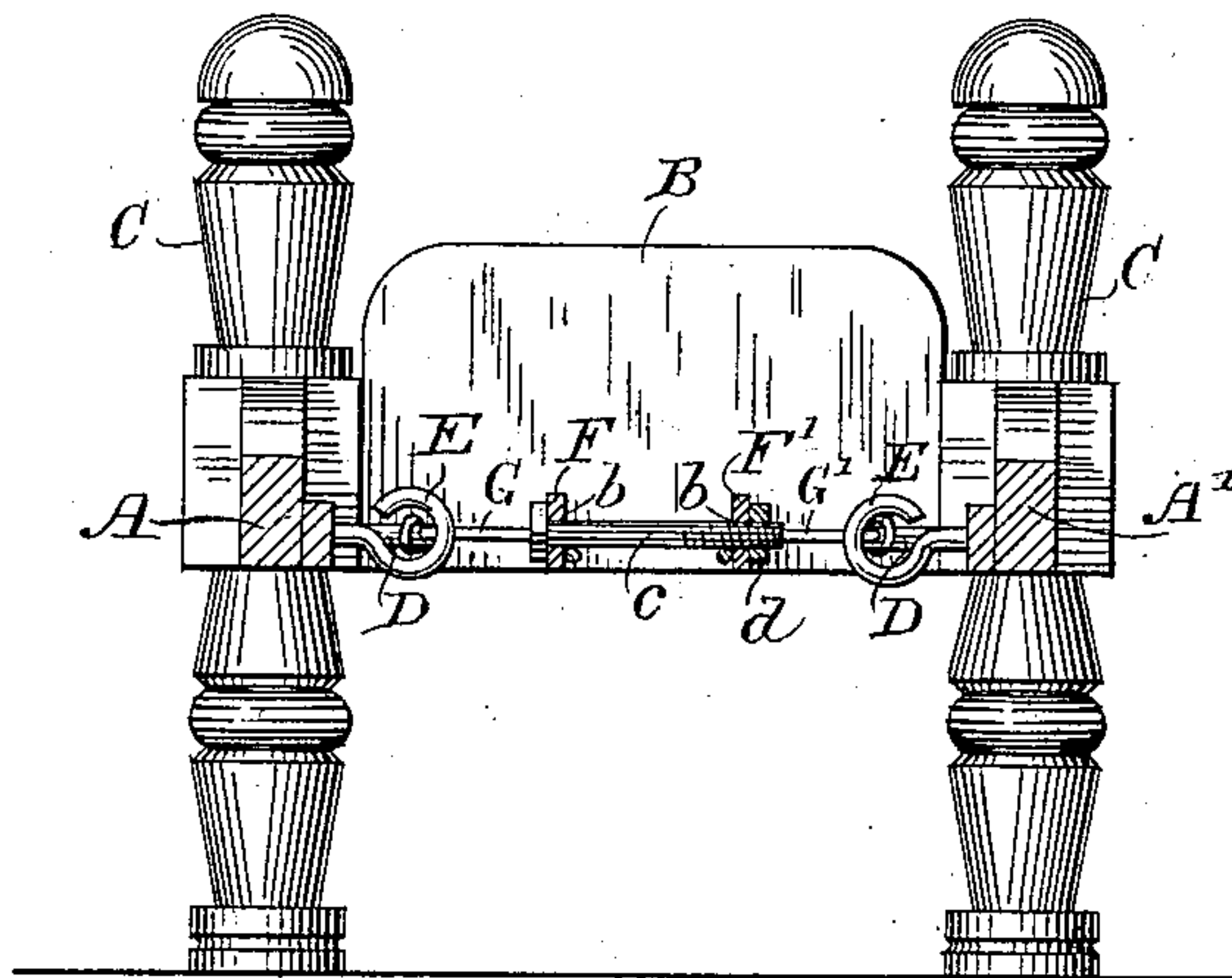
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## BEDSTEAD-BRACE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JOHN W. DURHAM and WINSTON B. ALEXANDER, citizens of the United States, residing at Decatur, in the county of Wise and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedstead-Braces; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

Our invention relates to bedstead-braces, the object being to provide a device of this character which shall be simple in its construction, effective in its operation, strong and durable, and one that may be readily and quickly loosened or tightened.

With these ends in view our invention consists in the improved construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a bedstead with our improvements applied thereto, and Fig. 2 is a section on the line *xx* of Fig. 1.

Corresponding parts in both the figures are denoted by the same letters of reference.

Referring to the drawings, A A' represent the side rails, and B the end rails; and C represents the posts.

Secured to the inner side of each of the posts C is a hook, D, and secured to the inner sides of the side rails at suitable distances apart, and at equal distances from the corner posts, are eyes E, there being two eyes on the inner side of each side rail.

F F' represent metal plates, which are provided with holes or openings near their ends,

which openings are lettered *a*. The said plates are also provided with centrally-located openings, *b*, through which passes a screw-bolt, *c*, on the end of which is a nut, *d*, by tightening which nut the plates are drawn close together.

G G' represent wires, which are secured at their ends to the hooks D of the corner-posts C. These wires pass through the eyes on the side rails and through the openings *a* in the ends of the plates, so that the wires are connected by the plates and screw-bolts, thus serving to effectually brace the side and end rails of the bed and hold the parts firmly and securely together.

The improvements before described, while simple in their construction, are effective in their operation, strong and durable, and may be manufactured and supplied at a slight cost.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new is—

The combination, with the side rails, the end rails, and posts, of the hooks secured to the inner faces of said posts, the eyes E, on the inner sides of the side rails and located a slight distance apart, the wires G G', secured to the hooks D and passing through the eyes E, the plates F F', having openings, through which the wires pass, and the screw bolt and nut connecting said plates, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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