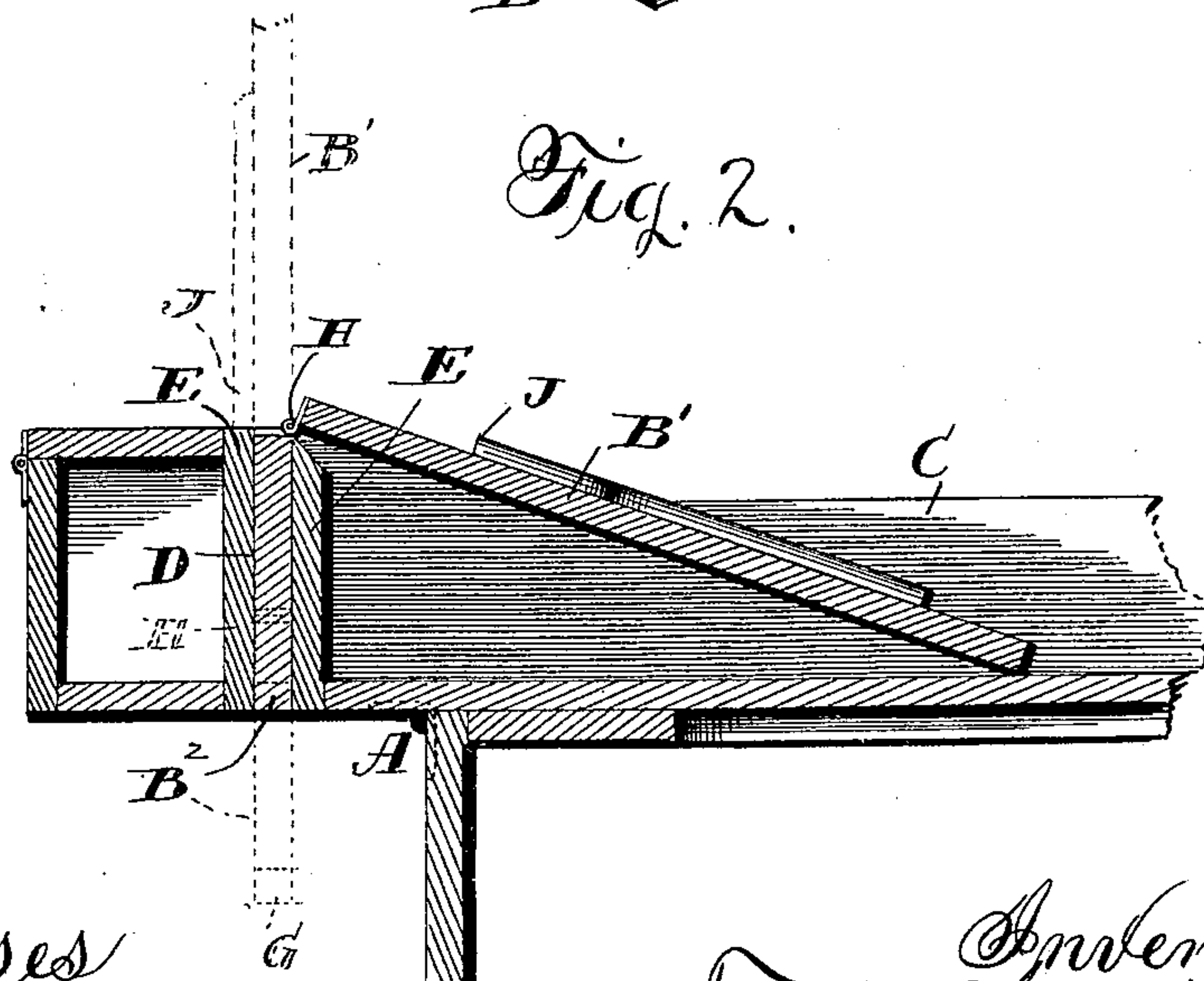
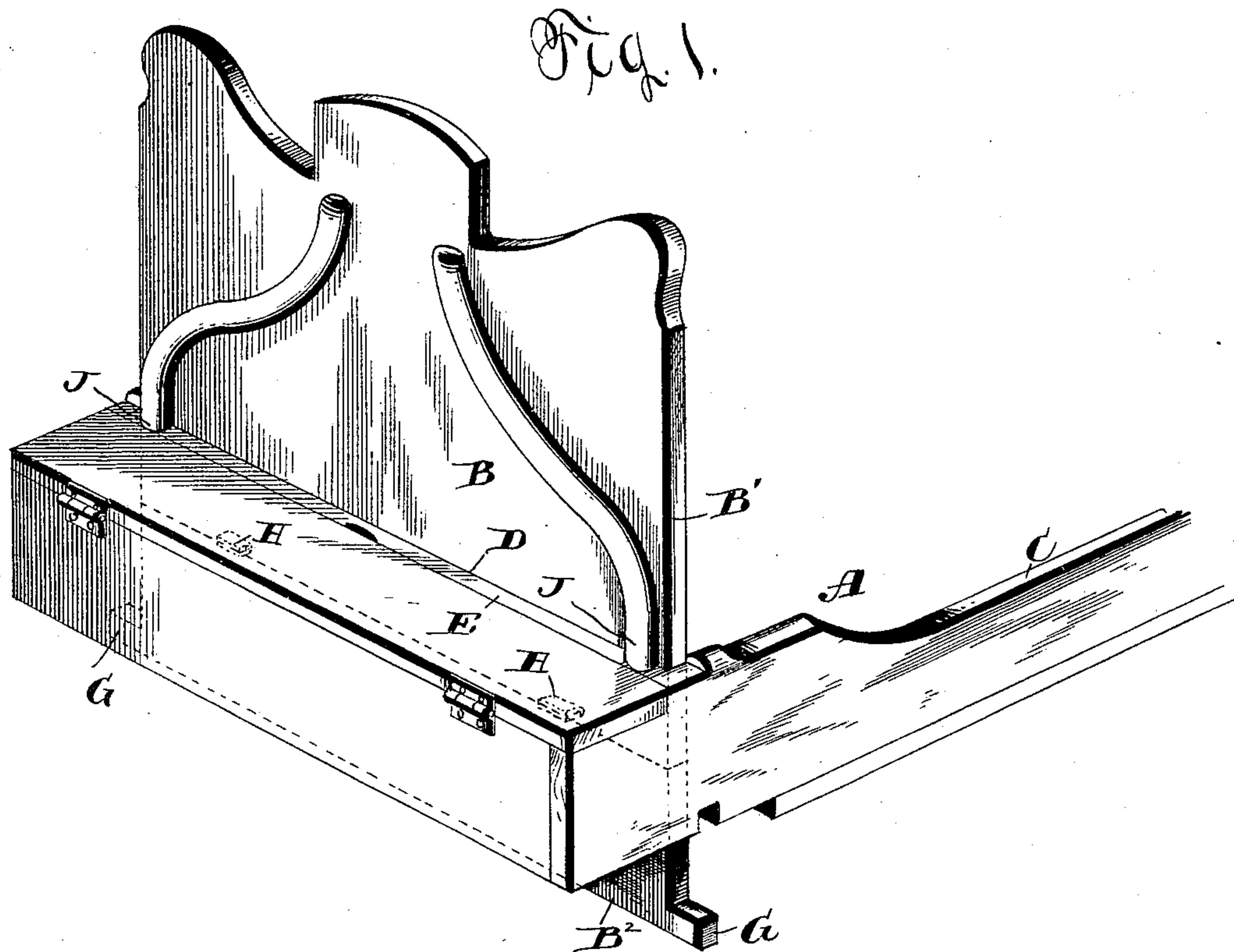


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLOYD HAMBLIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mohawk, in the county of Herkimer and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Head and Foot Boards for Folding Beds; 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 the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in folding bedsteads; and it has for its object to provide an improved form of head and foot boards for use in connection with this form of bedsteads, the said boards being so constructed and arranged as to permit of their being readily folded down over the ends of the bed when the bedstead is folded, thus serving to securely hold the bedclothes and pillows in position and preventing the disarrangement of the same in the folding or lowering of the bedstead.

The invention has for a further object to provide a construction whereby when the said head and foot boards are raised to vertical positions will automatically lock themselves in place without the use of braces, bolts, screws, or other fastening means.

To these ends and to such others as the invention may pertain the same consists in the peculiar construction and in the novel combination, arrangement, and adaptation of parts, all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and then specifically defined in the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, like letters of reference indicating the same parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one end of a bedstead provided with a head-board embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a similar view, in which the head-board is shown as folded down over the head of the bed.

Reference now being had to the details of

the drawings by letter, A designates a bedstead of ordinary construction, and preferably of that class which are adapted to be folded when not in use within a suitable case and are commonly termed "folding bedsteads."

As the present invention relates solely to the construction and means of connecting the head and foot boards of the bedstead with the bedstead proper, and as the invention has no relation to the construction of other parts of the bedstead, but is intended to apply to bedsteads of various well-known forms of construction, I have not in the drawings shown the stationary case for receiving the bedstead, but have shown only a portion of one end of the bedstead proper, in order to illustrate the application of my invention.

The head-board B may be of any height or form desired and of a width corresponding with the width of the bedstead, or, more strictly, with the distance between the side boards C C. The board is seated within a recess or pocket D, formed for its reception between the boards E E at the extreme end of the bedstead. It is made in two sections B' and B². The upper section B', which forms the head-board proper, may be of any desired height, while the width of the lower section B² is substantially the same as the width of the boards C, which form the sides of the chamber D, and at its lower edge the said section B² is provided with the extensions G G, which extend for a short distance beyond the ends of the section, as shown. The section B² is united at its upper edge with the lower edge of the section B' by hinges H H.

When the bedstead is in use, the head-board is first raised to its highest point, which is limited by the engagement of the extensions or lugs G with the lower edges of the side boards of the bedstead. When thus raised, the hinges will be brought to a point above the pocket or recess D, and the upper section of the head-board can then be raised to a vertical position and lowered within the recess D, suitable stops J preventing the board from being lowered too far within the slot or recess. It will be seen that when the head-board is thus adjusted it will be held securely in position and cannot be displaced or folded until it is first raised, so as to bring the

hinges H above the upper edges of the recess or pocket D. In folding it is simply necessary to raise the board to its highest point, which is limited by the engagement of the lugs G with the lower edges of the side boards, as described, when the board may be folded, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

While I have described my invention as applied to the head-board only, I contemplate its use also in connection with the foot-board as well, and as the construction of both are alike, or differ only in the size or form of the board, the above description will suffice for both.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim to be new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a bedstead with recesses or pockets, within which the head or foot board moves, a head or foot board consisting of two hinged sections, said board being vertically movable

within certain limits, and stops for limiting said vertical movements, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a bedstead, the combination, with the bedstead having at its ends recesses or pockets, as described, of head and foot boards, each constructed of two hinged sections, the lower section being of substantially the width of the side boards of the bedstead and provided at its ends with extensions G, adapted to engage the lower edges of said side boards and limit the upward movement of the head or foot board when the same is raised, and the stops, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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

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