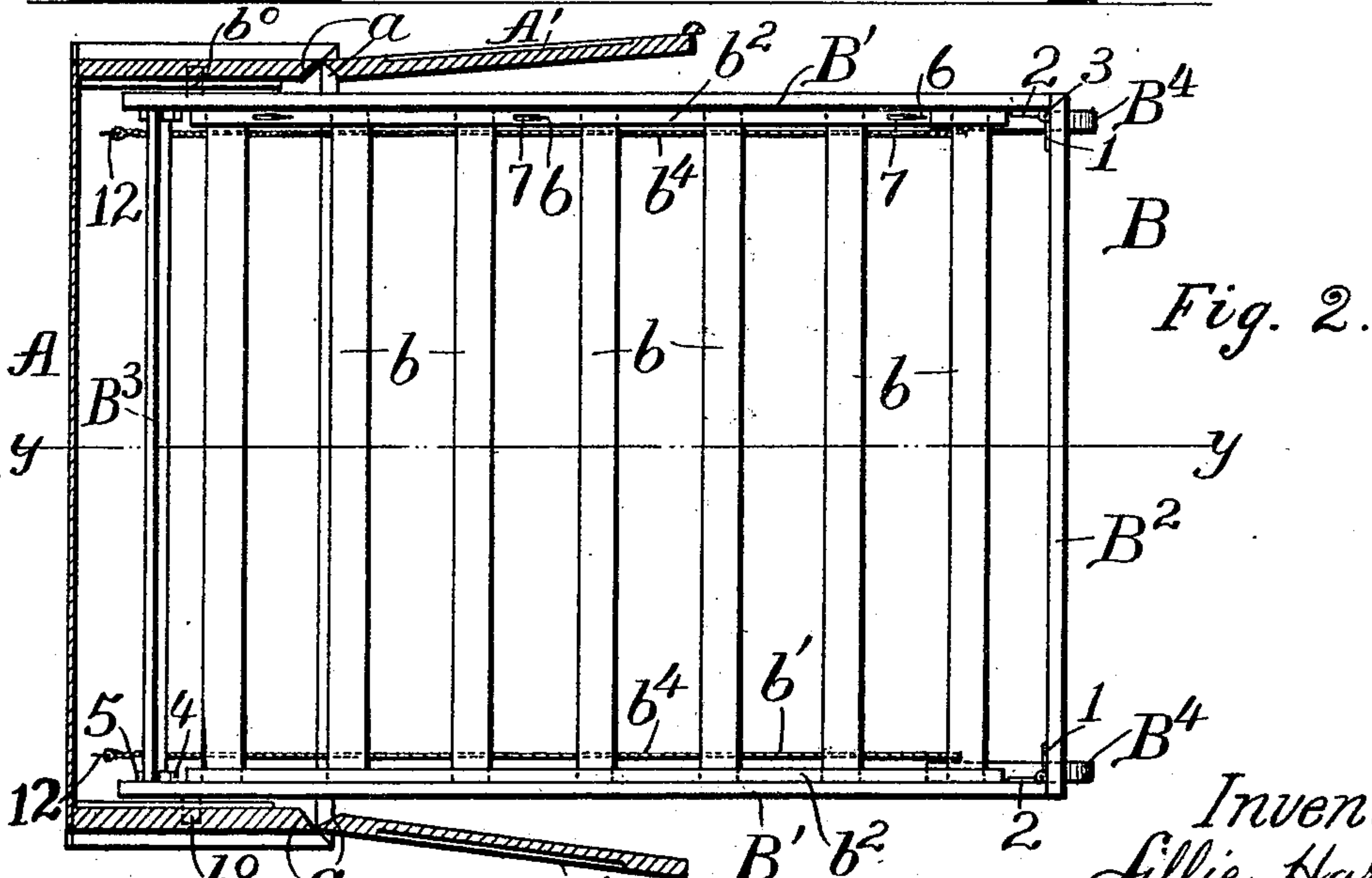


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LILLIE HARRIS and MARY JAISER, citizens of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wardrobe-Bedsteads; and we 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 appertains to make and use the same.

Our invention relates to improvements in combined wardrobes and bedsteads, and it consists of certain novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which the same parts are indicated by the same letters and figures.

Figure 1 represents a vertical section along the line *y y* of Fig. 2. Fig. 2 represents a section along the line *x x* of Fig. 1 and looking down, and Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the interior of one of the corners of the foot of the bedstead.

A represents a wardrobe of any ordinary or desired construction, which is provided with doors *A'*, hinged as at *a'*, and adapted to be swung through an angle of one hundred and eighty degrees or more from the closed position, so as not to be in the way of the occupant of the bed in getting in and out. The wardrobe and the doors should preferably be beveled as at *a* so as to make a snug neat joint.

B represents the bed, the side rails *B'* of which are pivoted on pins *b⁰* in the sides of the wardrobe, and are connected by a loose pin butt to the foot-board *B²*. The portions 1 and 2, and the pin 3 of the loose pin butt, are shown most clearly in Fig. 3. The head board *B³* is slid down between the guide pieces 4 and 5 secured on the inside of the side rails *B'*. The feet *B⁴* are pivoted at 8 to the side rail *B'*, and have a shoulder 9 adapted to engage under the foot board of the bed when the bedstead is in the position shown in Fig. 1. The slats *b* rest on the supporting strips *b'* in the usual way, and are held in position when the bedstead is swung up into the wardrobe, by the holding strips *b²*. One of these holding strips is secured to the top of the supporting strip *b'*, while the other of these holding strips is detachably secured to the sup-

porting strip as shown in Fig. 3, where 7 represents a slot in the holding strip *b²*, and 6 represents a pin having a bent head which is adapted to pass through the said slot 7, and to hold the strip in place when it is slid toward the head of the bed, or in the position shown in Fig. 3.

b⁴ represents a cord which is secured to the leg *B⁴* as by means of the staple 10, and then passes underneath the headboard *B³* through a staple or roller 11 on the back of the headboard, and then down to an eyebolt or staple 12, in the bottom of the wardrobe. It will be seen that as the bed is swung upward into the wardrobe, this cord will be relaxed, allowing the leg *B⁴* to swing about its pivot 8 until it assumes a vertical position, and thus occupies less space in the wardrobe. Again, when the bedstead is lowered into the position shown in Fig. 1, the cords will tauten as the bed is swung downward, causing the feet *B⁴* to assume the position for supporting the foot of the bed, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. It will be evident that the bed can thus be swung up into, and entirely concealed within the wardrobe, which wardrobe will differ in no respects, as far as exterior appearance is concerned, from any of the wardrobes ordinarily in use. Frequently, however, a wardrobe is more in request than a bed, and the herein-described apparatus may be readily made up into a bundle of slats, and a wardrobe pure and simple, as will be hereinafter described. The detachable strip *b²* is slid toward the foot of the bed when the slots 7 may be readily slipped over the heads 6 of the bent pins, and the strip may be removed. The slats are now taken out, the legs taken off allowing the cords *b⁴* to hang loose, the head board *B³* is slipped upward out of engagement, the side rails *B'* are sprung in so as to disengage the pivot pins *b⁰*, the cords *b⁴* are unfastened, the loose pin butts securing the foot board to the side rails, are taken apart, and the various portions of the bedstead may be tied up with the cord *b⁴* into a neat bundle and stowed away in any convenient place, leaving the wardrobe A ready for use as a wardrobe. The facility with which the bedstead may be taken apart is also a matter of considerable advantage in thoroughly cleaning the wood-work of the bed. These, and the various other ad-

5 advantages of the herein-described device, will readily suggest themselves to any practical housekeeper. It will be evident that the pivot pins b^0 may be secured either to the side rails of the bed or to the sides of the wardrobe.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

10 In a combined bed and wardrobe, the combination with a wardrobe, of a bedstead having its side rails pivoted to the sides of the wardrobe and inside thereof, the head board normally adapted to press apart said side rails and keep them in engagement with the pivot
15 pins, the foot board and loose pin butts detachably connecting the same to the side rails, the slats and means for holding the slats in place, or detaching them, as desired, the piv-

oted feet B^4 detachably connected to the side rails and provided with shoulders 9 adapted 20 to support the foot board of the bed when in use, the cords b^4 secured to said feet above said pivots, and passing beneath the lower edge of the head board thence up through staples or pulleys on the back of the same and 25 then down to the bottom of the wardrobe where they are secured, substantially as and for the purposes described.

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

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