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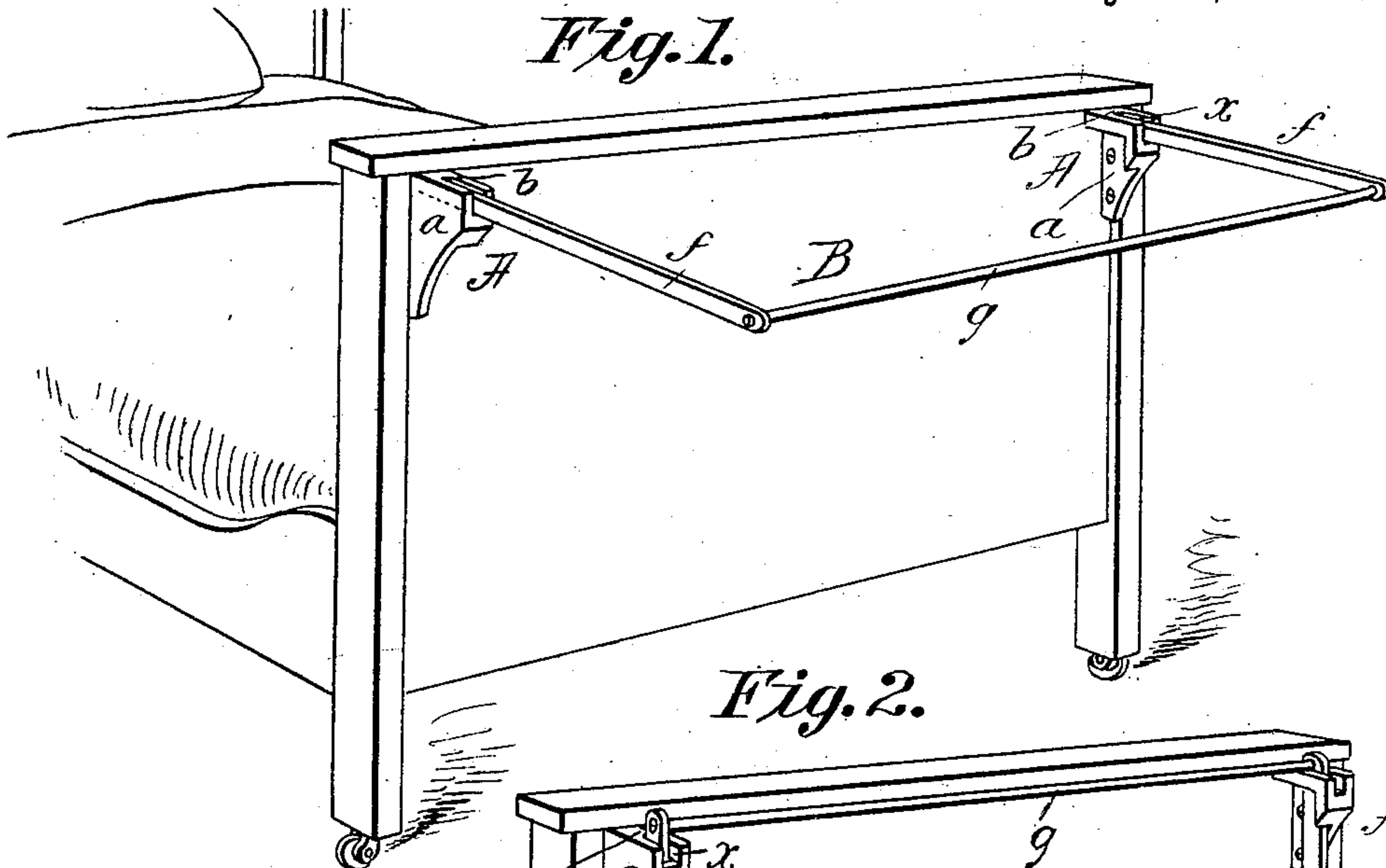
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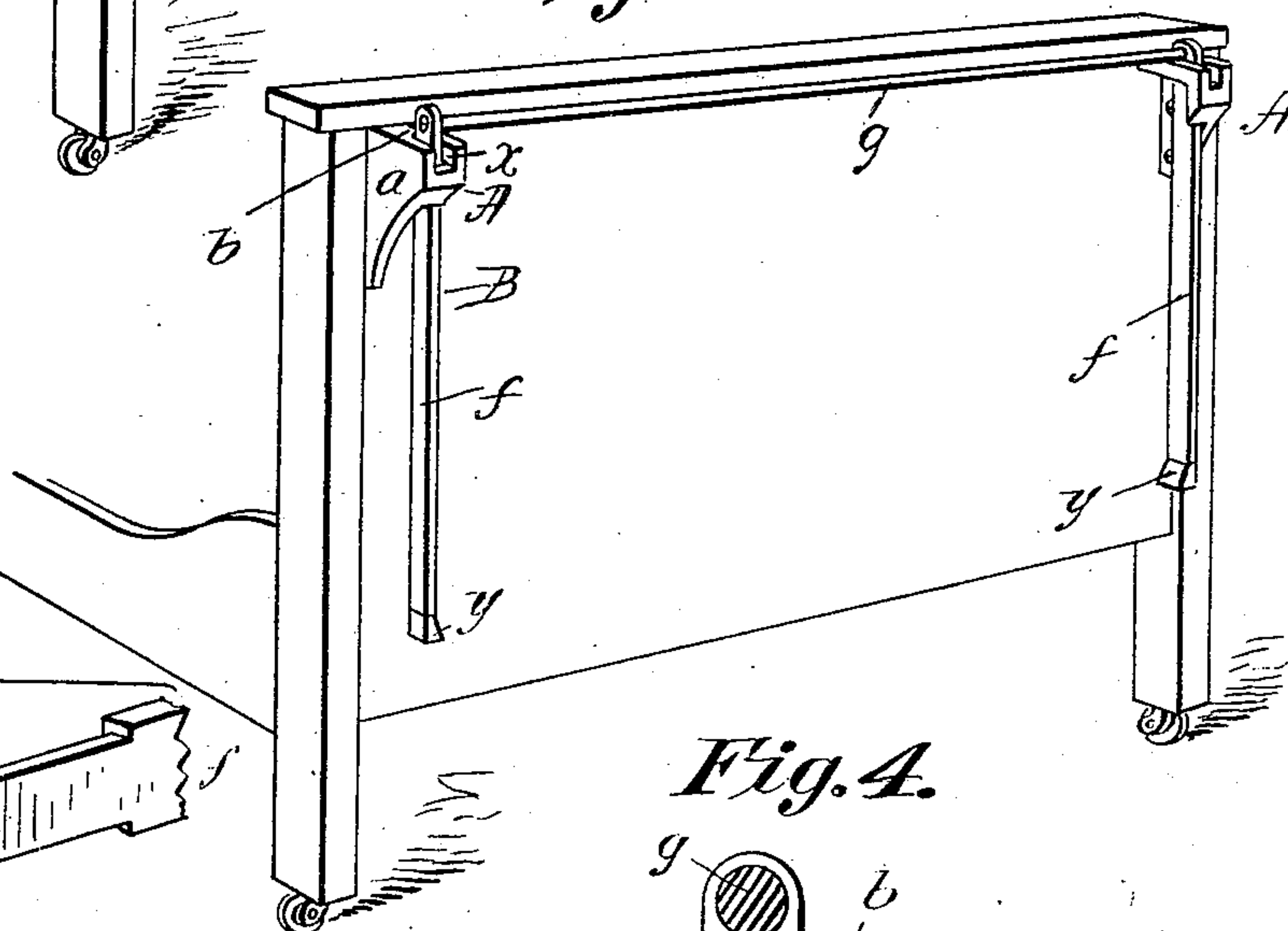
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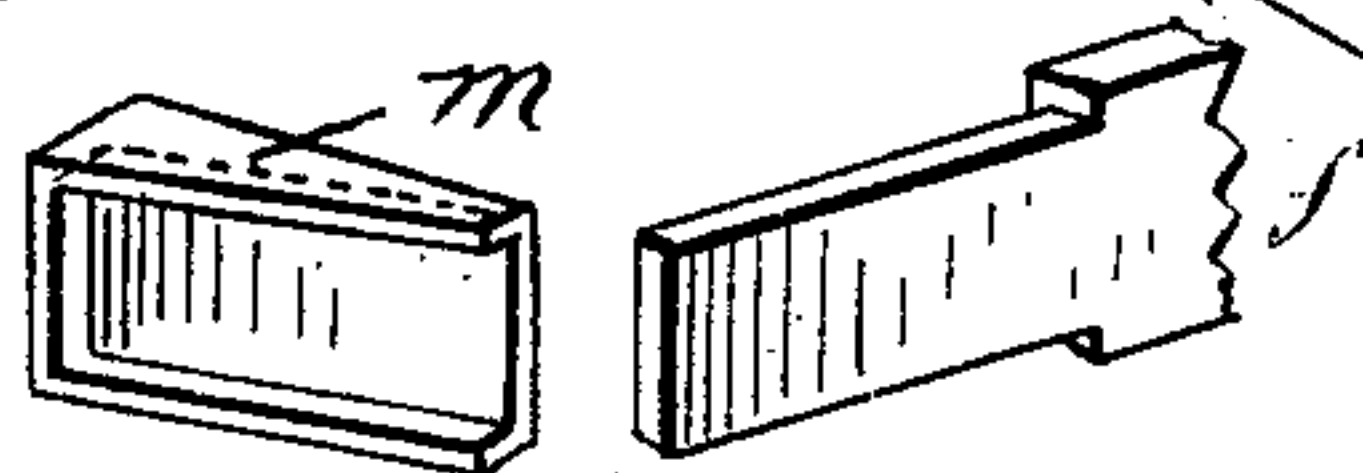
*Fig. 1.*



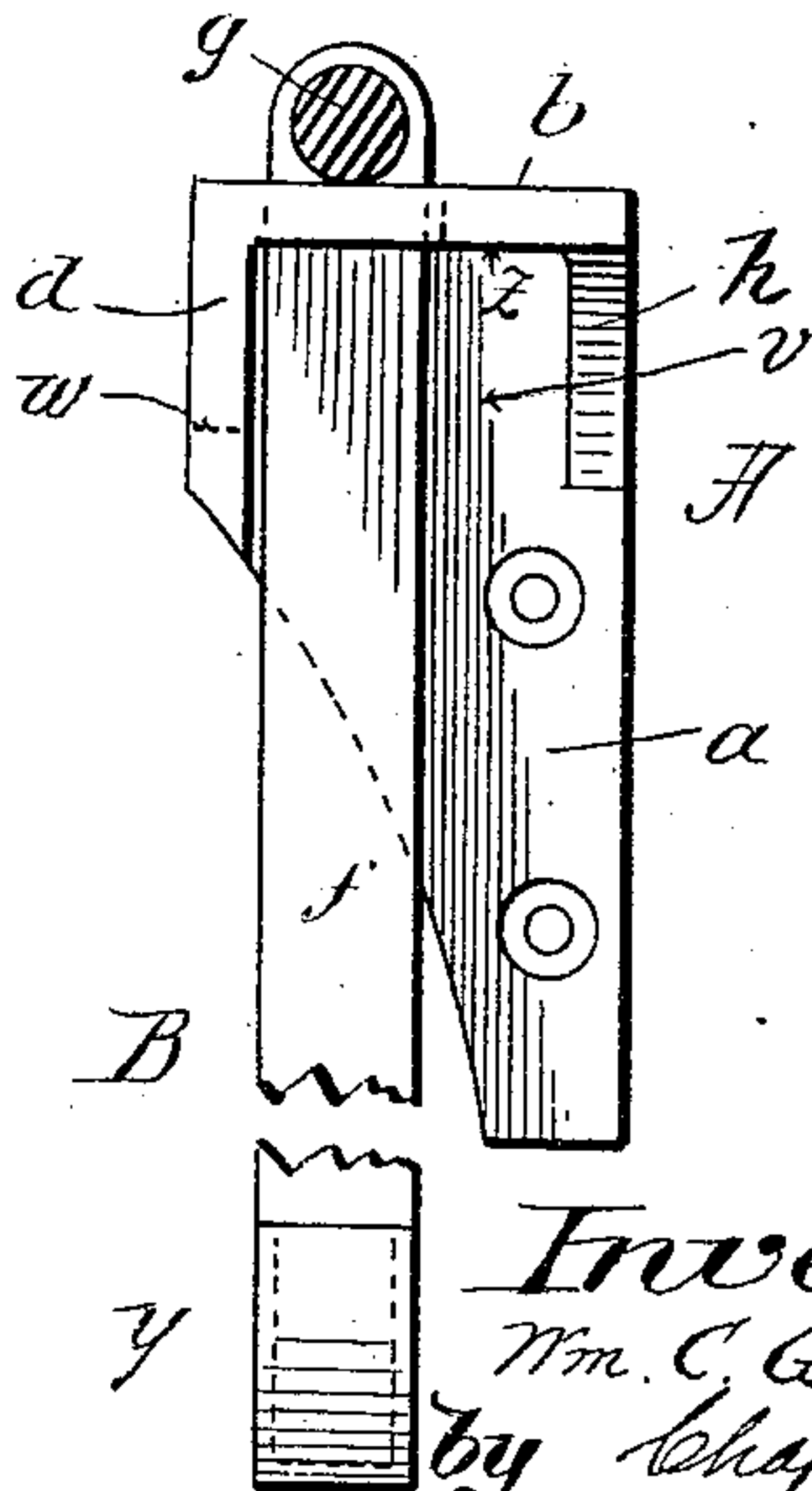
*Fig. 2.*



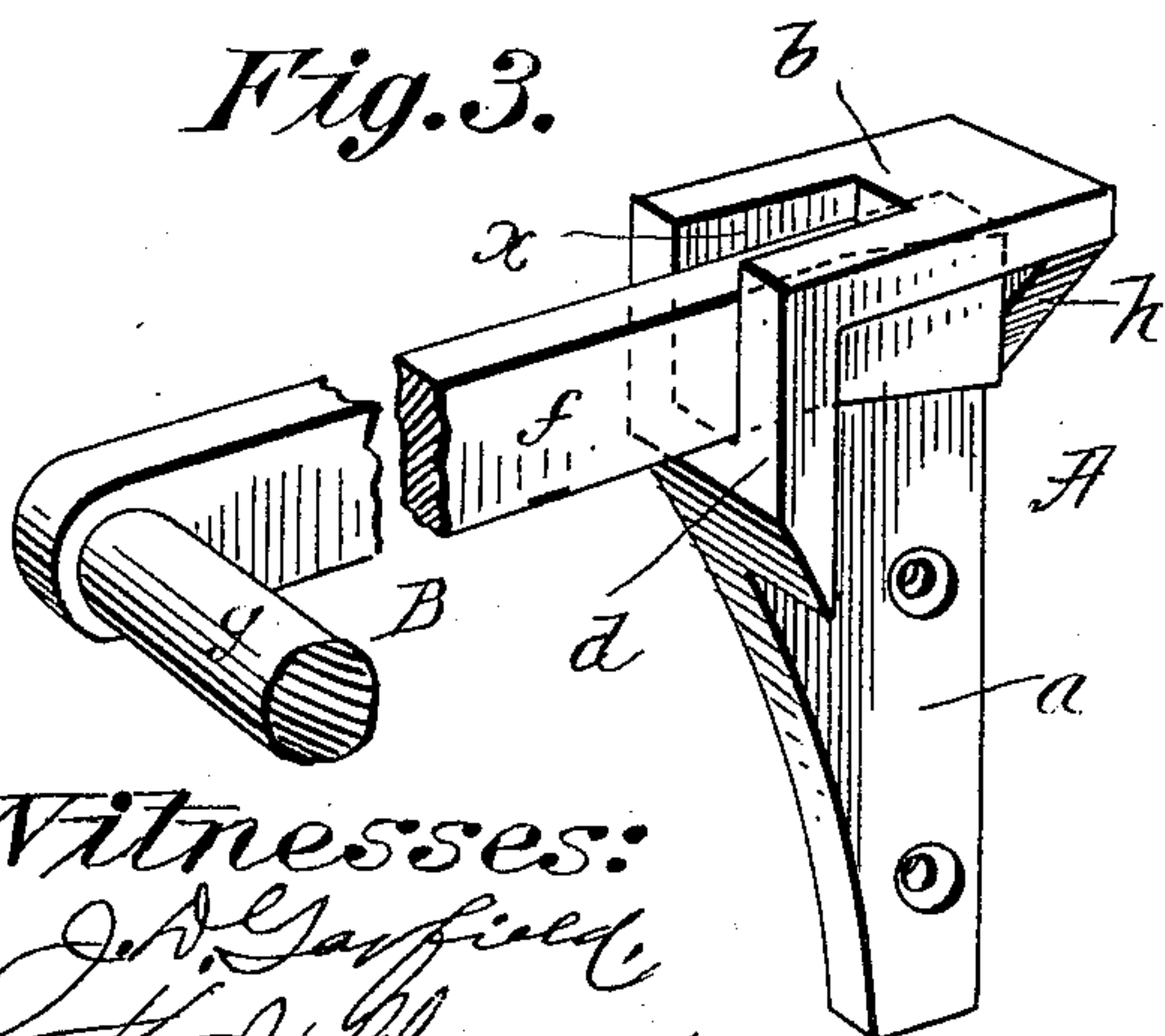
*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## CLOTHES-SUPPORTING ATTACHMENT FOR BEDSTEADS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. GUILFORD, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicopee, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Supporting Attachments for Bedsteads, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved and simplified device especially designed to be attached to the foot-board of a bedstead which is capable of having an out-of-the-way disposition closely against the foot-board when it is not to be utilized, but which may be brought to a position of projection forwardly or outwardly from the foot-board, so as to constitute a rack or frame on which may be placed wearing-apparel or on which the bed-clothing may in part be supported whereby to become thoroughly aired preparatory to making up the bed.

The device may be applied upon some other support than the foot-board of a bedstead, if desirable.

The object of the invention is to provide improved appliances of the character referred to which shall be, especially by reason of the simplicity, cheapness, and small size of the castings or brackets comprised therein, available for being readily applied by attaching screws upon any suitable support and as easily detached at pleasure.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts, all substantially as will hereinafter fully appear, and be set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved device as applied on the foot-board of a bedstead and as in its outwardly-projected position for use. Fig. 2 is a substantially similar view to Fig. 1, but showing the supporting rack or frame as disposed closely against the foot-board of the bedstead. Fig. 3 is a perspective view on a larger scale, showing one of the bracket attachments and one of the side bars of the supporting rack or frame having the swinging and supporting engagement with the bracket. Fig. 4 is a side view of the bracket and a sectional elevation

of the rack, the same being shown in the position corresponding to Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of parts in detail, to be hereinafter specially referred to.

The device of this invention consists of the pair of brackets A A, each comprising a supporting and attaching part or plate *a*, whereby it may be screwed to a suitable part of the bedstead, and top and front members *b d* having a clear space *v* under and behind them and constructed with the aperture *x* in the forward part of the top, which is continued downwardly from the upper edge of the front, said brackets having combined therewith the frame or rack B, consisting of the side bars *ff* and the uniting cross-bar *g*, each side bar having a thickness approximately of the width of said aperture, also having its end opposite the uniting cross-bar laterally thickened, as seen at *y*, and having a width approximately equal to the distance from the under side *z* of the bracket-top to the lower boundary (seen at *w*) of said aperture, which is within the bracket-front.

The parts having been assembled and the device as a whole applied upon the bedstead and disposed, for instance, as seen in Fig. 2, the rack B is vertically drawn until the stops at the unattached end of the bars constituted by the thickened portions of the latter abut against the under side of the bracket-top, whereupon the rack may be swung into the horizontal position seen in Figs. 1 and 3, the clear space *v* under the top and behind the front of the bracket permitting, whereupon the side bars will by their lower edges rest against the lower boundary at *w* of the aperture in the front, and the upper edges of the bars next to the very ends thereof will have a restraining-bearing against the under side of the bracket-top next to the rear of the aperture *x*.

As a practicable and desirable mode of constructing the ends of the side bars with the thickened portion *y*, shoes *m*, of rubber or analogous or any other suitable material, are provided, which are of trough form to fit upon the end portions of the bars and cover the edges thereof thereat, and which have widened or wedge-shaped backs, all as seen in Fig. 5. These shoes may be attached by cement or any



other adhesive, and of course the stops *y* may be produced by other means, but the one just described is simple and advantageous in that the ends of the bars are rendered non-abrasive and will not in any event scratch the bedstead or other article of furniture or support in relation to which the improved device may be applied. The bracket also has the back wall or stop *h*, which serves to prevent any forward or rearward movement of the rack or frame when the latter is in its horizontal position, the ends of the side bars thereof resting squarely against said back wall.

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

1. In an appliance of the character described, the casting or bracket consisting of the vertical perforated attachment member, *a*, having the horizontal top and vertical front members, *b*, *d*, which are at right angles to each other and to the said attachment member, *a*, and which are constructed with the aperture in

the forward part of the top which is continued downwardly from the upper edge of the front, and said attachment member having the stop, *h*, at a distance to the rear of the front, combined with the bar having a thickness approximately the width of said aperture with its end portion, however, laterally thickened, and having a width throughout its entire length substantially equal to the distance from the under side of the bracket top to the lower boundary of said aperture within the bracket-front, substantially as described and shown.

2. The combination with the bracket having the apertured top and front essentially as shown, of the bar having at its end the shoe of rubber or analogous material which constitutes a widened stop member, and which is of trough form with a wedge-shaped back, substantially as described.

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