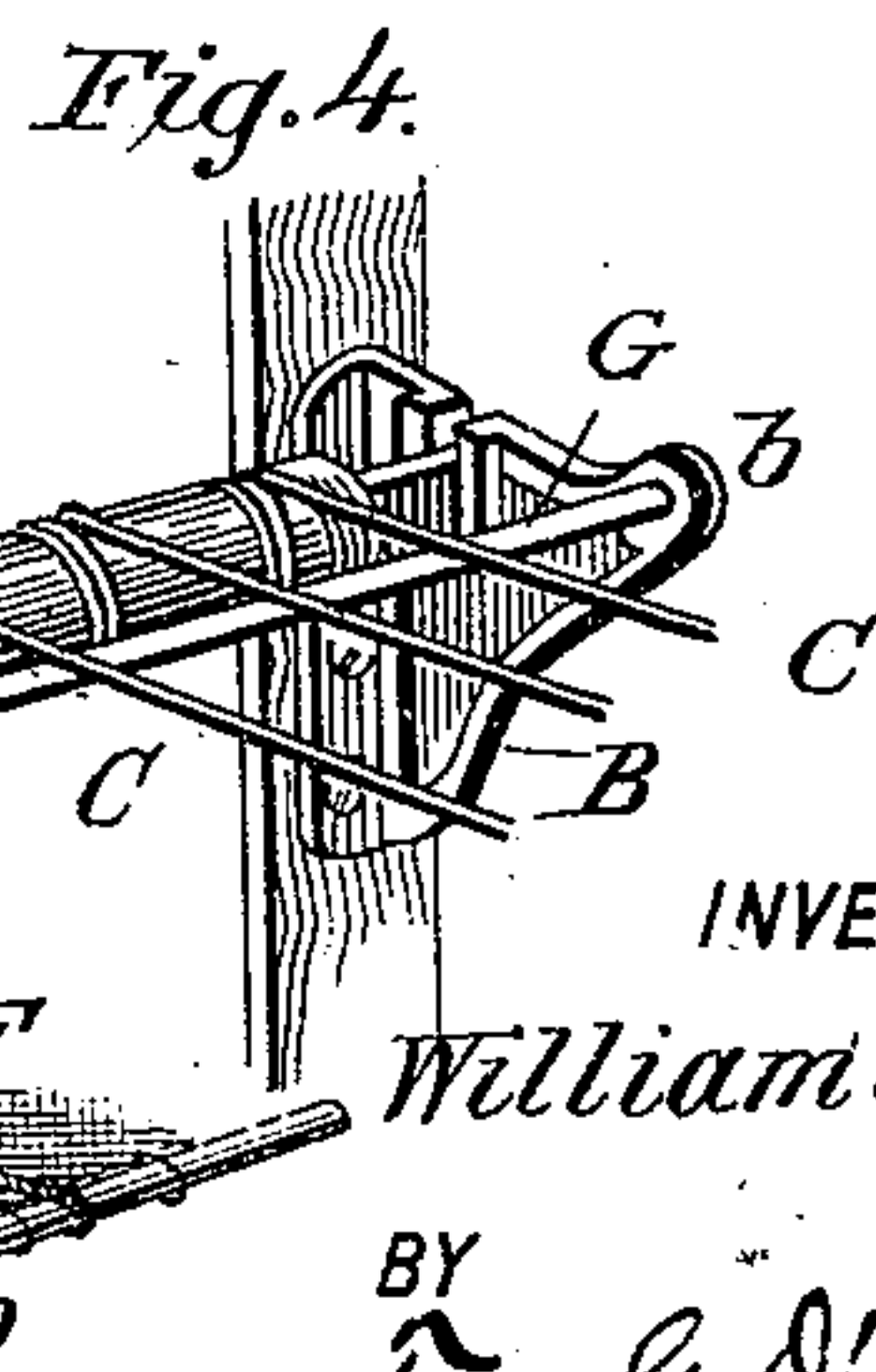
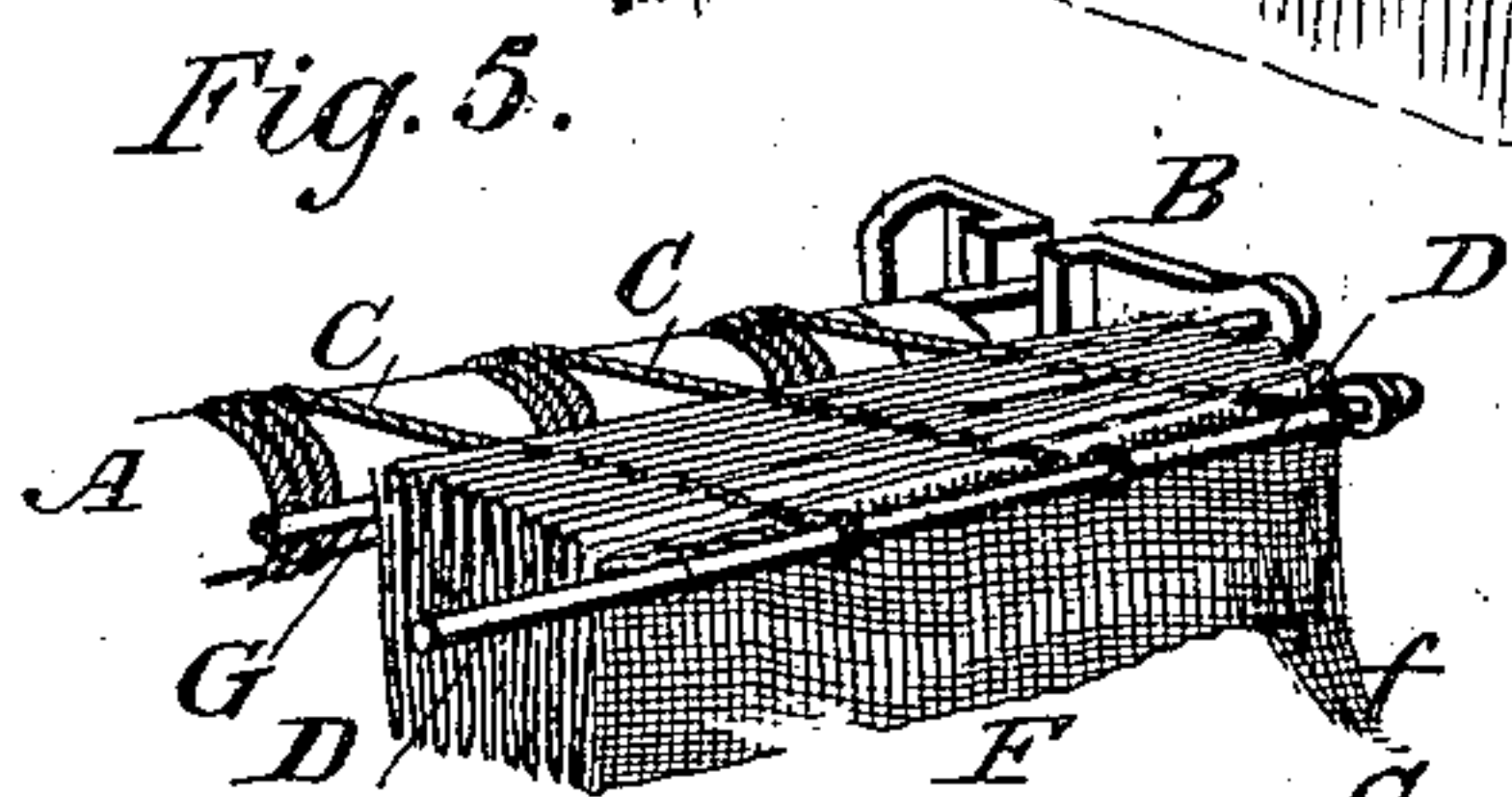
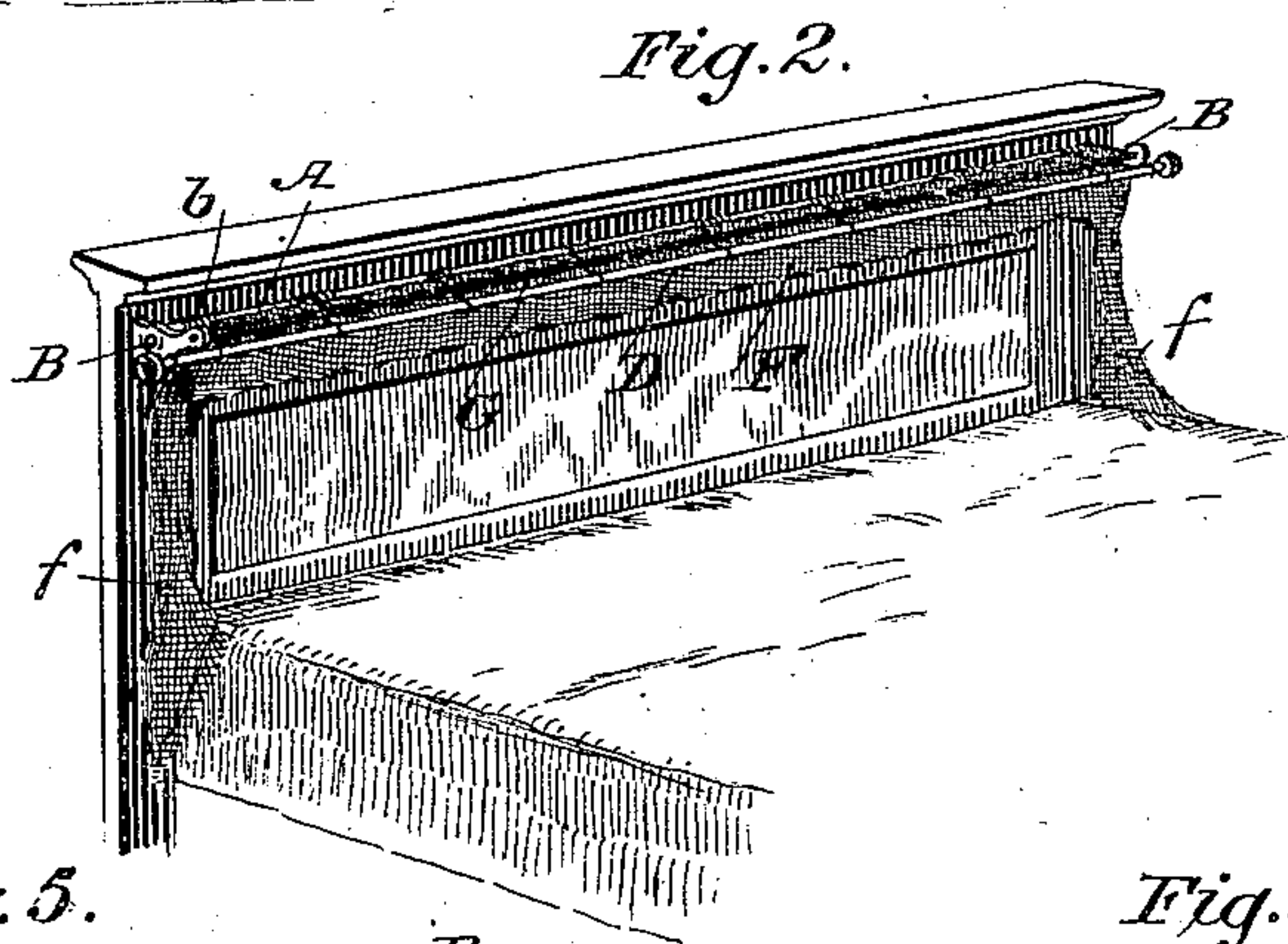
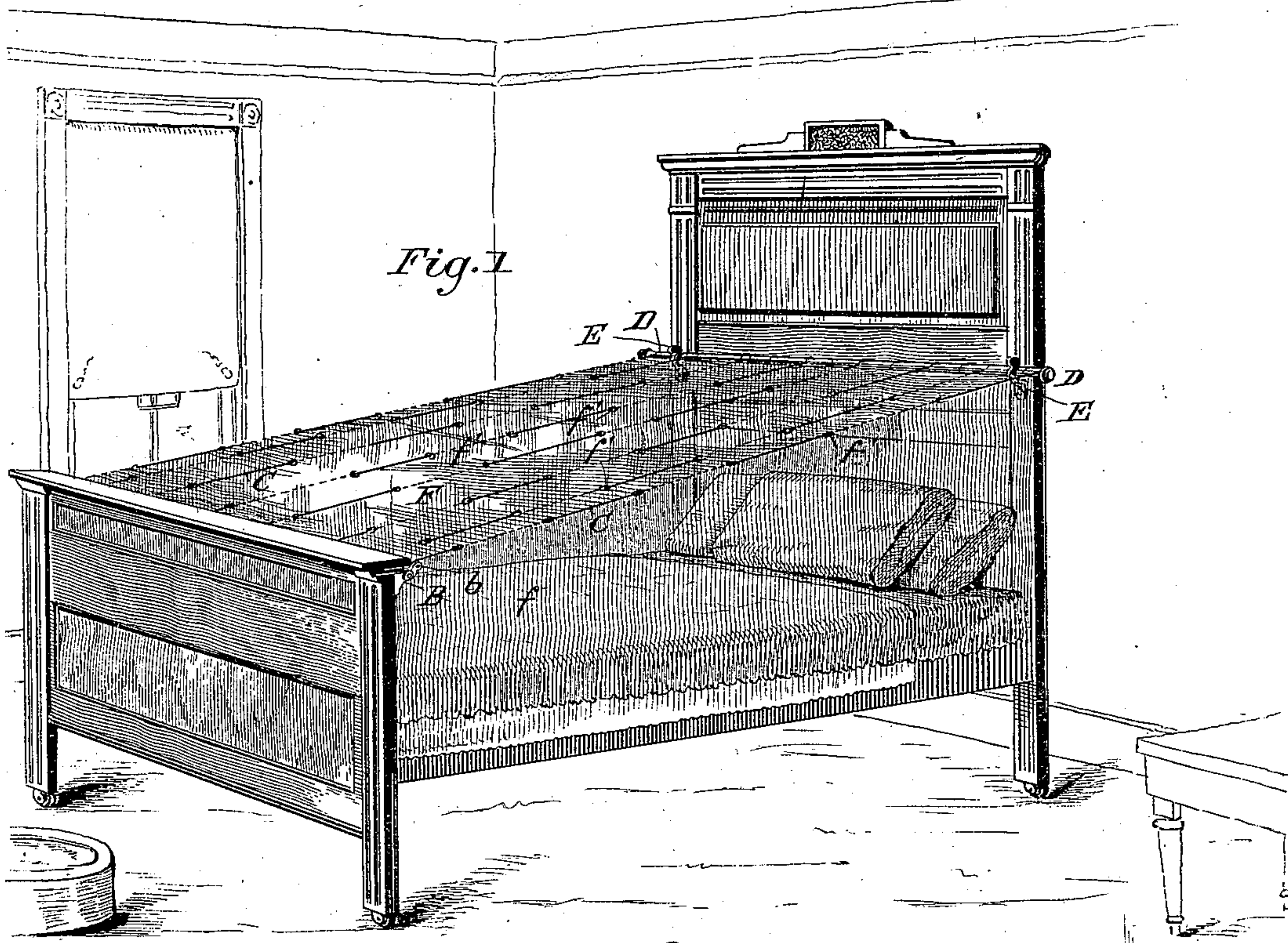


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## FOLDING BED-CURTAIN.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. WRIGHT, residing at Beacon, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Folding Bed-Curtain, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is in the nature of a folding curtain for beds, and has primarily for its object to provide a device of this kind which will automatically fold up when released from its holding or catch devices and be out of the way when not in use, and which can be quickly drawn over the bed and secured at its free end and form a complete canopy therefor.

My invention also has for its object to provide a device of this kind which when adjusted to a bedstead will have a neat appearance and when folded will not mar the bed.

Furthermore, my invention has for its object to provide a device of this character of an economical construction, of few parts, easily manipulated and effective for its desired purpose.

My invention consists in a folding curtain for bedsteads, having the peculiar arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter first described in detail and then specifically pointed out in the appended claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, showing the same applied to a bed and the curtain drawn out. Fig. 2 is a view of the foot portion of the bedstead, the curtain devices being shown at their drawn-in or folded position. Fig. 3, 4, and 5 are detail views hereinafter specifically referred to.

In its practical construction my invention embodies a spring-roller A, of the ordinary construction, which is adapted to be fitted in brackets B B, secured to the bedstead, preferably to the foot-board, as shown in Fig. 1, which brackets have extended members *b b* (see Fig. 4) for a purpose presently explained.

To the roller A are secured one end of a series of cords or narrow tapes C, the other ends of which are connected to a rod D, of a width slightly more than the bed, whereby, when the canopy or curtain is drawn over the bed, as shown in Fig. 1, it can be conveniently slipped into engagement with the hook mem-

bers E E, secured to the head-board, as shown.

F indicates the curtain or canopy, which is made much wider than the bed, so that the ends *f* will hang down over the sides of the bedstead and give the occupant plenty of room to turn over on the bed without disturbing the curtain.

The curtain F has a number of eyes or slits *f'* in its central or upper portion, through which the cords C are passed before their outer ends are secured to the rod D, such slits or eyes in practice having eyelets or reinforce portions *f''*, as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

G indicates a protector-rod, which is disposed in front of and parallel to the roller A, and secured in the extension *b* of the brackets B B. The cords C pass over the said rod G, as clearly shown in Fig. 4.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be readily seen that when the rod D is released from the hooks E E the spring-roller A will at once draw the said rod D toward the foot-board of the bed, and as the said rod D is thus drawn back the cords will pull through the slits and cause the curtain to fold against the rod G, as clearly shown in Fig. 5, and thereby keep such curtain from engaging the roller A and becoming tangled therewith.

My invention will be found especially useful for sick-rooms, where it is desired that the patient at all times be kept free from flies or other insects.

It is manifest that when the bed is unoccupied and made up the curtain can be left to its folded position at the foot of the bed, where it will be practically so held as not to mar the appearance of the bed.

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

The combination with the brackets, the spring-roller, the cords C rod D and hooks E, arranged as shown, of the rod G secured to the brackets and extended in front of and parallel with the spring-roller and the curtain F secured to the roller and having slidable connections with the cords as set forth.

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