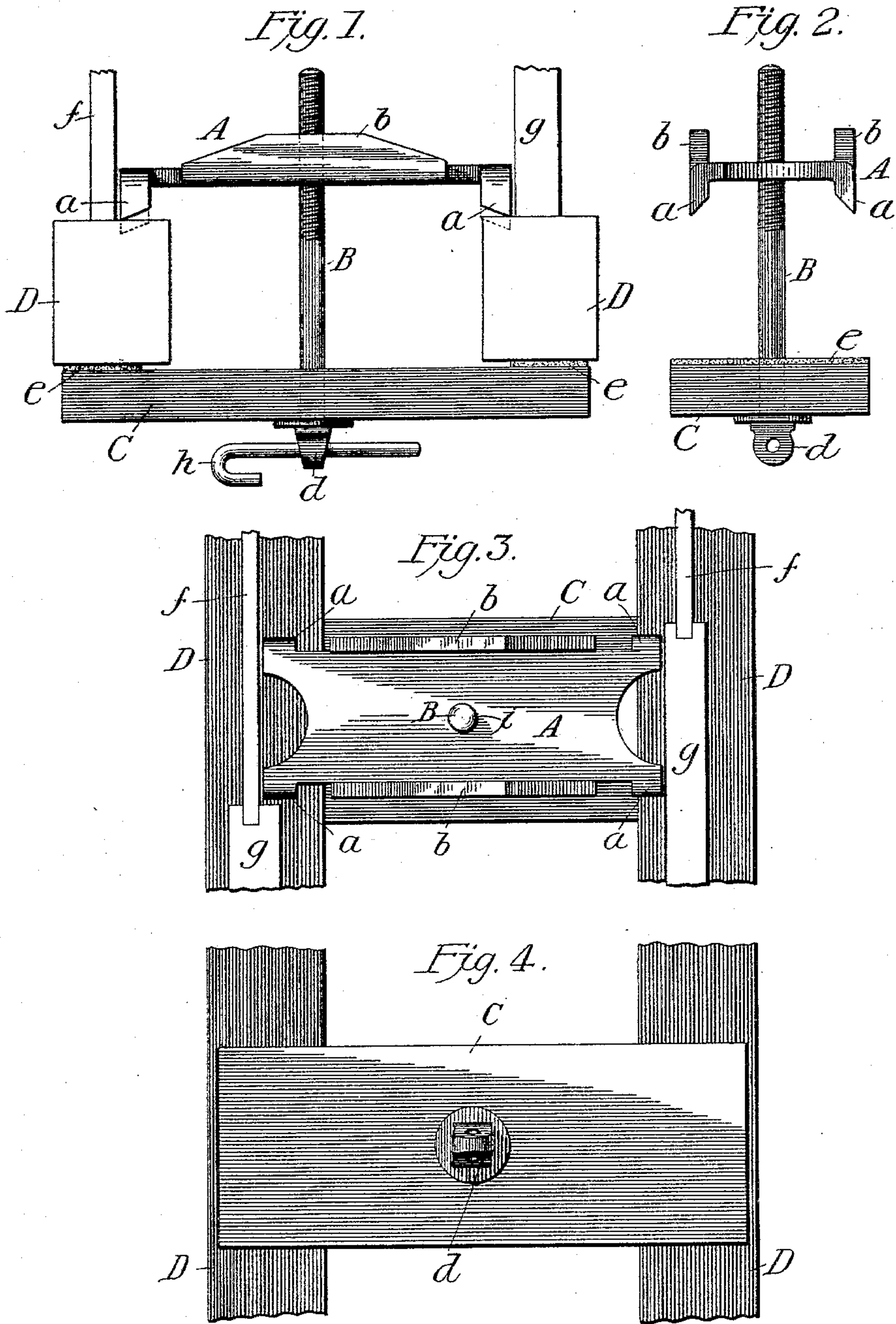


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT FRANKLIN CLARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at the village of Vicksburg, county of Kalamazoo, and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bedstead - Clamps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in clamps for clamping the head and foot of bedstead-frames together, so that they can be easily handled and stored and moved about.

The objects of my invention are to provide a convenient clamp or clamps for the purpose which shall engage the side posts of the head-board and foot-board and clamp the same securely together without marring the same, so that they can stand on their own casters and be easily moved about, thus making it convenient to store these articles of furniture and making it easy to exhibit them in the salesroom and prevent their becoming injured, which is so likely to occur when they are handled in the ordinary way. I accomplish these objects of my invention by the device shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of one of my improved clamps as used between the head and foot-board of a bedstead for clamping them together. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the clamp removed from the frame. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the inner side of the same when in use between the head and foot of the bedstead. Fig. 4 is an elevation of the outside of the same when in place.

Similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

To the outside of the bedstead is located a block C, bearing pieces of felt *ee*, which rest against the outside of the frame to prevent marring of the same at that point. To the inside is a clamp-piece A, which is suitably stiffened by turning up angle-iron portions *b* toward the inside. This bears sharp tooth portions *a a*, which are adapted to engage the inside of the corner-pieces D D of the bedstead close to the panels by sharp edges at the head and foot. Inserted therethrough is an eyebolt B, which passes through the

inner half of the clamp A by a suitable thread. A little lever *h* passes through the eye B and serves to draw the same up tight, so that the points shall engage the corner-pieces D D of the bedstead and hold the same securely together. When the head and foot of the bedstead are clamped together in this way, they will require no independent support, but will stand on their own legs very securely, and especially when casters are put under the same they can be readily moved about, and a large number of bedsteads can be stored in a very small space without danger of marring, and will always be in a convenient position to be readily exhibited.

I am aware that it is not new to support the head and foot of the bedstead close together for storage purposes, and I do not wish to be understood to claim that broadly. I believe my special device for accomplishing the result is very satisfactory, in that it can be very quickly applied and holds the parts very firmly together, so that they cannot tip from one side to the other or become loosened in their connection, which would prevent their operating successfully, and I believe that I have supplied the only device for the purpose which makes the bedstead entirely self-supporting in this position and which is thoroughly practical and efficient, requiring very little labor for its application.

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

A clamp, for securing the head and foot of a bedstead together in close proximity, consisting of the outer block, C, with appropriate cushions, *e*, at each end thereof; an interior clamp-piece, A, with suitable double teeth, *a a*, thereon at each end to engage the inside of the corner-posts of the bedstead close to the panels; a suitable eyebolt, B, passing through the block, C, into the clamp-piece, A; and a suitable lever, *h*, for turning the same tight to secure the parts together, as specified.

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