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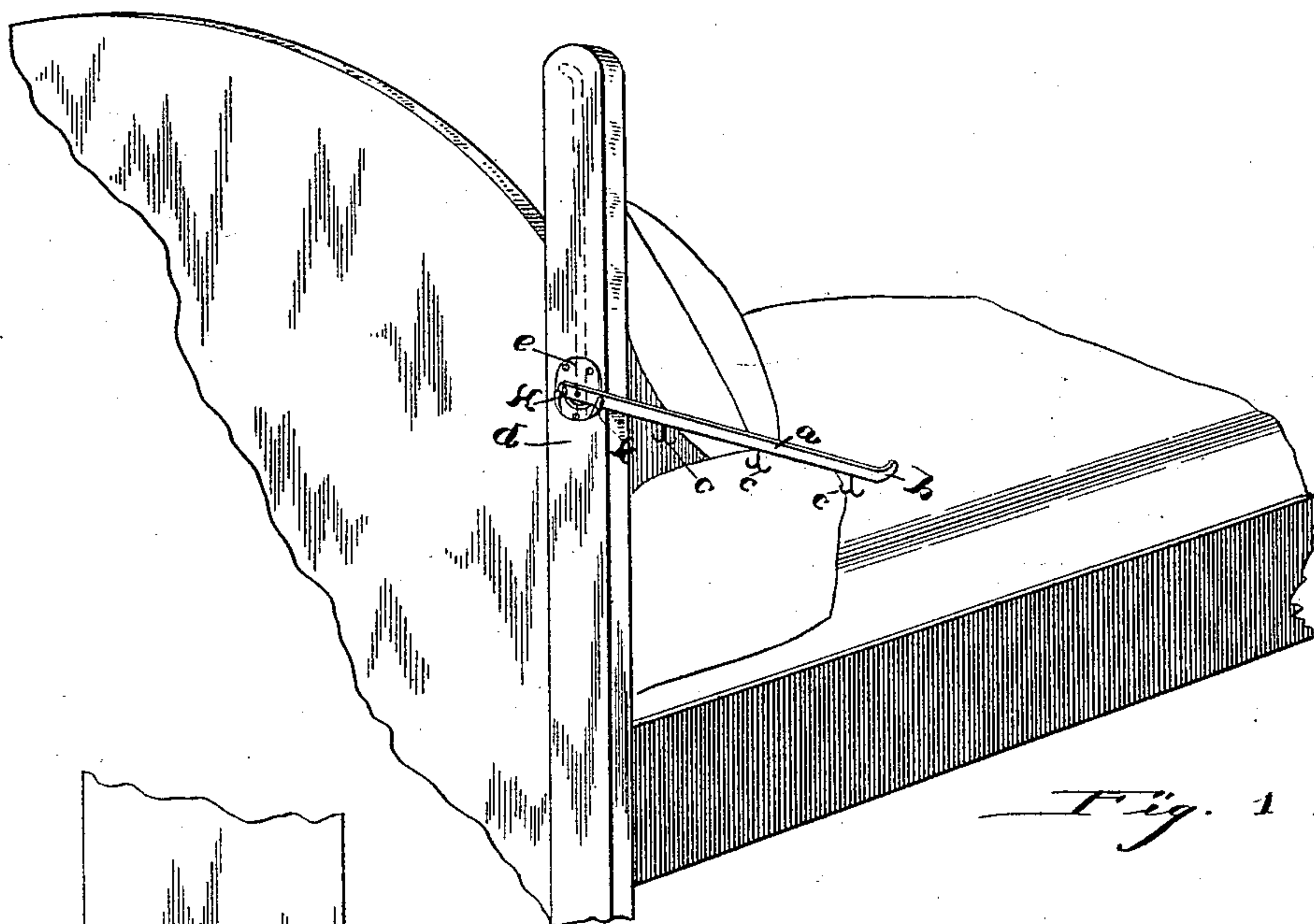


Fig. 1.

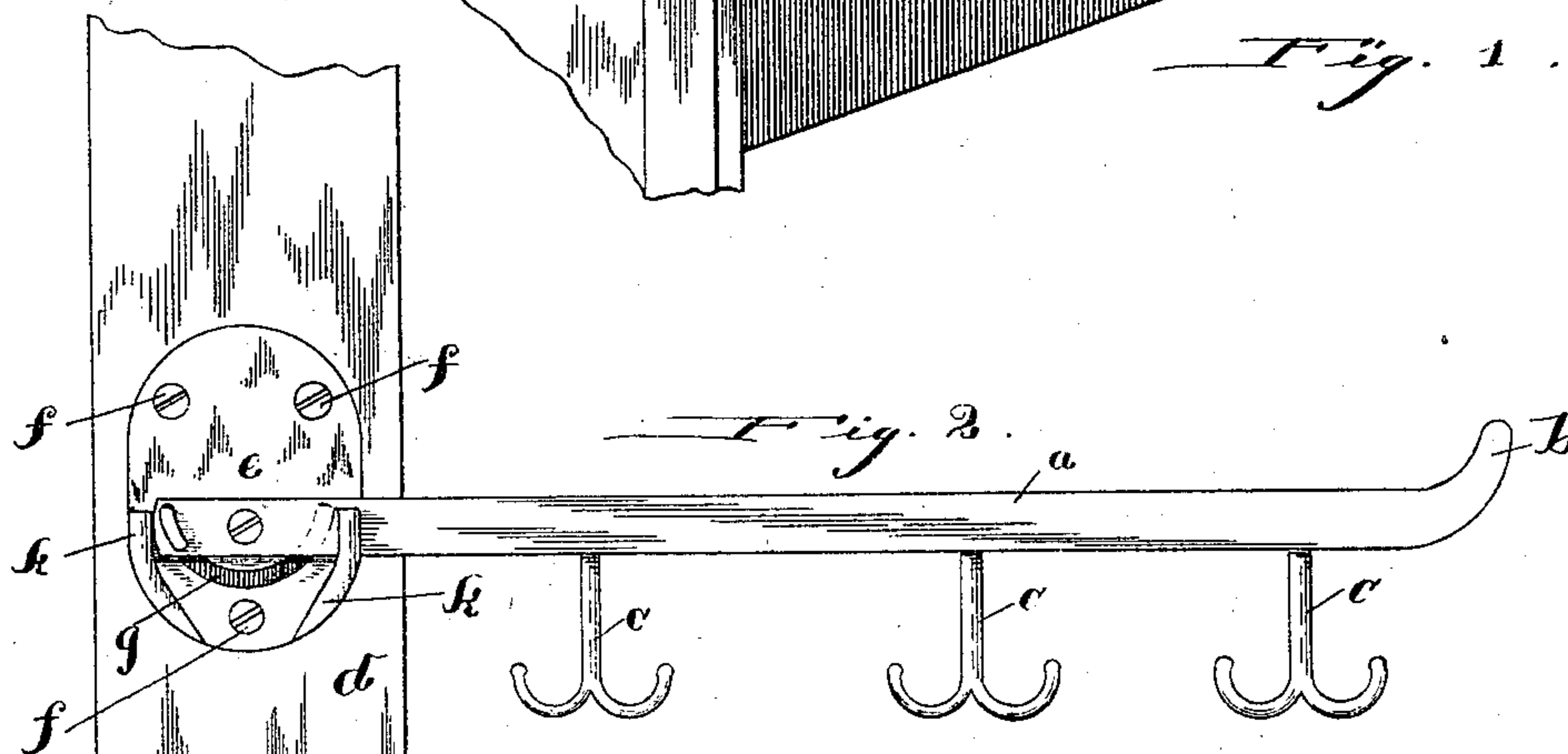


Fig. 2.

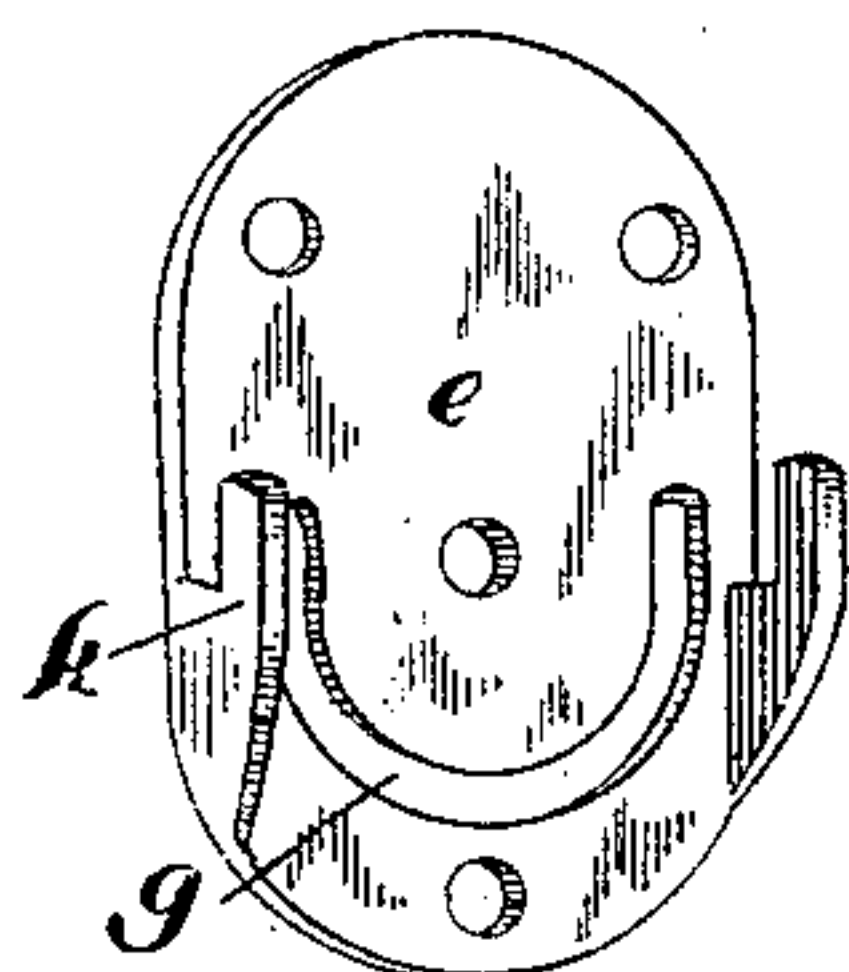


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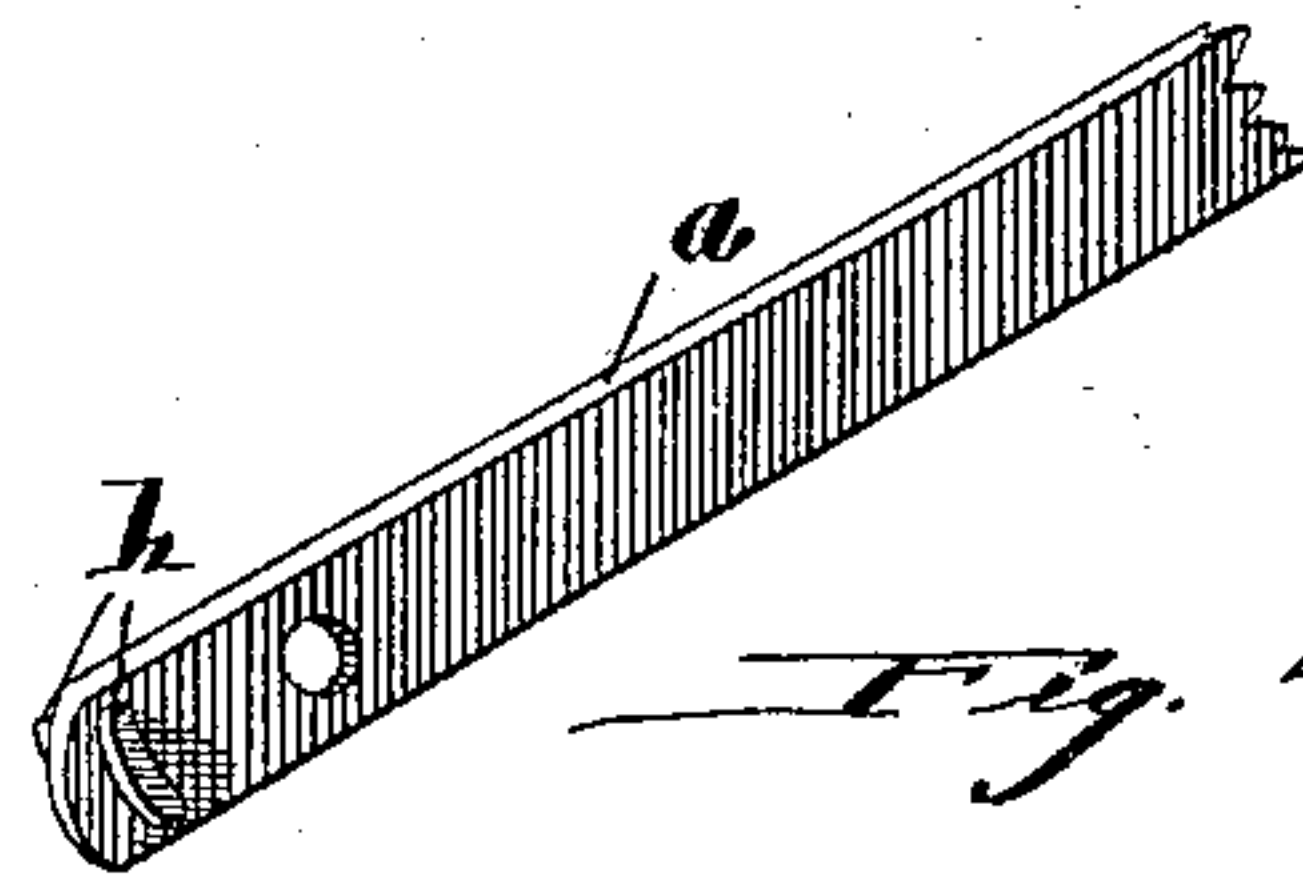


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. DOWNER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Coal Centre, in the county of Washington and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Racks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in clothes-racks, and relates specifically to a clothes-rack that is adapted to be attached to a bedstead, wardrobe, or the like and which when not in use
15 may readily be folded from view.

The principal features of my invention comprise a folding arm, to which the supporting-racks are attached and which is adapted to be held in a horizontal position when in use
20 by means of a clamp attached to the rear of the bedstead, wardrobe, or the like and which may also be folded in a vertical position, so as to be hidden from view when not in use.

25 The specific details of construction will be hereinafter more fully pointed out and described, and in describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification
30 and wherein like letters of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of the bed, showing my improved clothes-rack
35 in position for use. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same, showing a portion of the bedstead. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the clamp. Fig. 4 is a like view of a portion of the supporting-arm.

40 Referring now to the drawings by reference-letters, *a* represents the supporting-arm, which is or may be provided at its outer end with an outer upturned end *b* and to the underneath edge or face of which is attached
45 a series of supporting-hooks *c*.

Attached to the rear face of the bed-post *d* at any suitable point is a supporting-plate *e*, which is or may be secured to said post by screws *f* or other suitable means. This plate

is provided with a segmental-shaped slot *g*, 50 which receives one end of a double T-bolt *h*, which passes through the inner end of the supporting-arm *a*, said arm being pivotally secured near its inner end to the said plate and at a point directly above the center of 55 the segmental groove.

Where it is desired to secure the clothes-rack to the bed-post on the opposite side of the bed from what is shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the rack is removed from the sup- 60 porting-plate *e* and is reversed, so that the arm *a* will engage the opposite bracket *k* near the front edge of the post and the opposite head of the double T-bolt *h* will engage the segmental-shaped slot *g*. 65

The plate *e* is provided at its two sides, at a point opposite the ends of the segment-groove *g*, with supporting-brackets *k*, which extend outwardly from the plate and receive the arm *a* and retain the same in the sup- 70 porting position.

When the device is not in use and it is desired to hide the same, a lift on the outer end of the supporting-arm will cause the T-bolt *h* to ride in its segment-slot and allow the arm 75 to be folded in a vertical position, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawings. When the arm is lowered, it engages the supporting-bracket *k*, and the T-bolt, coming in engagement with the plate at the end of the 80 segment-slot, prevents a further downward movement of the arm, thereby retaining the same in the horizontal or supporting position.

It will be noted that various changes in the details of construction may be made without 85 departing from the general spirit of my invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 90

1. In combination with a bedstead, a plate secured thereto, said plate being provided with supporting-brackets, and a segment-slot between the brackets, and a supporting-arm pivoted to said plate and provided with a 95 double T-bolt adapted to engage in the slot of the plate, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination, with a bed-post, the plate

e secured thereto, said plate being provided
with supporting-brackets, with a segment-
slot, supporting-arm pivotally secured to the
said plate, and provided with a double T-bolt,
5 one end of which engages and rides in the
slot, and said arm carrying supporting-hooks,
substantially as shown and described.

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

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