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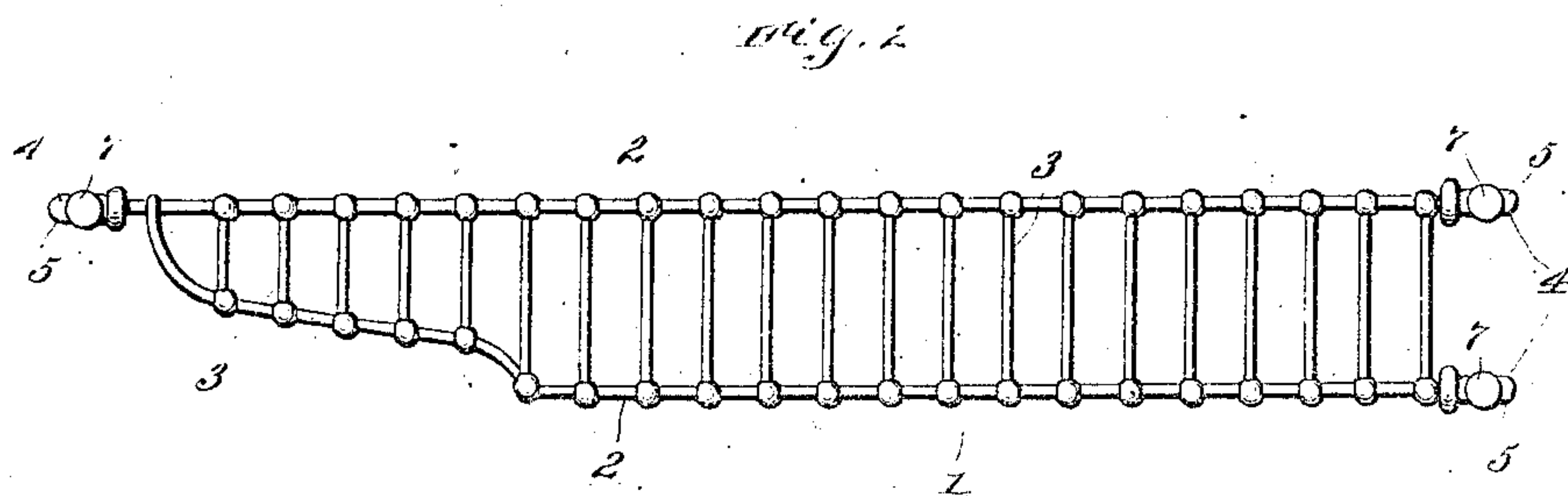
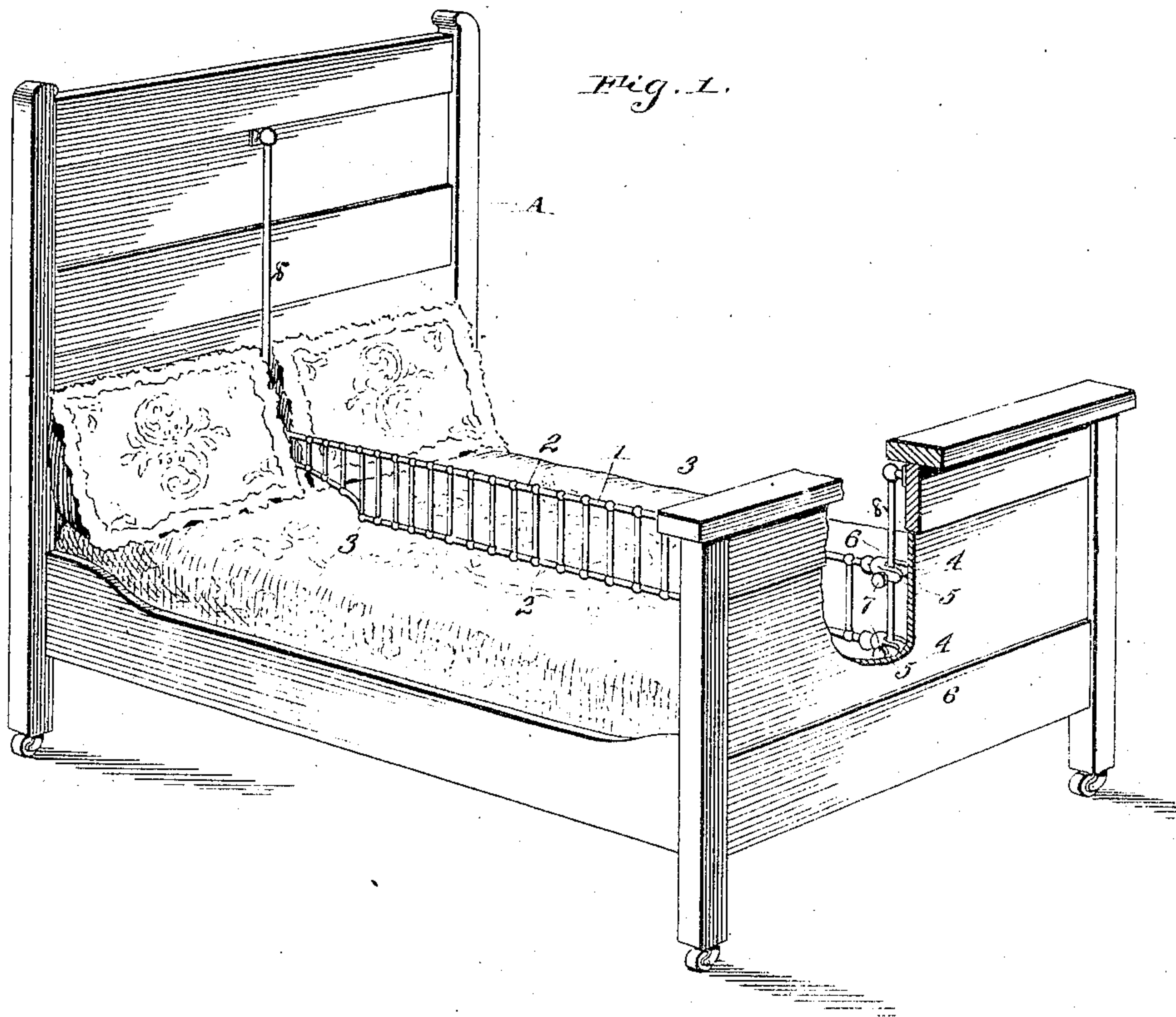
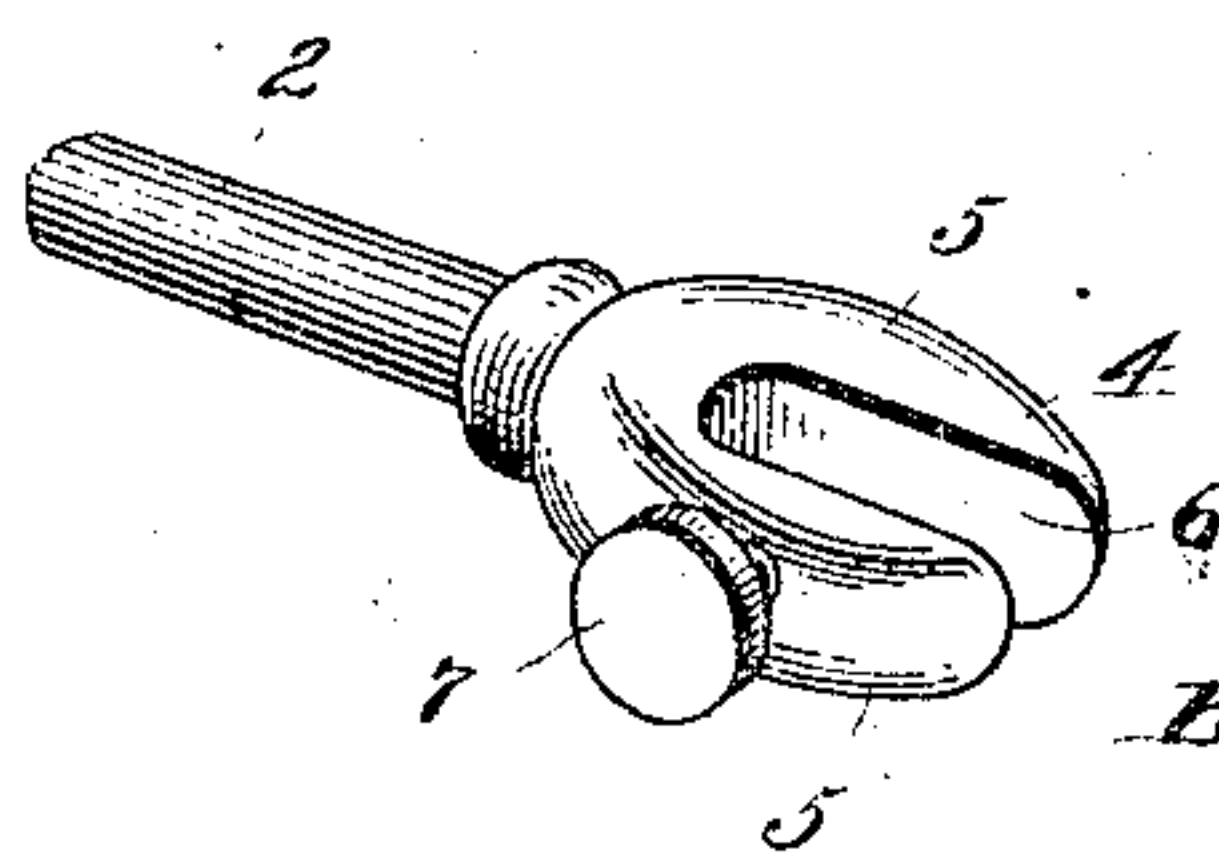


Fig. 3.



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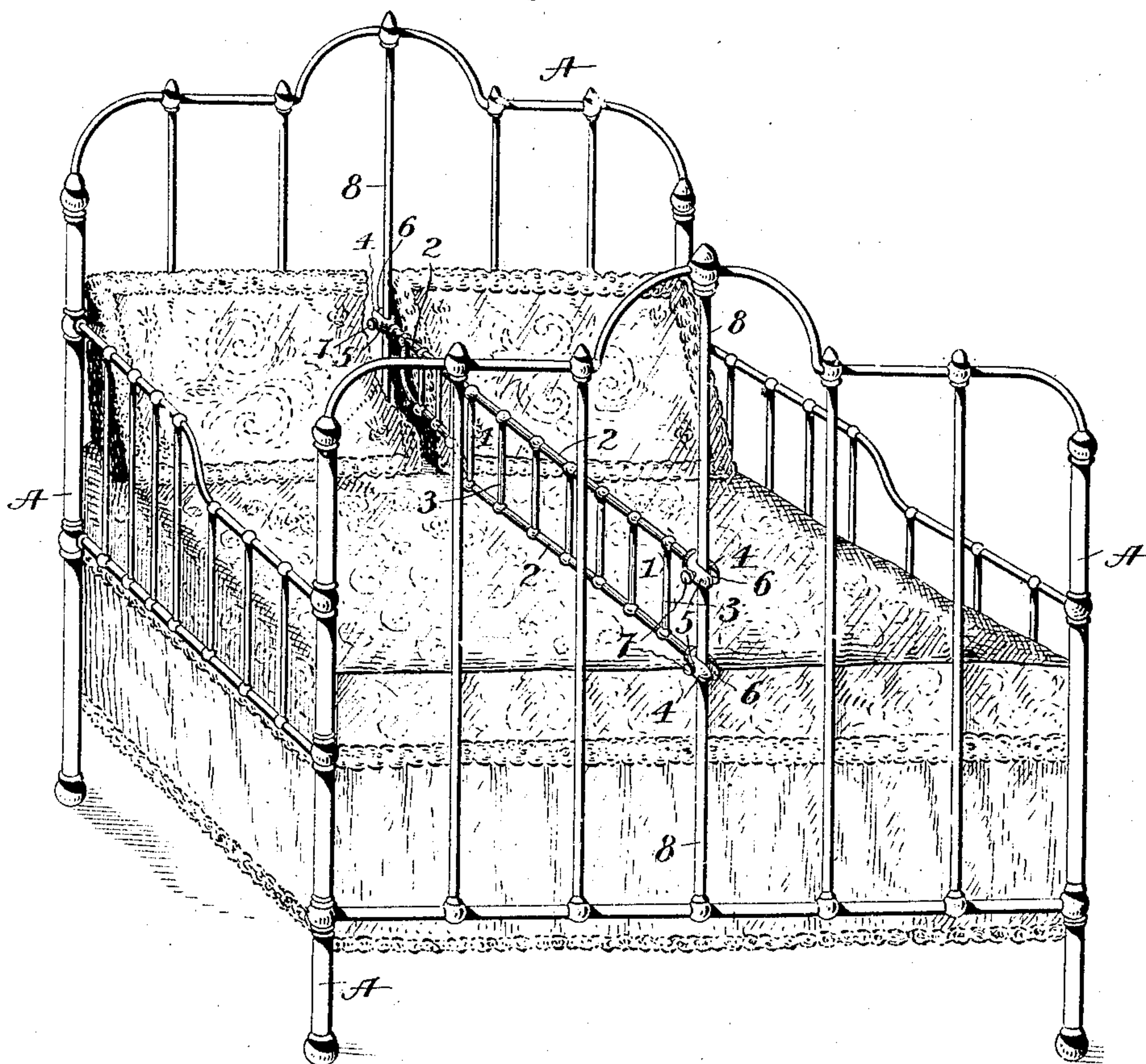
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Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN E. SMITH and JAMES P. SMITH, citizens of the United States, residing at Homer, in the parish of Claiborne and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bed-Partitions, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to beds; and its object is to provide adjustable means for dividing a bed into two or more parts for the purpose of separating the occupants thereof, it being especially intended for use in children's beds, and the means used for separating the occupants also serving to retain the bedclothing in place.

Novel details of the invention will be apparent from the detail description hereinafter and the appended claims when read in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, in which like reference characters refer to corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a bedstead having our partition applied thereto. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the partition. Fig. 3 is an enlarged view of a runner for the partition; and Fig. 4 is a view showing our partition as applied to another form of bedstead.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, A designates a bedstead to which is applied a partition 1. This partition comprises substantially horizontal rods 2, reaching from head to foot of the bed, with vertical rods 3, wire-netting or any other suitable material hung between them. Toward the head of the bed the bottom rod 2 is gradually curved up, so as to meet the upper rod 2, to which it is fastened, this "cut-away" portion thus formed being left so as to permit the bedclothing to be turned down and up and otherwise adjusted and also to allow space for the bolster or other head-rest. Horizontally-projecting runners 4 are provided at each end of the partition, these runners preferably being extensions of the horizontal rods 2. Each runner 4 comprises

arms 5, forming a substantially U-shaped notch 6.

The partition 1 is designed to be held in place by engagement of the runners 4 with upright rods 8, fastened at the head and foot of the bedstead, the U-shaped notches 6 embracing these upright rods and permitting ready vertical adjustment. Special upright rods may be provided for this purpose, or the partition may be applied to the vertical rods often forming a part of the head and foot portions of metal bedsteads. If desired, a set-screw may be provided to pass through one of the arms 5 of each runner 4 for engagement with the upright rods and locking the partition in any desired place above the mattress.

It will readily be seen that the vertical movement allowed in the partition will permit of making the bed and the adjustment of the bedclothes, and the partition rests on the latter and serves to hold them in place while the bed is occupied.

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

1. A partition for beds of substantially uniform width throughout the greater portion of its length and having one relatively narrow end portion overhanging a space within which the bedclothing may be adjusted.

2. A partition for beds of substantially uniform width throughout the greater portion of its length and having one relatively narrow end portion overhanging a space within which the bedclothing may be adjusted, in combination with vertically-disposed supporting-rods for the head and foot of said partition, and adjustable fastening devices carried by the partition arranged to engage said rods to support the partition.

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

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